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Temporary Chairs of Committees

Senators Bernardi, Gallacher, Ketter, Leyonhjelm, Marshall, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Sterle, Whish-Wilson and Williams

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GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

**Notices of motion**
A proposed resolution that a senator intends to put to the Senate for debate and/or a vote. Notice is given so others have time to consider the proposal.

**Orders of the day**
Items of business the Senate has scheduled to carry out or consider on a particular day. These can include continued debate on a bill or motion, or the presentation of a report or other document.

**Business listed for today**
- **Matters of privilege**
  - Proposed references to the Privileges Committee
- **Business of the Senate**
  - disallowance motions
  - references to standing committees
  - committee reports to be presented
- **Government business**
  - Initiated by ministers
  - Government bills
  - proposed changes to the order of business
- **General business**
  - Initiated by senators who are not ministers
  - notices of motion
  - continued debate on previous motions

**Available for debate on Thursdays**
- **Private senators’ business**
- **Documents**
- **Committee reports and government responses**
- **Auditor-General’s reports**

**Business listed for future consideration**
Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered at a specific time in the future. For example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date. Dates on which ministers have been ordered to produce documents are included here.

Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, will be placed at the end of the section.

**Other information**
- **Questions on notice**
  - Numbers of all unanswered questions on notice
- **Orders of the Senate**
  - An action the Senate requires to take place
  - new or amendments of standing orders
  - temporary orders of the Senate
- **Contingent notices**
  - Motions to suspend standing orders that can be called upon when a specific event occurs
- **Ministerial representation**
  - Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent
BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 17 October 2017

*1 Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Rice): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by the second last sitting day in March 2018:

The adequacy of the regulatory framework governing water use by the extractive industry, with particular reference to:

(a) the social, economic and environmental impacts of extractive projects’ take and use of water;
(b) existing safeguards in place to prevent the damage, contamination or draining of Australia’s aquifers and water systems;
(c) any gaps in the regulatory framework which may lead to adverse social, economic or environmental outcomes, as a result of the take and use of water by extractive projects;
(d) any difference in the regulatory regime surrounding the extractive industry’s water use, and that of other industries;
(e) the effectiveness of the ‘water trigger’ under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and the value in expanding the ‘trigger’ to include other projects, such as shale and tight gas; and
(f) any other related matters.

*2 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2018:

The economic and cultural value of Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services, with particular reference to:

(a) the current state and operation of the market for Australian television and music industry, including competition issues relating to the relative market power of producers and broadcasters for traditional, streaming and catch up viewing;
(b) the contribution the Australian television and music industries make to the economy;
(c) the value and importance of:
   (i) local content requirements for television, radio and streaming services in Australia, and
   (ii) Australian children’s television and children’s content;
(d) related inquiries including:
   (i) recent international reviews and reports, in particular, from the United Kingdom and Canada, and
   (ii) submissions made to:
(A) the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts inquiry into factors contributing to the growth and sustainability of the Australian film and television industry, and

(B) the Australian and Children’s Content Review, undertaken by the Department of the Communications and the Arts, the Australian Communications and Media Authority and Screen Australia; and

(e) any other related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the state of Australia’s rail industry.

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

3 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on online poker.

*4 Australian Citizenship Act—Motion for disallowance
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKim: That the following legislative instruments, made under the Australian Citizenship Act 2007, be disallowed:
   (a) the Citizenship (Authorisation) Revocation and Authorisation Instrument 2017 [F2017L01044]; and
   (b) the Citizenship (Authorisation) Revocation and Authorisation Amendment Instrument 2017 [F2017L01074] (Senator Dodson, in continuation, 17 October 2017).

Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017
   In committee (17 October 2017).

2 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017—
   (Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs, Senator Seselja)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 September 2017).
   (Bill exempted on 7 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)
3 Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).
   (Bill exempted on 7 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

4 Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017—
   (Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 August 2017).

*5 Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2017).

6 Australian Grape and Wine Authority Amendment (Wine Australia) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   (Bill exempted on 12 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

7 Statute Update (Smaller Government) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).
   (Bill exempted on 7 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

8 Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Consumers First—Establishment of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—
   (Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

9 Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 August 2017).

*10 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2017).

11 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKim, in continuation, 16 October 2017).

12 Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2016
   Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 149 from the House of Representatives (30 March 2017).
13 National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

14 Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—
(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 March 2017).

15 Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017

16 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 1) Bill 2017—
(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

17 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—
(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

18 Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

19 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Transition Mobility Allowance to the National Disability Insurance Scheme) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2016).

20 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

21 Migration Amendment (Visa Revalidation and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

22 Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).

23 Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2016—
(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 November 2016).

Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 79 from the House of Representatives (28 November 2016).
25 **Governor-General’s Opening Speech**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hume—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

*To His Excellency the Governor-General*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament *(Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), in continuation, 13 September 2016)*.

26 **Budget statement and documents 2017-18**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents *(11 May 2017)*.

**Notices of Motion**

*Notice given 17 October 2017*

*1 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the duties of the Board of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and for other purposes. *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017*.*

*2 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983*, and for other purposes. *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017*.*

*3 Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath): To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Defence Legislation Amendment (Instrument Making) Bill 2017
- Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Vacancy Fees) Bill 2017
- Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017
- Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017
- Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017
- Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017
- Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
- Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017
- Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 6) Bill 2017
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Housing Tax Integrity) Bill 2017.*
GENERAL BUSINESS

A complete list of all general business notices of motion and orders of the day remaining on the Notice Paper is published at: www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business

Notices of Motion

Notice given 16 October 2017

519 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the United States of America’s Department of State has informed the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Director-General of the United States’ intention to withdraw from that organisation on 31 December 2018 due to its continuing anti-Israel bias, and

(ii) Australia is also a friend of Israel, as well as a close ally of the United States; and

(b) calls upon the Government to consider Australia’s membership of UNESCO.

Notice given 17 October 2017

*523 Senator Smith: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 10 October 2017 was the 15th World Day Against the Death Penalty,

(ii) the aim of the 2017 World Day Against the Death Penalty was to raise awareness about the reasons why people living in poverty are at a greater risk of being sentenced to death and executed, and

(iii) this year marks 50 years since Australia’s last execution, which sparked nationwide protests and eventually lead to the abolition of the death penalty in Australia;

(b) acknowledges the continued strong opposition by the Australian Government to the death penalty;

(c) congratulates the Australian Government in securing a place on the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), and acknowledges its commitment to make advocacy for global abolition of the death penalty a priority during its tenure on the UNHRC, and

(d) welcomes the Australian Government’s commitment to the development of a whole-of-government Strategy for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, which was a key recommendation from the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade inquiry into Australia’s advocacy for the abolition of the death penalty.
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) cardiovascular disease (CVD) and its most common form heart disease causes one-fifth of all deaths in Australia, and it affects more Australians than any other disease,

(ii) inequality is rife in CVD, with the huge impact of this disease disproportionately borne by those already facing socio-economic disadvantage, those in remote locations, women, and those with lack of access to health services,

(iii) the inequality in heart disease is most significant for Indigenous Australians, with Indigenous CVD sufferers more likely to develop severe heart disease complicated by diabetes, renal disease and other forms of vascular disease at a much younger age, and

(iv) despite progressive improvements in treatment of acute CVD events, those who survive their first cardiac event will inevitably develop a chronic form of heart disease that will reduce their quality of life, and reduce longevity—increasing the need for prevention, as well as treatment; and

(b) calls on the Government to address both the staggering rates of CVD and the entrenched inequality in heart disease by implementing the recommendations of the final report of the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence to Reduce Inequality in Heart Disease, *The Heart of Inequality*, including:

(i) establishing an Inequality in Heart Disease Advisory Group to provide independent recommendations,

(ii) investing in definitive studies into cardiovascular risk and disease in Australia to more accurately guide cost-effective prevention, treatment and management programs in high-risk populations, and

(iii) funding a national campaign to raise awareness of CVD in high-risk populations, including, in particular, a targeted campaign for women given their higher risk.

Senators Carr and Xenophon: To move—That—

(1) The Senate notes that:

(a) on 29 June 2017, the Joint Select Committee into Government Procurement tabled its report, *Buying into our Future: Review of amendments to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules*; and

(b) among other things, the report found that ‘Economic benefit, in particular, requires explicit definition and weighting to properly assess suppliers claims’.

(2) There be laid on the table by the Minister for Finance, by no later than 3.30 pm on 19 October 2017, a copy of the report commissioned by the Department of Finance entitled, *Template for tender responses regarding economic benefit to the Australian economy*.

Senators Singh and Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 12 October 2017 marked World Sight Day 2017,
the international theme for World Sight Day 2017 is ‘Make Vision Count’,

the Lancet Global Health Journal reported, in 2017, that globally 253 million people are vision-impaired, while the prevalence of blindness is five times higher in low income countries than in high income countries,

89 per cent of visually-impaired people live in low and middle-income countries, and 55 per cent of visually-impaired people are women,

recent global estimates suggest that up to 80 per cent of vision impairment and blindness is avoidable through the appropriate implementation of cost-effective prevention and treatment strategies, and

the American Journal of Ophthalmology estimates that Global VISION 2020 eye care program could prevent more than 100 million cases of blindness between 2000 and 2020; and

(b) urges the Australian Government to work closely with VISION 2020 members on improving eye health and vision care outcomes across health, ageing, disability and international development to eliminate preventable blindness and vision loss in Australia, and in the Asia-Pacific region.

*Senator Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the International Day of the Girl is celebrated each year on 11 October and the focus of this day is on unleashing the power and potential of girls all over the world,

(ii) as part of 2017 Day of the Girl, Plan International Australia partnered with Wellcom Worldwide to interview more than 1700 Australian girls aged between 10 to 17 years – the report gives rare insight into how girls experience their world and the areas where they want to see change to improve the opportunities available to them to live rich and fulfilling lives: girls want to see action, including to:

(A) address sexist advertising, to prevent girls and boys growing up with unhealthy and restrictive gender stereotypes,

(B) fight the gender pay gap, which continues to demonstrate that women are valued less than men, and

(C) measure our progress towards eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and girls,

(iii) despite a commitment to gender equality, set out in the Sustainable Development Goals, there is an absence of evidence about the situation for girls,

(iv) this year, Girls Take Over Parliament has involved 17 girls aged between 18 to 24 years, with the support and participation of members and senators from across the Parliament, and

(v) the Girls Take Over Parliament program:

(A) takes in the possibilities of what girls can achieve when they break the stereotypes that hold them back,
(B) shows that when girls have a political voice, they can demand action to ensure all girls can learn, lead, decide and thrive, and

(C) shows that empowerment is not enough, instead significant political and social change is needed that makes girls and their lives visible to governments and policy makers; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to listen, count and consider girls’ experiences and unique needs, and to work to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and girls.

*528 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) commends the Institute of Public Affairs for its research report, The Rise of Identity Politics: An Audit of History Teaching at Australian Universities in 2017;

(b) expresses concern at the reduced teaching in universities about the benefits of Western civilisation, the Enlightenment and the Reformation;

(c) expresses concern at the increased teaching in universities about divisive topics of race, gender, environment and sexuality in the history curriculum; and

(d) calls upon the Australian Government to review the history curriculum to ensure it reflects Australian heritage and values.

*529 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges Australia has secured a seat on the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC);

(b) notes that some past and present UNHRC member states have poor human rights records themselves;

(c) further notes the inordinate amount of time the UNHRC has devoted to criticising Israel; and

(d) urges the Australian Government to use its term to focus the UNHRC on genuine abuses of human rights, failing which the Government should reconsider its engagement with the United Nations altogether.

*530 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) takes note of an event scheduled to occur on 26 October 2017 at the Australian National University entitled “Celebrating the 1917 Russian Revolution”, organised by Socialist Alternative;

(b) observes that this year marks 100 years since that revolution, which led to a litany of human rights abuses and approximately 10 million deaths;

(c) notes that the 1917 revolution promoted Leninist and Marxist teaching to the broader world; and

(d) rejects any assertion that the teachings of Lenin or Marx should be celebrated in a liberal democracy.

*531 Senator Singh: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that 10 October 2017 marked World Day Against the Death Penalty,

(ii) that it is 40 years since the landmark Declaration of Stockholm, the first international abolitionist manifesto on the death penalty,
(iii) the important work of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in campaigning for the universal abolition of capital punishment, and

(iv) that 40 years ago, only 16 countries had fully abolished the death penalty - now this figure stands at 105;

(b) further notes the recommendations made in the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, *A world without the death penalty: Australia’s advocacy for the abolition of the death penalty*, including that:

(i) the Attorney-General’s Department conduct a review of the current legislative arrangements for extradition and mutual assistance to ensure that they uphold Australia’s obligations as a signatory to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

(ii) Australian approaches to advocacy for abolition of the death penalty be based on human rights arguments,

(iii) the Australian Government provide dedicated and appropriate funding to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including adequate staffing, to resource the preparation and implementation of the Strategy for Abolition of the Death Penalty, and to fund grants to civil society organisations, scholarships, training, research and/or capacity building projects aimed at the abolition of the death penalty, and ongoing operational funds,

(iv) the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade coordinate the development of a whole-of-government Strategy for Abolition of the Death Penalty, which has as its focus countries of the Indo-Pacific and the United States of America, and

(v) the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade commit to having a publicly-releasable document finalised by mid-2017; and

(c) noting the Parliament’s bipartisan support for the abolition of the death penalty:

(i) urges the Government to develop and release a public policy and strategy document to guide its efforts to promote abolition of the death penalty, and

(ii) calls on the Government to provide the Senate with an update on progress of the strategy.

*532 Senator McKim: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 2 October 2017, the Hobart City Council supported a motion in relation to cruise ship fuel in Hobart,

(ii) the City of Hobart resolved to urgently write to the Federal Government to request that, through appropriate legislative directives, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport set an upper limit of 0.1 per cent for fuel oil sulphur content for bunker fuel while cruise ships are berthed in the Port of Hobart,
(iii) the bunker fuel burned by cruise ships in the Port of Hobart can currently have up to 3.5 per cent sulphur content in contrast to Sydney Harbour where cruise ships have a legislated limit of less than 0.1 per cent sulphur content, and

(iv) the legislated limit for Sydney Harbour of 0.1 per cent was enacted due to public concern over the harmful effects on human health of high sulphur content in bunker fuel affecting air quality in Sydney Harbour; and

(b) calls on the Government to urgently respond to the City of Hobart and set an upper limit of 0.1 per cent fuel oil sulphur content for cruise ships berthed in the Port of Hobart.

*533 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) congratulates Mr Sebastian Kurz and the Austrian People’s Party on their election result which sees Mr Kurz poised to become both Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, and the world’s youngest national leader;

(b) notes the rising voices in support of conservative principles, like that of Mr Kurz and his party, in Europe; and

(c) further notes the similar voices also growing in support for sovereign nations withdrawing from the European Union.

*534 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 18 October 2017, 17 young women who are interested in a career in politics have stepped into the shoes of members of Parliament for a day, to get valuable insight into political life as part of a global movement for girls’ leadership, hosted by Plan International in celebration of International Day of the Girl and to support women’s representation in politics,

(ii) Plan International Australia surveyed more than 500 young people about Australian politics in a report released today, She Can Lead, and

(iii) almost half the young women surveyed for the report (45 per cent), felt there were not enough opportunities for them to become politicians and one in three women (34 per cent) felt their gender was a barrier; and

(b) calls on all parliamentarians to heed the recommendations of the report, She Can Lead, and commit to supporting young women’s aspirations and contributions to politics and public life.

*535 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) this week there has been a groundswell of people sharing on social media their #MeToo accounts of harassment, intimidation and violence by men,

(ii) according to research in 2015, 87 per cent of Australian women have experienced at least one form of verbal or physical street harassment, and 40 per cent of Australian women do not feel safe when walking alone at night in the area where they live, compared to 17 per cent of men,
(iii) one in three Australian women has experienced physical violence since the age of 15,
(iv) at least one woman a week is killed by a partner or former partner in Australia, and
(v) women should not have to publicly share their stories of personal trauma and distress in order for our society to act on these issues;
(b) calls on all parliamentarians to support and model meaningful cultural change in Australia that values and respects women, so we can eliminate sexism and misogyny from our society; and
(c) calls on the Government to take decisive action to properly fund and support frontline services for women fleeing violence, as well as primary prevention programs to address gender inequality and other drivers of violence.

*536 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That—
(a) the Senate notes the Government’s claims that its National Energy Guarantee will reduce household bills by an average of $110 to $115 per year over the period between 2020 to 2030; and
(b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Energy, by no later than 12.45 pm on 19 October 2017, documents and detailed modelling that support the Government’s claims of a reduction in household energy bills.

*537 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate notes that—
(a) the Melbourne Cup is known as the “race that stops the nation”;
(b) according to the Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses’ analysis of stewards’ reports, from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017, 137 horses were killed on the track;
(c) according to Professor Ray Geor from the University of Michigan, studies show that almost 90 per cent of racehorses suffer exercise-induced pulmonary haemorrhage (EIPH), otherwise known as bleeding in the respiratory system, at least once after three races;
(d) a 2005 report, for the Australian Government’s Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, notes EIPH as cause of morbidity and its high prevalence in racing thoroughbreds; and
(e) according to veterinarians Ms Leanne Begg and Mr Chris O’Sullivan, from the Randwick Equine Centre, the prevalence of gastric ulceration, otherwise known as stomach ulcers, in thoroughbred racehorses is reported to be between 66 per cent and 93 per cent, increasing to 80 per cent to 100 per cent as duration in training increases and horses commence racing.

*538 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that the Turnbull Government cut nearly 1200 jobs from the Department of Human Services in the 2017-18 Budget;
(b) acknowledges that 42 million calls to Centrelink hit a busy signal between 1 July 2016 and 30 April 2017;
(c) notes that the Government is engaging private contractor Serco to supply 250 call centre workers to answer Centrelink calls from income support recipients;
(d) condemns allowing a private contractor to run a critical Government service involving access to the personal information of Centrelink clients; and

(e) calls on the Government to reinstate the jobs cut from the Department of Human Services, and act on the recommendations of the report of the Community Affairs References Committee, Design, scope, cost-benefit analysis, contracts awarded and implementation associated with the Better Management of the Social Welfare System initiative, as soon as possible.

*539 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) the overwhelming public support for the ABC and SBS in providing news services, quality programming, including for children, and online catch up services iView and SBS On Demand, and
   (ii) that the ABC and SBS should not contemplate releasing the salaries of its staff, based on the ideological war One Nation Political Party and the Liberal/National Government are waging on public broadcasting; and

(b) agrees it will not support legislation that forces the ABC or SBS to publicise the salaries of its staff, breaching their right to privacy.

Order of the Senate

That, if by 18 October 2017, the government business order of the day relating to the consideration of the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017, has not been finally considered, the order of the day shall be discharged from the Notice Paper. (Agreed to 13 September 2017)

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (19 October 2017)

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 6 September 2017

466 Senator Singh: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that, on 30 August 2017, an agreement regarding the legal status of maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea was concluded between Australia and Timor-Leste;

(b) acknowledges that this agreement was reached as a result of Timor-Leste’s invocation of the compulsory conciliation procedures in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);

(c) further acknowledges:
   (i) the significance of Australia’s ongoing relationship with Timor-Leste,
(ii) the capacity for that relationship to contribute positively to regional prosperity and stability, and
(iii) the potential for this agreement to resolve more than 40 years of tension and uncertainty between Australia and Timor-Leste, serving as a catalyst for a new era of collaboration and cooperation;

(d) recognises and affirms:
   (i) the importance of a rules-based international order to the maintenance of international peace and security,
   (ii) the capacity for instruments, such as UNCLOS, to contribute to the preservation of that order, by facilitating peaceful resolutions to disputes between states, and
   (iii) the necessity of cooperative state engagement with the procedures of international law to that law’s successful operation; and

(e) calls upon the Government to adhere to and implement in good faith the terms of this agreement.

Notice given 16 October 2017

Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that Australia has the largest per capita immigration program in the world; and
(b) calls on the Government to address the extremely high, unsustainable immigration intake, including from both permanent and temporary residency visas, that:
   (i) impacts on local, state and Federal Government delivery and planning for the supply of water, power and gas, and the protection of arable land for food production,
   (ii) overburdens infrastructure, including roads and transport, telecommunications, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, sewerage, government welfare and services, and
   (iii) has put a strain on available residential land, affordable housing, standard of living and employment prospects, including under-employment.

General Business—Orders of the Day relating to Private Senators’ Bills

65 Medicinal Cannabis Legislation Amendment (Securing Patient Access) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Di Natale)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 12 September 2017).

48 Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Waters)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator O’Sullivan, in continuation, 15 June 2017).
Order for Production of Documents

*522 Pill testing trial—Order for production of documents

By the Minister for Local Government and Territories, by no later than 6 pm on 19 October 2017, documents and correspondence relating to the ACT government’s approval of a trial of pill testing. (Motion of Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) agreed to 17 October 2017.)

On 23 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017 and the Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 2) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017

Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

On 26 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Report to be presented on aspects of road safety in Australia.

On 31 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on asbestos.
On 8 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Final report to be presented on the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

On 13 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the future of rugby union in Australia.

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Impersonating a Commonwealth Body) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Three sitting days after today (14 November 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 August 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Legal Services Directions 2017, made under the Judiciary Act 1903, be disallowed [F2017L00369].

Four sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 14 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the 1800RESPECT Domestic and Sexual Violence National Counselling Service.
2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 June 2017
371 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that the Select Committee on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill tabled its report on 15 February 2017; and
(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, by no later than 9.30 am on 16 November 2017, a statement outlining the Government’s intentions in relation to the findings of the report.

Notice of motion altered on 20 June, 21 June, 6 September and 11 September 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

On 15 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Procedure—Standing Committee
Report to be presented on a proposal for a Parliamentary Code for Respecting Cultural Diversity.

2 Procedure—Standing Committee
Report to be presented on a proposal to amend standing order 193.

3 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the Community Development Program.

Five sitting days after today (16 November 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 4 September 2017
1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Inspector of Transport Security Regulations 2017, made under the Inspector of Transport Security Act 2006, be disallowed [F2017L00510].
Six sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 27 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs.
On 28 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the law of contempt.

3 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on corporate tax avoidance.

On 29 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on shark mitigation and deterrent measures.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity.

3 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the waste and recycling industry in Australia.

4 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020.

5 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on cyberbullying.

6 Lending to Primary Production Customers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

7 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula.

On 30 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities.

2 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on transvaginal mesh implants.
On 1 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s steel industry.

2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

3 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 4 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on implications of climate change for Australia’s national security.

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.

On 5 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin.

On 6 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.
Thirteen sitting days after today (7 December 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 October 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2017 (No. 6), made under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007, be disallowed [F2017L00894].

Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 7 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

3 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on foreign bribery.

4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products into Australia.

5 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

6 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.

On 14 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa.

On 18 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on aged care assessment and accreditation.
On the second sitting Tuesday in 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Privileges—Standing Committee**
   
   Report to be presented on the implications for the use of intrusive powers by law enforcement and intelligence agencies on the privileges and immunities of members of Parliament.

On the second sitting Tuesday in February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**
   
   Report to be presented on the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage.

On the first sitting day in March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**
   
   Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Airports Amendment Bill 2016. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On the second last sitting day in March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Environment and Communications References Committee**
   
   Report to be presented on the impact of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure.

On the second last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Environment and Communications References Committee**
   
   Report to be presented on the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects.

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Economics References Committee**
   
   Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.

On 30 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Economics References Committee**
   
   Final report to be presented on non-conforming building products.
On the final sitting day of November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee
Report to be presented.

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OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Airports Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date (final): first sitting day in March 2018)

Criminal Code Amendment (Impersonating a Commonwealth Body) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 September 2017; reporting date: 13 November 2017)

Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 September 2017; reporting date: 14 November 2017)

National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 June 2017; reporting date: 8 November 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 13 November 2017)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 14 September 2017; reporting date: 23 October 2017)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 2) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 14 September 2017; reporting date: 23 October 2017)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.
BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016
Second reading negatived, 7 November 2016.

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017
Discharged, 23 March 2017.

Private senators’ bills

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment (Make Electricity GST Free) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 7 September 2017.

Lands Acquisition Amendment (Public Purpose) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 September 2017.

Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 August 2017.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 428, 429, 442, 443, 446, 473, 482, 493, 494, 498, 502, 503, 506, 514, 518, 524, 525, 529 to 531, 533 to 537, 540, 542 to 548, 555 to 560, 563, 570 to 575.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 563 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

The full text of Questions on Notice and their answers are available online at www.aph.gov.au/qon.
ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Allocation of departments/agencies
That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs
Health
Social Services, including Human Services

Economics
Industry, Innovation and Science
Treasury

Education and Employment
Education and Training
Employment

Environment and Communications
Communications and the Arts
Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
Finance
Parliament
Prime Minister and Cabinet

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs
Foreign Affairs and Trade

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Attorney-General
Immigration and Border Protection

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Agriculture and Water Resources
Infrastructure and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017—Consideration of legislation
That, if by 18 October 2017, the government business order of the day relating to the consideration of the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017, has not been finally considered, the order of the day shall be discharged from the Notice Paper.

(Agreed to 13 September 2017)
Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2017 be scheduled as follows:

**2016-17 additional estimates:**
- Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)
- Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B).

**2017-18 Budget estimates:**
- Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)
- Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)
- Monday, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
- Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the orders of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 3 March, Friday, 26 May and Friday, 27 October 2017, but not restricted to these days.

(2A) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 26 May 2017 and Friday, 27 October 2017.

(3) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications
- Finance and Public Administration
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs
- Economics
- Education and Employment
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(5) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:

(a) Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 20 June 2017 in respect of the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016; varied 8 February 2017; varied 29 March 2017 in respect of paragraph (2A))
Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice
That:

(a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and

(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Meeting of Senate—2017
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2017 be as follows:

**Autumn sittings:**
- Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
- Monday, 13 February to Thursday, 16 February

**Autumn sittings (2):**
- Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
- Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

**Budget sittings:**
- Tuesday, 9 May to Thursday, 11 May

**Winter sittings:**
- Tuesday, 13 June to Thursday, 15 June
- Monday, 19 June to Thursday, 22 June

**Spring sittings:**
- Tuesday, 8 August to Thursday, 10 August
- Monday, 14 August to Thursday, 17 August
- Monday, 4 September to Thursday, 7 September
- Monday, 11 September to Thursday, 14 September

**Spring sittings (2):**
- Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October

**Spring sittings (3):**
- Monday, 13 November to Thursday, 16 November
- Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
- Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Ludlam
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Ludlam was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘no’, is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and
(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference.

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Ms Waters
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Waters was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘no’, is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and
(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference.

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Canavan
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Matthew Canavan was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Nash
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of New South Wales in the Senate for the place for which Senator Fiona Nash was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 4 September 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Roberts

Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Roberts was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 9 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Xenophon

Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Nick Xenophon was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 4 September 2017)
CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

1 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis): To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.

2 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
   To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

Formal business

3 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

Limitation of time

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Xenophon

5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.
6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

7 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Senator Lambie

8 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

9 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

10 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis): To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon

   To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon

   To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another
item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

Senator Lambie

13 To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

Questions without notice

14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Lambie
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

15 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Lambie
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Tabling of documents

16 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Lambie
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.
APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives
Senator Moore (appointed 12 February 2015, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
Senator Moore (appointed 10 November 2016, for a period of 3 years).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust
Senators Macdonald and Marshall (appointed 23 June 2011; with effect on and from 1 July 2011, and 7 July 2011, respectively).

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate

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**Key**
- ✱ = Date of Senate ½ Cut-Off
- B = Budget
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- † = Additional estimates
- ‡ = Budget estimates
- ± = Supplementary Budget estimates
- ⊕ = Cross portfolio estimates
- hearings on Indigenous matters, and Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters