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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
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Government business
- Initiated by ministers
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General business
- Initiated by senators who are not ministers
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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
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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 1 September 2016


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

Notice given 13 September 2016

*2 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That the Legal Services Amendment (Solicitor-General Opinions) Direction 2016, made under the Judiciary Act 1903, be disallowed [F2016L00645].

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

*3 Senator Lambie: To move—

(1) The Senate notes that:

(a) the Australian dairy industry is facing an unprecedented crisis with the retail cost of bottled milk per litre often less than the retail cost of bottled water;

(b) Australian milk production since deregulation over 15 years has decreased from approximately 11 billion litres per year to 9 billion litres per year - a 20 per cent decrease, while New Zealand milk production has almost doubled;

(c) in 2011, a report of the Senate Economics References Committee recommended that producers’ contracts with dairy farmers should offer a clear, consistent formula for milk pricing with unambiguous conditions;

(d) five years later, the livelihoods of up to 40 per cent of Australian dairy farmers are under threat because of imposed, retrospective debt, helped by unclear, inconsistent milk pricing contracts with ambiguous conditions - indicating a likely failure of political oversight;

(e) in a deregulated market, Australia’s largest dairy producer and milk price setter, Murray Goulburn, has been allowed to force onto its suppliers unprecedented milk contracts ensuring that dairy farmers are burdened with retrospective debts ranging from tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars;

(f) Dairy Australia, despite this unprecedented dairy farmer debt crisis, still charges, on average, $8,000 AUSIAC levy on all Australian dairy farmers;

(g) as a short term solution to the Australian dairy crisis, the great majority of Australian consumers support a call for a 50 cent per litre milk levy to flow directly to our dairy farmers;
Australian rural and regional communities face losing millions of dollars and thousands of jobs if a fair, long term solution to Australia’s dairy crisis is not found; the mental and physical health of dairy families and workers are being unnecessarily and unfairly placed in jeopardy as politicians, legal and industry experts argue about possible solutions to the dairy crisis; and with the likely importation of fresh milk from New Zealand in the next 2 years to meet Australian consumer demand, a serious threat has now emerged to the sustainability of Australia’s dairy industry and its capacity to meet future local demand.

That the above matters be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 24 February 2017, in order to establish a fair, long term solution to Australia’s dairy crisis, with particular reference to fresh milk security and:
(a) the legality of retrospective elements of milk contracts; and
(b) the performance and governance of Dairy Australia.

*4 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2017:
The current and future impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity, including:
(a) recent and projected changes in ocean temperatures, currents and chemistry associated with climate change;
(b) recent and projected changes in fish stocks, marine biodiversity and marine ecosystems associated with climate change;
(c) recent and projected changes in marine pest and diseases associated with climate change;
(d) the impact of these changes on commercial fishing and aquaculture, including associated business activity and employment;
(e) the impact of these changes on recreational fishing;
(f) the adequacy of current quota-setting and access rights provisions and processes given current and projected climate change impacts;
(g) the adequacy of current and proposed marine biodiversity protections given current and projected climate change impacts;
(h) the adequacy of biosecurity measures and monitoring systems given current and projected climate change impacts; and
(i) any other related matters.

Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

*1 Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
  Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
  Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Duniam, in continuation, 13 September 2016).
  ((Bills exempted on 13 September 2016 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111))

2 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).

*3 National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—Proposed Appointment
Consideration of message no. 17 from the House of Representatives (13 September 2016).

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 30 August 2016

13 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That the Senate—
  (a) reaffirms its commitment to the right of all Australians to enjoy equal rights and be treated with equal respect, regardless of race, colour, creed or origin;
  (b) reaffirms its commitment to maintaining an immigration policy wholly non-discriminatory on grounds of race, colour, creed or origin;
  (c) reaffirms its commitment to the process of reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in the context of redressing their profound social and economic disadvantage;
  (d) reaffirms its commitment to maintaining Australia as a culturally diverse, tolerant and open society, united by an overriding commitment to our nation, and its democratic institutions and values; and
(e) denounces racial intolerance in any form as incompatible with the kind of society we are and want to be.

Notice given 31 August 2016

28 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) the former Treasurer Mr Wayne Swan thinks there should be stronger debate about the role of political donations and how donations are potentially leading to the skewing of political decision-making in favour of foreign countries,
   (ii) most political donations are from domestic sources, which carry a similar risk of skewing decision-making in favour of donors, and
   (iii) in the Australian Government’s 2008 Electoral Reform Green Paper, former Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner, argued that the perception of undue influence can be as damaging to democracy as undue influence itself; and
(b) calls for a ban on foreign political donations, and domestic donations from property developers, tobacco industry business entities, liquor business entities, gambling industry business entities, mineral resources or mining industry business entities, and industry lobby groups who represent these entities.

Notice given 12 September 2016

34 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—That the order of the Senate of 21 March 2002 restricting photography in the Senate chamber ceases to have effect on and from 10 October 2016.

Notice given 13 September 2016

*42 Senator Williams: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services for inquiry and report by 30 June 2017:

(a) the need for further reform and improved oversight of the life insurance industry;
(b) assessment of relative benefits and risks to consumers of the different elements of the life insurance market, being direct insurance, group insurance and retail advised insurance;
(c) whether entities are engaging in unethical practices to avoid meeting claims;
(d) the sales practices of life insurers and brokers, including the use of Approved Product Lists;
(e) the effectiveness of internal dispute resolution in life insurance;
(f) the roles of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority in reform and oversight of the industry; and
(g) any related matters.
*43 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that on 14 June 2016, the Turnbull Government announced a $55 million package paid for from the existing Department of Defence budget, for:

(i) containment and remediation of perfluorinated compound (PFC) contamination around the country,
(ii) an epidemiological study to examine the effects of PFC contamination in communities around the country,
(iii) a voluntary blood testing program,
(iv) specialised mental health and counselling services, and
(v) the appointment of a dedicated Community Liaison Office;

(b) calls on the Government to report on the progress of each item under the $55 million package; and

(c) calls on the Government to pay for residents living in Williamtown, Fullerton Cove and Salt Ash under similar contamination conditions to those inside the Red Zone to be connected to town water.

*44 Senator Xenophon: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) the President’s report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2016, listed the report of the Economics References Committee on the Foreign Investment Review Framework as amongst the reports the Government had failed to respond to within the 3 month timeframe, and
(ii) the Government still has not provided a formal response to the committee’s report, although it has been 5 months since the report was tabled; and

(b) there be laid on the table by no later than 3.30 pm on 10 October 2016 by the Minister representing the Treasurer the Government’s response to the report of the Economics References Committee on the Foreign Investment Review Framework, dated 8 April 2016.

*45 Senator Xenophon: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) the President’s report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2016, listed the report of the Economics References Committee on the future of Australia’s automotive industry as amongst the reports the Government had failed to respond to within the 3 month timeframe, and
(ii) the Government still has not provided a formal response to the committee’s report, although it has been 10 months since the report was tabled; and

(b) there be laid on the table by no later than 3.30 pm on 10 October 2016 by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science the Government’s response to the report of the Economics References Committee on the future of Australia’s automotive industry, dated 1 December 2015.
*46 Senator Lambie: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that the fruit, berry, cherry and wine industries in Tasmania:
   (i) are worth $345 million each year,
   (ii) employ approximately 30,000 people each year,
   (iii) face risks to their profitability and viability because of the Federal Government’s plans to remove the tax-free threshold on backpackers’ wages,
   (iv) have traditionally relied on a surge of overseas backpackers to harvest our crops,
   (v) compete with New Zealand for a scarce backpacker labour pool,
   (vi) are placed at risk of being crippled because of the Federal Government’s plans to remove the tax-free threshold on backpackers’ wages,
   (vii) are supported by a parliamentary delegation of 10 people from Tasmania’s horticulture and viticulture industries in a bid to overturn the controversial backpacker tax and fill 10,000 seasonal jobs in the sector, and
   (viii) are supported by peak body Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA) which opposes the removal of the tax-free threshold on backpackers wages, and
   (ix) are supported by the Tasmanian Liberal state government which also opposes the removal of the tax-free threshold on backpackers wages; and
(b) calls on the Government to listen to industry and state government leaders and scrap plans regarding the backpacker tax, thereby giving immediate certainty to the fruit, berry, cherry and wine industries before the start of the bumper season.

*47 Senator Fawcett: To move—That the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), followed by public meetings, during the sittings of the Senate, from 11 am to 1 pm, as follows:
(a) Monday, 10 October 2016;
(b) Monday, 7 November 2016;
(c) Monday, 21 November 2016; and
(d) Monday, 28 November 2016.

*48 Senators Moore and Bilyk: To move—That the Senate—
(a) recognises that:
   (i) National Stroke Week:
      (A) will take place from 12 September to 18 September 2016, and
      (B) seeks to raise awareness about the need to prevent stroke in Australia, and
   (ii) the Stroke Foundation encourages all Australians to:
      (A) understand the symptoms of stroke and know what to do if one occurs,
      (B) make healthy lifestyle choices which will reduce the risk of stroke,
(C) assist in raising awareness in their local communities, and
(D) get regular health check-ups;

(b) notes with concern the financial and emotional burden which stroke has on
the Australian community;

(c) acknowledges the:
   (i) important role of families and carers of stroke victims, and
   (ii) valuable contribution of the Australian health system in preventing
        and treating stroke;

(d) congratulates the bi-partisan efforts made by previous governments; and

(e) confirms the need for continued action to reduce the prevalence of stroke in
    Australia.

*49 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that:
   (i) the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual
       Abuse released its report on Redress and civil litigation on 14
       September 2015, and
   (ii) the report recommended:
       (A) the establishment of a single national redress scheme as
           preferable to state-based schemes,
       (B) the institution in which the abuse occurred should fund
           redress,
       (C) that state, territory and Commonwealth governments should
           act as funders of last resort, and
       (D) that a single national redress scheme, or state-based
           schemes, should be in place by 1 July 2017;

(b) notes that:
   (i) the Coalition has not yet committed to providing funding of last
       resort, and
   (ii) less than a year from the recommended start date, there is no clear
       plan for national redress scheme; and

(c) calls on the Coalition to commit meaningfully to a national redress scheme,
    with the Commonwealth Government providing funding of last resort.

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

24 2016 Census—Legal advice—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, no later than 3 pm
on 14 September 2016, legal advice received from the Australian Government
Solicitor. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 12 September 2016.)
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (On 15 September 2016)

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

14 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)

Second reading (restored 31 August 2016).

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 September 2016

37 Senators Griff, Xenophon and Kakoschke-Moore: To move—

(1) That the following matter be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters for inquiry and report by 14 March 2017—The funding of, and donations to, political parties and candidates with particular reference to:

(a) foreign political donations;
(b) sources of private (including corporate and union donations) and public funding and contribution limits and caps;
(c) alternative funding practices, including consideration of comparative overseas models operating in Canada and the United Kingdom;
(d) transparency, accountability and reporting measures;
(e) limiting election expenses; and
(f) any related matter.

(2) For the purposes of this inquiry only, participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination in the House of Representatives, of the Government or Opposition Whips or any minority group or independent member, and, in the Senate, of the Leader of the Government or Opposition, or any minority group or independent senator, and such participating member:

(a) shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purposes of forming a quorum if a majority of members of the committee is not present; and
(b) may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee and have all rights of a committee member except that a participating member may not vote on any question before the committee.

(3) This resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives for concurrence.
On 10 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Orders for Production of Documents

*39 Relocation of Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority from Canberra to Armidale—Order for production of documents
   By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 4 pm on 10 October 2016, documents relating to the relocation from Canberra to Armidale of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. (Motion of agreed to 13 September 2016.)

*40 Government response to committee report—Order for production of document
   By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, no later than 3.30 pm on 10 October 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Environment and Communications References Committee on stormwater management, dated 2 December 2015. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 13 September 2016.)

*41 Government response to committee report—Order for production of documents
   By the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care, by no later than 3.30 pm on 10 October 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Community Affairs References Committee on the availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia, dated 17 September 2015. (Motion of agreed to 13 September 2016.)

On 11 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Cancer Screening Register Bill 2016 and the National Cancer Screening Register (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016.
On 12 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 30 August 2016

1 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—that the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Shotguns and Shotgun Magazines) Regulation 2016, made under the Customs Act 1901, be disallowed [F2016L01255].

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

On 13 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the planned acquisition of the Joint Strike Fighter.

On 14 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 7 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 14 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Education and Employment Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On 21 November 2016

Order for Production of Documents

1. **Government response - Select Committee on Wind Turbines—Order for production of document**
   By the Minister representing the Minister for Environment and Energy, by 3.30 pm on 21 November 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines. *(Motion of Senators Leyonhjelm, Day, Xenophon, Lambie, Griff, Kakoschke-Moore, Burston, Culleton and Roberts, the Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson) and Senator Hinch agreed to 1 September 2016.)*

On 23 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

*1. **Environment and Communications References Committee**
   Report to be presented on large capacity fishing vessels.

*2. **Environment and Communications References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the access by children to internet pornography.

On 24 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on 2016 Census.

On 29 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1. **Community Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment.
On 30 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Lyme-like illness in Australia.

On 1 December 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on recent fires in remote Tasmanian wilderness.

On the second last sitting day in February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the commercial use of Tasmanian bumblebees.

On the second last sitting day in March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight.

On 30 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australian veterans.

On the last sitting day in March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Nauru and Manus Island regional processing centres.

On 28 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future of Australia’s aged care sector workforce.
OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 7 November 2016)

Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 September 2016)

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [provisions]‡
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 October 2016)

Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 November 2016)

Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 10 October 2016)

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 October 2016)

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 13 October 2016)

National Cancer Screening Register Bill 2016 [provisions]
National Cancer Screening Register (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016 [provisions]
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 13 September 2016; reporting date: 11 October 2016)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 1 to 22 and 24 to 104.

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Address-in-reply—Suspension of standing order 3(4)
That standing order 3(4) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider business other than that of a formal character before the address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s opening speech has been adopted.
(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

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)

Committees—Determination of chair—Standing order 25(9)
That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:
(a) that the chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and
(b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).

(Agreed to 2 November 2011; varied 13 September 2016)

Estimates hearings
(1) That the 2016-17 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
   Monday, 17 October and Tuesday, 18 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 19 October and Thursday, 20 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group B).
(2) That, pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008 and 23 June 2015, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 21 October 2016.
(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.

(Agreed to 30 August 2016)
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 30 August 2016)

First speeches

That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:

- Wednesday, 31 August 2016—Senator Hume
- Thursday, 1 September 2016—Senators Dodson and Duniam
- Monday, 12 September 2016—Senator Hinch
- Tuesday, 13 September 2016—Senators Roberts and Watt
- Wednesday, 14 September 2016—Senators Hanson and McCarthy
- Wednesday, 12 October 2016—Senator Chisholm

(Agreed to 31 August, 1 September and 12 September 2016)

Legislation—Exemption of bills from the cut-off order

That the provisions of paragraph (6) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016
- Corporations Amendment (Auditor Registration) Bill 2016
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
- Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Bill 2016
- Statute Update Bill 2016

(Agreed to 13 September 2016)
Meeting of Senate
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2016 be as follows:

**Spring sittings:**
- Thursday, 1 September
- Monday, 12 September to Thursday, 15 September

**Spring sittings (2):**
- Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October

**Spring sittings (3):**
- Monday, 7 November to Thursday, 10 November
- Monday, 21 November to Thursday, 24 November
- Monday, 28 November to Thursday, 1 December.

(AGREED TO 31 AUGUST 2016)

Ministerial statements—Consideration—Temporary order
That the following amendment to standing order 169 operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2017:

At the end of standing order 169, add:

(3) If a ministerial statement is presented to or tabled in the Senate other than in accordance with standing order 61, it shall be in order for a senator to move a motion without notice to take note of the statement. On any such motion, a senator may speak for not more than 10 minutes and paragraph (2) applies to the total time limit for individual or successive motions.

(AGREED TO 31 AUGUST 2016; ORIGINALLY AGREED TO 11 NOVEMBER 2015 UPON ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION IN THE PROCEDURE COMMITTEE’S THIRD REPORT OF 2015)

Rotation of senators
That, pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, the senators chosen for each state be divided into two classes, as follows:

(1) Senators listed at positions 7 to 12 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall be allocated to the first class and receive 3 year terms.

(2) Senators listed at positions 1 to 6 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall be allocated to the second class and receive 6 year terms.

(AGREED TO 31 AUGUST 2016)
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)
   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 put 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)
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)

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)

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)
   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)
   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)
   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.

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  Minister for Regional Communications  
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  Manager of Government Business in the Senate | Minister for Sport |
| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne  
  Minister for Defence | Minister for Defence Industry  
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  Minister for Resources and Northern Australia | Deputy Prime Minister  
  Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources |
| Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells  
  Minister for International Development and the Pacific | |
| Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan  
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  Minister for Human Services |
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  Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources | |
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