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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**
  - Includes:
    - 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...**

- **MONDAYS**
  - Private senators' business

- **THURSDAYS**
  - 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 16 November 2017

1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Basin Plan Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 1), made under the Water Act 2007, be disallowed [F2017L01462].

Last day for resolving**

**Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Notice given 7 February 2018

2 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Basin Plan Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 1), made under the Water Act 2007, be disallowed [F2017L01462].

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

Notice of motion altered on 7 February 2018 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 8 February 2018

3 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Basin Plan Amendment (SDL Adjustments) Instrument 2017, made under the Water Act 2007, be disallowed [F2018L00040].

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

Notice given 13 February 2018

*4 Chair of the Economics References Committee (Senator Ketter): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in June 2019:

The indicators of, and impact of, regional inequality in Australia, with particular reference to Government policies and programs in the following areas:

(a) fiscal policies at federal, state and local government levels;
(b) improved co-ordination of federal, state and local Government policies;
(c) regional development policies;
(d) infrastructure;
(e) education;
(f) building human capital;
(g) enhancing local workforce skills;
(h) employment arrangements;
(i) decentralisation policies;
(j) innovation;
(k) manufacturing; and
(l) any other related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on transvaginal mesh implants.

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2018

*1 Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham): To move—That on Wednesday, 14 February 2018—
   (a) business of the Senate notices of motion nos 1 and 2, proposing the disallowance of the Basin Plan Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 1), standing in the name of Senator Hanson-Young, for 14 February 2018, be considered together and have precedence over all government business; and
   (b) if consideration of the motions is not concluded at 12.30 pm, the question on the unresolved motions shall then be put.

Orders of the Day

1 Enhancing Online Safety (Non-consensual Sharing of Intimate Images) Bill 2017
   In committee (13 February 2018).

*2 Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

3 Treasury Laws Amendment (Banking Measures No. 1) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2018).

4 Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
   Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2017—(Minister for Education and Training, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 February 2018).

5 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 2) Bill 2017

*6 Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Operational Efficiency) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).
*7 Investigation and Prosecution Measures Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

8 Export Control Bill 2017
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—
That this bill be now read a second time.
And on the amendment moved by Senator Brown—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate notes that Australian exporters and agriculture industries are facing a number of challenges relating to trade” (5 February 2018).

9 Criminal Code Amendment (Impersonating a Commonwealth Body) Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 February 2018).

*10 Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2018
Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

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).

Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

13 Imported Food Control Amendment Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2018).

14 Communications Legislation Amendment (Online Content Services and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

15 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

*16 Family Assistance and Child Support Legislation Amendment (Protecting Children) Bill 2018—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

17 Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2018).

18 Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 February 2018).
19 Communications Legislation Amendment (Regional and Small Publishers Innovation Fund) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

20 Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

21 Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Acting Special Minister of State, Senator Cormann)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

22 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan No. 2) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 February 2018).

23 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan Base Rate Entities) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 February 2018).

24 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).

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

26 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Foreign Media Ownership and Community Radio) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

27 Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

28 Security of Critical Infrastructure Bill 2017
Security of Critical Infrastructure (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017—(Senate bills)—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

29 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

30 Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

31 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).

32 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017
In committee (7 December 2017).

33 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 (Senator McGrath, in continuation, 4 December 2017).

34 Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Nation-building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

35 National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

36 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).
37 Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2017
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 268 from the House of Representatives (13 November 2017).

38 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).

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

40 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

41 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).

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

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

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

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

46 Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 79 from the House of Representatives (28 November 2016).

47 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).

48 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).
No. 85—14 February 2018

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 6 February 2018

686 Senators Rhiannon, Hinch and Bartlett: To move—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Australian Government management of kangaroos tends to be structured to service commercial shooting and farming industries,

(ii) in 2015, between 65 000 and 650 000 kangaroos suffered non-lethal body-shots and a further 110 000 joeys died from commercial shooting alone, with pouch joeys decapitated or their skulls crushed,

(iii) kangaroos are slow-growing and are shot beyond their low reproductive capacity, with long term government raw data illustrating kangaroo absence and decline, yet this is not reflected in the published population estimates from which an impossibly high commercial shooting quota is extracted, and

(iv) kangaroo is a wild-shot bushmeat and is butchered and transported on open unrefrigerated trucks in the field and, in 2014, Russia banned kangaroo meat imports for a third time due to contamination, with rapid food security alerts in the European Union about kangaroo meat since then; and

(b) calls on the Commonwealth and all states to make available all historical and current kangaroo survey data and methodologies, and commercial and non-commercial shooting and demographics data for all shooting zones across Australia.

Notice given 13 February 2018

*709 Senator Anning: To move—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) every human being, no matter what stage of development, is sacred and is deserving of the rights to life and liberty, and

(ii) mothers should be informed about the development of the unborn baby, the procedure of termination, the risks, both physical and psychological, due to the operation and alternatives such as adoption; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to fund counselling for women in relation to pregnancy terminations.
*710 Senator Bilyk: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) 14 February 2018 is World Cholangiocarcinoma Day, an international effort to raise awareness of a form of liver cancer that develops in the bile duct cells,
   (ii) 1 in 67 000 Australians are diagnosed each year with cholangiocarcinoma – around one per day,
   (iii) in Australia, liver cancers generally have a five-year survival rate of around 17 per cent, and
   (iv) many cholangiocarcinoma patients are diagnosed too late for potentially curative surgery; and

(b) recognises the need for continued efforts to improve the diagnosis, treatment and survival rates for rare and less common cancers, such as cholangiocarcinoma.

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

(a) welcomes the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee’s positive recommendation of the “game-changing” HIV prevention drug, Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), on 9 February 2018;

(b) notes that:
   (i) every averted HIV transmission saves close to $1 million in lifetime care and treatment costs,
   (ii) while significant advancements have been made, the HIV epidemic remains one of the greatest public health challenges facing Australia, its region and the world, and
   (iii) progress towards ending HIV in Australia has stalled at around 1,000 notifications a year, and that the situation is particularly urgent in Indigenous communities, with HIV rates now trending above the rate for non-Indigenous Australians for the first time ever; and

(c) urges:
   (i) the Minister for Health to list PrEP on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme urgently, thereby expanding affordable access to an estimated 31 000 people, and
   (ii) the Turnbull Government to match Labor’s commitment to make HIV history in Australia, including $10 million a year to renew Australia’s HIV response by restoring the funding and capacity that the Government has cut from HIV peak organisations, and $3 million a year improve prevention, testing and treatment for ‘hidden populations’ who fall outside the traditional HIV response.

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

(a) commends our current and former armed servicemen and servicewomen for their service to our country;

(b) condemns cowardly senators who use parliamentary privilege to make allegations of criminality or racism against those personnel, and thereby bringing our armed forces and personnel into disrepute, without presenting immediate proof of their claims; and
(c) urges honourable senators to use parliamentary privilege with responsibility and respect.

*713 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that the South Australian state election will occur on 17 March 2018, in which the Weatherill Labor Government will be asking voters to endorse it to serve 20 continuous years in office;
(b) encourages all South Australian voters to carefully analyse the policies, track record, voting record and political ideology of party leaders participating in that election; and
(c) urges the next South Australian government, however constituted, to immediately implement policies to address South Australia’s energy reliability, affordability and overall economic position so as to attract business investment, reduce unemployment and be a stronger contributor to the national economy.

*714 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—
(a) holds that human life is more important than animal life; and
(b) calls upon the Government to prioritise human life in all portfolio areas, including the environment portfolio when balancing fire prevention against biodiversity conservation.

*715 Senator Polley: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) the latest waiting list for aged care home care packages indicates there are more than 100 000 vulnerable older Australians waiting for the home care package for which they have been approved,
(ii) the latest figures showed the waiting list had grown by more than 12 000 between 1 July 2017 and 30 September 2017, and it is likely to continue growing without funding for the release of more packages,
(iii) the majority of the older Australians on the waiting list are those waiting for level three and level four packages, who have high care needs, including many with dementia, and
(iv) the Turnbull Government’s own website states that most of these vulnerable older Australians will be waiting more than a year for a package;
(b) condemns the Turnbull Government for failing to fund a single new home care package in the 2017-18 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook update; and
(c) calls on the Turnbull Government to make a genuine commitment to fix the home care package waiting list and properly address this growing crisis.

*716 Senator Dodson: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the failure of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (the Minister) to:
(i) provide a clear statement on the future of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing,
(ii) detail future plans, for the states of South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland and the Northern Territory, on the available funding for remote housing, and
(iii) give a clear account of negotiations with those jurisdictions on future funding arrangements;

(b) orders that all correspondence between the Minister and his Department and state and territory Ministers, and all correspondence between officials on the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing, since the beginning of December 2017, be laid on the table by 5 pm on 15 February 2018;

(c) requires the Minister to attend the Senate at 12 pm on 20 March 2018 so that, prior to government business being called on, any senator may ask for an explanation for the failure to engage in detailed consultations with the states and territories on remote housing; and

(d) resolves that:
   (i) in the event that the Minister provides an explanation, any senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice—That the Senate take note of the explanation, or
   (ii) in the event that the Minister does not provide an explanation, any senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the Minister’s failure to provide an explanation, and
   (iii) any motion to take note under paragraphs (d) (i) or (ii) have precedence over all other government business until determined.

Notice of motion altered on 13 February 2018 pursuant to standing order 77.

*717 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that this week marks the fifteen-year anniversary of over 200 000 people marching in each of Melbourne and Sydney, and 600 000 nationwide, to protest Australia’s involvement in the Iraq war; and
   (b) supports an independent inquiry into:
      (i) the decisions that led to Australia invading Iraq, and
      (ii) the conduct of the Australian military operations in Iraq.

*718 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) electricity prices have gone up 12.4 per cent from December 2016 to December 2017 and are too high,
      (ii) the companies that own our electricity networks, including those registered in the Cayman Islands, have made $27.5 billion profit over the last 4 years, which is pushing up prices, and
      (iii) the deregulation of electricity prices has seen them skyrocket, so that in Victoria up to 30 per cent of a household’s bill is for retailers’ profits alone, according to the Grattan Institute;
   (b) agrees with Victorian Premier Mr Daniel Andrews that electricity should never have been privatised; and
   (c) calls on the Government to start bringing the electricity network back into public hands and to take all steps to reregulate electricity prices.
*719 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes with deep concern:

(i) that another front has opened up in the war in Syria, following an incursion by Turkey in Syria’s Kurdish north-west region in late January,

(ii) reports, from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), that between 15 000 and 30 000 civilians have been internally displaced in Afrin because of Turkey’s operation, and

(iii) reports, from the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, that Turkish strikes had caused damage to a water plant supplying drinking water to hundreds of thousands in the Afrin region;

(b) notes that the Kurdish people were instrumental in helping to defeat ISIS, and that Kurdish people across the region played a critical role in helping the Yazidi people escape genocide;

(c) condemns Turkey’s incursion into Syria and its attacks on Afrin; and

(d) calls on the Australian Government to use all diplomatic means to bring an end to Turkish military incursions.

*720 Senators Hanson-Young, Bartlett and McKim: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Australia is home to 0.3 per cent of the world’s population, but 18 per cent of the world’s poker machines,

(ii) Australians lose more money to poker machines than anywhere else in the world per capita,

(iii) most countries around the world, 226 out of 238, have no poker machines in pubs and clubs,

(iv) a 2010 study by the Productivity Commission found that problem gamblers account for 40 per cent of losses on poker machines,

(v) suicide rates among problem gamblers are twice the rate of other addictions, and

(vi) problem gamblers are far more vulnerable to depression, relationships breakdown, job loss, lowered work productivity, bankruptcy and crime;

(b) acknowledges that:

(i) poker machines have caused a significant degree of social and economic dislocation in the community, and

(ii) the regulation of poker machines is a litmus test of good government; and

(c) calls on the Government to support states in phasing out poker machines in pubs, because the fewer poker machines, the better.

*721 Senator Bartlett: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes reports that:

(i) an internal investigation, by the Department of the Environment (the Department), found that the Adani mining company “may have been negligent” in failing to disclose its Australian CEO’s links to a company convicted of environmental offences in Africa,
(ii) a compliance report, prepared for the Department’s investigation, found “Adani Mining Pty Ltd may have been negligent in that, when requested in August 2015, it failed to disclose a complete account of its executive officers in relation to environmental matters”, and

(iii) despite a recommendation that Adani be cautioned about the matter, the company never received any caution from the Federal Government; and

(b) expresses the view that Adani’s proposed Carmichael coal mine not go ahead.

**722 Senators McKim and Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Tasmania’s unique environment is under threat from inappropriate development, and the failure to protect natural and cultural values,

(ii) rapid and unfettered expansion of fish farms is privatising public waters and damaging Tasmania’s marine environment and coastal lifestyle,

(iii) private sector development in Tasmania’s iconic national parks and world heritage areas is continuing,

(iv) the Swift Parrot is facing extinction due to ongoing deforestation of its habitat by logging, and

(v) Tasmanian Aboriginal heritage is being damaged by four wheel drive tracks in the Tarkine area; and

(b) condemns the Federal and Tasmanian Liberal Governments for failing to stand up for Tasmania’s unique natural environment, their lack of support for a Tarkine national park, and complete inaction on climate change.

**ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

700 Future Submarine Project—Order for production of documents

By the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry, by no later than 3.30 pm on 14 February 2018, the Australian Industry Capability Plan submitted by DCNS to the Department of Defence in its response to the Future Submarine Competitive Evaluation Process (CEP). (*Motion of Senator Patrick agreed to 12 February 2018.*)

708 Murray-Darling Basin—Northern Basin Review—Order for production of documents

By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by 6.30 pm on 13 February 2018, correspondence and reports regarding the Northern Basin Review. (*Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 13 February 2018.*)
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (15 February 2018)

Order for Production of Documents

685 Murray-Darling Basin Authority—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 3.30 pm on 15 February 2018, all assessments of the 36 adjustment mechanism projects completed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. (Motion of Senator Patrick agreed to 7 February 2018.)

On 16 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

On 28 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
Report to be presented on vocational education and training in South Australia.

On 7 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia.
On 13 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 and the Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 16 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

On the first sitting day in March 2018 (19 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 19 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2017. (Contingent upon introduction, referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).

2 Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

Order for Production of Documents

698 West Lorengau, Manus Island—Compliance—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs and the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, by 9 am on 19 March 2018, any correspondence requested on 7 December 2017, which meets the proper test. (Motion of Senators Griff and McKim agreed to 8 February 2018.)

On 22 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order 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.

On 26 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the National Broadcasters Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Transparency) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).
2 National Broadcasters Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Transparency) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

On the second last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018 (27 March 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.

Eight sitting days after today (28 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 7 December 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Broadcasting Services (Technical Planning) Guidelines (Consequential Amendments) Instrument 2017 (No. 2), made under the Radiocommunications Act 1992, be disallowed [F2017L01302].
Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Allocation - Multi-band Auction) Determination 2017, made under the Radiocommunications Act 1992, be disallowed [F2017L01255].
Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Retirement Savings Accounts Tax File Number approval No. 1 of 2017, made under the Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997, be disallowed [F2017L01270].
Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

4 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Torres Strait Regional Authority Election Rules 2017, made under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005, be disallowed [F2017L01279].
Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

5 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Migration Agents (IMMI 17/047: CPD Activities, Approval of CPD Providers and CPD Provider Standards) Instrument 2017, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2017L01236].
Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 28 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.

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

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

4 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 last sitting day in March 2018 (28 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018 (28 March 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 29 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order 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.

By 31 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.
On 20 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

2 Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

On 24 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 27 April 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 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 8 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 9 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services.

Eleven sitting days after today (10 May 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 7 February 2018
1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Marriage Regulations 2017, made under the Marriage Act 1961, be disallowed [F2017L01359].
   Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 14 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.

On 30 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on corporate tax avoidance.

On 13 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the waste and recycling industry in Australia.
Twelve sitting days after today (18 June 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 February 2018

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) (Individual Transmitter Amounts) Determination 2017, made under the Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Act 2017, be disallowed [F2017L01375].

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

On 20 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

Report to be presented on PFAS contamination.

On the first sitting Thursday in June 2018 (21 June 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Future of Work and Workers—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

On 27 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee

Report to be presented on the impact of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure.

3 Environment and Communications References Committee

Report to be presented on the regulatory framework governing water use.

On 14 August 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on a national radioactive waste management facility at Kimba and Hawker, South Australia.

2 Education and Employment References Committee

Report to be presented on the work health and safety of workers in the offshore petroleum industry.
On 20 September 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of mobility scooters.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities.

On 28 November 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 final sitting day of November 2018 (29 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.

On 29 November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

On 3 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

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)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 16 February 2018)
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 16 February 2018)

Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 19 March 2018)

Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 November 2017; reporting date: 19 March 2018)

Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 8 February 2018; reporting date: 8 May 2018)

Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 [provisions]
Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 November 2017; reporting date: 13 March 2018)

Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 19 March 2018)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 20 April 2018)

Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 20 April 2018)

Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 26 March 2018)

Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 8 May 2018)

National Broadcasters Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Transparency) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 8 February 2018; reporting date: 26 March 2018)
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 26 March 2018)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 8 February 2018; reporting date: 16 March 2018)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017
Discharged, 18 October 2017 (pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 September 2017).

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, 446, 473, 493, 494, 498, 502, 503, 506, 524, 525, 533 to 537, 555, 557, 575, 577 to 586, 616, 620, 644, 650 to 652, 655, 656, 658, 659, 664 to 668, 670 to 695.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 658 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

Adjournment debates—Temporary order

[Amendment to standing order 54(5) to provide for 5-minute speeches, rather than 10-minute speeches on Wednesdays. Amendment to standing order 54(6) to remove the option for 20-minute speeches during the open ended adjournment on Tuesdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]

54 Adjournment without motion

(5) On Monday and Thursday debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 10 minutes.

On Wednesday debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 5 minutes.

On Tuesday at the conclusion of debate, and on other days at the expiration of 40 minutes, at the conclusion of debate, or at the time specified for adjournment, whichever is the earlier, or if there is no debate, the President shall adjourn the Senate without putting the question.

(6) On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator shall speak to that question for not more than 5 minutes, except that if no other senator wishes to speak for up to 5 minutes, a senator who has not already spoken may speak for up to 10 minutes.

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

Allocation of departments/agencies

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

Community Affairs
  Health and Aged Care
  Human Services
  Social Services
Estimates hearings—2017-18 additional estimates; 2018-19 Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2018 be scheduled as follows:

2017-18 additional estimates:
Monday, 26 February and Tuesday, 27 February (Group A)
Wednesday, 28 February and Thursday, 1 March (Group B).

2018-19 Budget estimates:
Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May, and, if required, Friday, 25 May (Group A)
Tuesday, 29 May to Friday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 22 June (Group B)
Monday, 22 October and Tuesday, 23 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 24 October and Thursday, 25 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October 2018, but not restricted to these days.

(3) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October 2018, but not restricted to these days.
(4) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.

(5) 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.

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

(a) Tuesday, 27 March 2018 in respect of the 2017-18 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 26 June 2018 in respect of the 2018-19 Budget estimates.

*(Agreed to 15 November 2017; varied 16 November 2017 in respect of paragraph (1))*

**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—2018**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2018 be as follows:

**Autumn sittings:**

Monday, 5 February to Thursday, 8 February  
Monday, 12 February to Thursday, 15 February

**Autumn sittings (2):**

Monday, 19 March to Thursday, 22 March  
Monday, 26 March to Wednesday, 28 March

**Budget sittings:**

Tuesday, 8 May to Thursday, 10 May
Winter sittings:
Monday, 18 June to Thursday, 21 June
Monday, 25 June to Thursday, 28 June

Spring sittings:
Monday, 13 August to Thursday, 16 August
Monday, 20 August to Thursday, 23 August
Monday, 10 September to Thursday, 13 September
Monday, 17 September to Thursday, 20 September

Spring sittings (2):
Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 18 October

Spring sittings (3):
Monday, 12 November to Thursday, 15 November
Monday, 26 November to Thursday, 29 November
Monday, 3 December to Thursday, 6 December.

(Agreed to 15 November 2017)

Meeting times—Temporary order
[Amendment to standing order 55 to add 30 minutes at the start of sittings on Tuesdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]
(1) The days and times of meeting of the Senate in each sitting week shall be:
   Monday  10 am – 6.30 pm, 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm
   Tuesday  12 pm – adjournment
   Wednesday 9.30 am – 8 pm
   Thursday  9.30 am – 8.40 pm

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

Outstanding orders for the production of documents—Report—Continuing order
(1) That there be laid on the table by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, not later than 2 calendar months after the last day of each financial year and calendar year, a list showing details of all orders for the production of documents made during the current Parliament which have not been complied with in full, together with a statement indicating whether resistance to them is maintained and why, and detailing any changing circumstances that might allow reconsideration of earlier refusals.

(2) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)
Private senators’ bills—Temporary order
[Amendments to standing order 57 and 59 to move consideration of private senators’ bills general business from Thursday to Monday and provide for government business to occur at the start of the day on Thursdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]

57 Routin e of business
(1) The routine of business shall be:
   (a) On Monday:
      (i) General business orders of the day for consideration of bills only
      (ia) At 12.20 pm, government business only
   …
   (d) On Thursday:
      (i) Government business only
      (ii) At 11.45 am, petitions
   …

59 Government and general business
Government business shall take precedence over general business, except that general business shall take precedence over government business as follows:
   (a) On Mondays, from 10 am until 12.20 pm general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills shall be considered; and
   (b) from not later than 4.30 pm, for a period not exceeding 2½ hours, general business orders of the day shall take precedence over general business notices of motion on alternate Thursdays.

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

Publications Committee—Report—Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament—Adoption of recommendation
5.6 That the Senate and House of Representatives pass the following resolution: That unless otherwise ordered, and provided that they conform to the printing standards, the following documents shall be made Parliamentary Papers upon their presentation to the Senate/House of Representatives:
   ▪ substantive reports of parliamentary committees;
   ▪ annual reports of Commonwealth entities;
   ▪ a report of a royal commission;
   ▪ a report of the Productivity Commission;
   ▪ a report of the Auditor-General;
   ▪ a report of the Australian Human Rights Commission;
   ▪ a report of the Australia Law Reform Commission;
   ▪ a report of the Australian Electoral Commission on the redistribution of electoral division boundaries;
   ▪ Australian Government white papers;
   ▪ a report in a series that has previously been included in the Parliamentary Papers Series on the recommendation of a Publications Committee; and
- budget papers and ministerial statements presented following the presentation of the appropriation bills.

(Agreed to 8 February 2018)

**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)

That—

(a) as soon as practicable, after the High Court orders a special count of the ballots from the 2016 Senate election for any state and makes an order declaring that a person identified by that count is duly elected as a senator for that state, there be laid on the table a copy of the statement of results report for that count; and

(b) if such a report is tabled, in relation to any state, then the order of the Senate of 31 August 2016, made pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, have effect in relation to senators from that state as if a reference to the certificate of election were a reference to the most recent statement of results report.

(Agreed to 13 February 2018)

**Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Standing order 24—Amendment**

That:

(a) the Senate adopt the recommendation at paragraph 4.10 of Scrutiny Digest 13 of 2017 of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills, proposing an amendment to standing order 24; and

(b) the temporary order of the Senate of 29 November 2016, concerning an amendment to standing order 24, cease to have effect.

Accordingly, standing order 24 was amended, with immediate effect, as follows: At the end of paragraph (1), add:

(d) The committee shall maintain on its website a list of bills in relation to which the committee has sought advice from the responsible minister and not yet received a response.

(e) Where the committee has not finally reported on a bill because a ministerial response has not been received, then:

(i) immediately prior to the consideration of government business on any day; or

(ii) immediately prior to the consideration of the bill,
any senator may ask the minister for an explanation of why the minister has not provided a response to the committee.

(f) Where an explanation is sought under paragraph (e) and a minister provides an explanation, then at the conclusion of the explanation the senator may move, without notice, a motion:
   (i) relating to the consideration of the bill; or
   (ii) that the Senate take note of the explanation.

(g) Where an explanation is sought under paragraph (e) and the minister does not provide an explanation, then the senator may, without notice, move a motion relating to:
   (i) the consideration of the bill; or
   (ii) the minister’s failure to provide an explanation.

(h) The procedures in paragraphs (e) to (g) may only be used once on any sitting day in respect of any bill or bills taken together.

(Agreed to 29 November 2017)

Valedictory and first speeches—Senator Brandis and Senator Molan

That consideration of the business before the Senate be interrupted at approximately 5.30 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, on:
   (a) Wednesday, 7 February 2018, to enable valedictory statements to be made relating to Senator Brandis; and
   (b) Wednesday, 14 February 2018, to enable Senator Molan to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

(Agreed to 6 February 2018)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

1 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): 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 Leyonhjelm
   Senator O’Sullivan
   Senator Patrick

   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)  
   Senator O’Sullivan  
   Senator Patrick  
   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)  
   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 Patrick  

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.

**Matters of urgency**

8 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): 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.

9 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 Patrick

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

10 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 Patrick

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.

Questions without notice

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 Leyonhjelm
   Senator Patrick

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

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 Patrick

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

13 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 Patrick

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.

APPPOINTMENTS 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
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