No. 23: Monday, 11 November 2019

The Senate meets at 12.30 pm

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Orders of the day
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Business listed for today

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Business for today

Private senators’ bills—Order of the day

33 **Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation, Senator Hanson)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Roberts, in continuation, 16 October 2019).

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

Notice given 12 September 2019

1 **Senator McKim:** To move—That the Migration (Fast Track Applicant Class – Temporary Protection and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas) Instrument 2019, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2019L00506].

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

Notice given 14 October 2019

2 **Senator Patrick:** To move—

(1) That the Senate notes recent statements concerning Australia’s relations with the People’s Republic of China, including:

(a) the speech of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Payne, on 19 September 2019 in which she stated that in pursuing Australian diplomacy she will advance ‘Australian values’ and that ‘at times that will mean speaking our mind or taking actions that seem disagreeable to others’;

(b) the comments of Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Dutton, on 11 October 2019 that it is necessary to have a ‘frank conversation’ about China’s global influence: its Belt and Road Initiative, expansionism in the South China Sea and growing military and aid presence in the Indo-Pacific;

(c) Mr Dutton’s further observations that the values, policies and actions of the Chinese Communist Party are ‘inconsistent’ with Australian democratic values and that ‘We’re not going to allow theft of intellectual property and we’re not going to allow our government bodies or non-government bodies to be hacked into’;

(d) the remarks of Prime Minister Scott Morrison, on 12 October 2019, that Mr Dutton’s comments ‘just simply reflect the fact we’re two different countries’ and that ‘China will do what they do in their country, and we respect that too’;
the comments of the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan, on 13 October 2019 that Mr Dutton was ‘just stating the facts of the matter’ and that it is a ‘longstanding fact’ that Australia and China have different systems of government and political values;

(f) the statement of the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Wong, on 14 October 2019 that she has made ‘repeated requests’ to the Minister for Foreign Affairs that relevant agencies, such as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Office of National Intelligence, provide a detailed and comprehensive briefing for parliamentarians on Australia’s relationship with China; and

(g) Senator Wong’s further observation that the Government has still not replied to her request.

(2) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by the final sitting day of June 2020:

Australia’s relations with the People’s Republic of China, with particular reference to:

(a) the management of a mutually respectful and beneficial bilateral relationship between Australia and China;

(b) Australian and Chinese perspectives on, and interests in, regional and global security issues;

(c) trade, investment and infrastructure issues, including Australia’s engagement with China’s Belt and Road Initiative;

(d) educational and research cooperation;

(e) tourism, cultural exchanges and people-to-people ties;

(f) management of diplomatic and consular arrangements;

(g) dialogue on human rights issues;

(h) the roles of Australian institutions in Australia’s relations with China, including, state and local governments, universities and other academic bodies, business and non-government organisations; and

(i) any related matters.

Notice given 17 October 2019

*3 Senators Farrell and Sheldon: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in June 2020:

The extent and amount of unlawful underpayment of employees’ remuneration by employers, with particular reference to:

(a) the reasons for wage theft and whether it is regarded by some businesses as ‘a cost of doing business’;

(b) the cost of wage and superannuation theft to the national economy;

(c) the best means of identifying and uncovering wage and superannuation theft;

(d) the taxation treatment of people whose stolen wages are later repaid to them;
(e) the most effective means of deterring wage and superannuation theft; and
(f) any related matters.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government business—Orders of the day

1 **Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020**

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2019-2020

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020—

(*Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

2 **National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Streamlined Governance) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam)—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 calls on the Government to:*

(a) remove the average staffing level cap for the National Disability Insurance Agency set out in Part 2 of Budget Paper No. 4 (2019–20); and

(b) directly employ the number of people required to administer the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013” (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 17 October 2019.*)

*3 **Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Air Pollution) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

4 **Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 September 2019).

*5 **New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
6 Aged Care Legislation Amendment (New Commissioner Functions) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 October 2019).

*7 Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 2) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

8 Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 August 2019).

*9 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

*10 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

*11 National Health Amendment (Safety Net Thresholds) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

12 Defence Service Homes Amendment Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

*13 Medical and Midwife Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2019—
(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

14 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (31 July 2019).

15 Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).

16 Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (29 July 2019).

17 Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).
18 Migration Amendment (Streamlining Visa Processing) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).

General business—Notices of motion

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

Notice given 16 October 2019

205 Senators Siewert and Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Fitzroy and Margaret Rivers in Western Australia are home to the critically-endangered Freshwater Sawfish (*Pristis p*ristis) that can grow up to seven metres long,

(ii) in December 2018, 46 Freshwater Sawfish died in pools connected to Snake Creek, a tributary of the Fitzroy River,

(iii) the Western Australian Government is investigating whether there is a connection between these deaths and the extraction of billions of litres of water out of Snake Creek on Ms Gina Rinehart’s Liveringa pastoral lease,

(iv) Ms Rinehart and others have proposed an irrigation scheme that would take a further 325 billion litres of water per annum out of the Fitzroy River, and

(v) 16 October 2019, is World Sawfish Day; and

(b) calls on the Western Australian Government to ensure the protection of the Fitzroy River and its population of critically-endangered Sawfish.

207 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges this is Anti-Poverty Week 2019;

(b) notes that the Anglicare Jobs Availability Snapshot 2019 found that:

(i) one in seven jobseekers have barriers to work such as age, disability and education level,

(ii) it is taking people an average of five years to find work,

(iii) there are at least five jobseekers who do not have qualifications or work experience competing for each job at their skill level, and

(iv) there are 1.16 million people who are underemployed in Australia;

(c) notes that there are over 200,000 people living on Newstart who are sick or disabled;

(d) acknowledges that poverty is a barrier to employment, and there are many unemployed and underemployed people in Australia struggling to get by on the current rate of Newstart; and

(e) calls on the Federal Government to adequately support people to find employment by immediately increasing Newstart and Youth Allowance.
Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges this is Anti-Poverty Week 2019;
(b) notes that:
   (i) more than one-in-ten Newstart recipients are First Nations peoples, and one-in-five Youth Allowance recipients are First Nations peoples,
   (ii) First Nations peoples living in remote areas of Australia face significantly higher costs of living, and
   (iii) research by the ANU Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research estimates the poverty rate for First Nations peoples is around 31%, with poverty rates stagnating in regional areas and rising in remote areas;
(c) acknowledges that First Nations peoples are disengaging with the social security system because of the onerous and punitive reporting requirements attached to income support payments; and
(d) calls on the Federal Government to act to reduce poverty rates for First Nations peoples by immediately increasing Newstart and Youth Allowance.

Notice given 17 October 2019

Senator Faruqi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Wallarah 2 Coal Project is a proposed longwall underground mining operation northwest of central Wyong on the New South Wales Central Coast,
   (ii) the proposed mine would produce 4 to 5 million tonnes per annum of thermal coal each year for 28 years, leading to more than 264 million tonnes of CO2 being released into the atmosphere, and
   (iii) the Wallarah 2 Coal Project poses a serious risk to the Central Coast’s drinking water supply; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to protect the water of Central Coast communities, and cancel all environmental approvals granted under Federal law.

Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Family Matters Report 2019 found that:
   (i) First Nations children are now 10.2 times more likely to be in out-of-home care than non-Indigenous children, which is an all-time high,
   (ii) the number of First Nations children in out-of-home care will more than double in size in the next 10 years without urgent action, and
   (iii) almost 1 in 3 First Nations peoples are living in poverty, and this contributes to the over-representation of First Nations children in out-of-home care; and
calls on the Federal Government to implement the key recommendations of this report, including to:

(i) develop a national comprehensive First Nations children’s strategy that includes generational targets to eliminate over-representation, and addresses the causes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child removal,

(ii) invest in quality First Nations community-controlled integrated early years services through a specific program with targets to increase coverage in areas of high First Nations peoples population and high levels of disadvantage,

(iii) establish state-based and national First Nations children’s commissioners to enable improved government accountability and oversight, and

(iv) end legal orders for permanent care and adoption for First Nations children, replaced by a focus on supporting their connections to kin, culture and community.

Senator Walsh: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that, according to the Poverty in Australia Report 2018:

(i) in Australia, 968,000 people from wage earning households are living in poverty,

(ii) as a proportion of all Australians living in poverty, this group has increased from 32% in 2013-14 to 38%, and

(iii) more than half of these households are families with children;

(b) notes that:

(i) 1.9 million Australians are looking for work or for more work,

(ii) this Government has presided over the worst wages growth on record, and

(iii) Australia’s economic growth is the lowest in a decade; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to combat working poverty by getting wages moving, raising the rate of Newstart, ceasing their attacks on Australian workers and their unions, and by reversing the cuts to penalty rates to ensure that Australian families have a better quality standard of living.

Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) this week, Origin Energy has commenced drilling as part of its Beetaloo Exploration Program in the Beetaloo Basin,

(ii) the final report of the Independent Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing of Onshore Unconventional Reservoirs in the Northern Territory concluded that gas extraction projects in the McArthur region, including the Beetaloo Basin, could contribute more than 6% of Australia’s emissions,

(iii) the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has stated that reductions in gas production in the near term will be required to meet international reduction targets committed to in the Paris Agreement,
(iv) approximately 90% of regional water demand in the Northern Territory is supplied by groundwater – communities and traditional owners throughout the Northern Territory continue to express concern regarding the impact of hydraulic fracturing on these critical groundwater resources,

(v) the majority of submissions to the Northern Territory inquiry opposed fracking, and the final report noted the ‘strong antipathy surrounding hydraulic fracturing for onshore shale gas’,

(vi) traditional owners have called on Origin Energy to immediately halt fracking operations in the Beetaloo Basin,

(vii) the impact of the Beetaloo Basin project on water resources has not been assessed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and

(viii) the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee inquiry into the Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015 received more than 370 submissions, the vast majority of which supported landholders and traditional owners being given the right to refuse to allow mining and fracking on their land; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) support calls by traditional owners for Origin Energy to immediately halt operations within the Beetaloo Basin,

(ii) support the Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015 to ban fracking and ensure that traditional owners and landholders are empowered to refuse damaging mining and fracking activities occurring on their land, and

(iii) expand the application of the water trigger provisions of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to the impacts of shale gas projects on water resources.

Business for future consideration

On the next day of sitting (12 November 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

Notice given 31 July 2019

1 Senator Roberts: To move—That the following legislative instruments, made under the Corporations Act 2001, be disallowed:

(a) the ASIC Corporations (Banking Code of Practice - Revocation of 2018 Approval) Instrument 2019/662 [F2019L00877]; and

(b) the ASIC Corporations (Approval of Banking Code of Practice) Instrument 2019/663 [F2019L00878].

Two sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
Notice given 9 September 2019

2 Senators Siewert and McKim: To move—That the Quality of Care Amendment (Minimising the Use of Restraints) Principles 2019, made under the Aged Care Act 1997, be disallowed [F2019L00511].

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on income support payments.

Two sitting days after today (13 November 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 1 August 2019

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Regulations 2018, made under the Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946, be disallowed [F2018L01708].

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

On 13 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 1 August 2019


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

General Business—Notice of motion

Notice given 31 July 2019

84 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—that, in accordance with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances in its report, Parliamentary scrutiny of delegated legislation—

(1) The standing orders be amended, with effect from 4 December 2019, as follows:
   (a) omit standing order 23, substitute:

23 Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation

   (1) A Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament.

   (2) All instruments made under the authority of Acts of the Parliament, which are subject to disallowance, disapproval or affirmative resolution by the Senate and which are of a legislative character, shall stand referred to the committee for consideration and, if necessary, report.
(3) The committee shall scrutinise each instrument as to whether:
   (a) it is in accordance with its enabling Act and otherwise complies with all legislative requirements;
   (b) it appears to be supported by a constitutional head of legislative power and is otherwise constitutionally valid;
   (c) it makes rights, liberties, obligations or interests unduly dependent on insufficiently defined administrative powers;
   (d) those likely to be affected by the instrument were adequately consulted in relation to it;
   (e) its drafting is defective or unclear;
   (f) it, and any document it incorporates, may be freely accessed and used;
   (g) the accompanying explanatory material provides sufficient information to gain a clear understanding of the instrument;
   (h) it trespasses unduly on personal rights and liberties;
   (i) it unduly excludes, limits or fails to provide for independent review of decisions affecting rights, liberties, obligations or interests;
   (j) it contains matters more appropriate for parliamentary enactment; and
   (k) it complies with any other ground relating to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation that the committee considers appropriate.

(4) The committee shall also scrutinise each instrument to determine whether the attention of the Senate should be drawn to the instrument on the ground that it raises significant issues, or otherwise gives rise to issues that are likely to be of interest to the Senate.

(5) The committee may, for the purpose of reporting on its terms of reference, consider any proposed or draft legislative instrument, including an exposure draft of such an instrument.

(6) (a) The committee shall consist of 6 senators, 3 being members of the government party nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and 3 being senators who are not members of the government party, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or by any minority groups or independent senators.
   (b) The nominations of the opposition or any minority groups or independent senators shall be determined by agreement between the opposition and the minority groups or independent senators, and, in the absence of agreement duly notified to the President, the question of the representation on the committee shall be determined by the Senate.

(7) The committee may appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and refer to any such sub-committee any matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

(8) The committee shall elect as chair a member appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate.

(9) The committee shall elect as deputy chair a member appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and the member so elected shall act as chair of the committee when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee.

(10) Where votes on a question before the committee are equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.

(11) The committee and any sub-committee shall have power to send for persons and documents, to move from place to place, and to meet and transact business in public or private session and notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives.

(12) The committee may inquire into and report on any matter related to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation.

(13) The committee may appoint with the approval of the President a legal adviser to the committee.

(14) The committee shall be empowered to print from day to day any of its documents and evidence. A daily Hansard shall be published of public proceedings of the committee.

(15) The committee may report from time to time its proceedings and evidence and any recommendations, and shall make regular reports of the progress of the proceedings of the committee.

(b) omit standing order 25(2)(a), substitute:
   (a) The legislation committees shall inquire into and report upon:
(i) estimates of expenditure in accordance with standing order 26,
(ii) bills or draft bills referred to them by the Senate,
(iii) legislative instruments made in the portfolios allocated to them,
(iv) annual reports in accordance with paragraph (20), and
(v) the performance of departments and agencies allocated to them.

(2) The initial members of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation shall be the members of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances appointed at the commencement of this Parliament.

(3) The Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation have the power to consider and use the records of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.

On 20 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 22 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

*1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019, the VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019 and the Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 25 November 2019

General Business—Notice of motion

Notice given 30 July 2019

72 Senator Kitching: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Integrity, be established to inquire into and report on the integrity of government administration, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and performance of existing integrity measures including, but not limited to:

   (i) the Statement of Ministerial Standards, and
   (ii) the Lobbyist Code and Register of Lobbyists;

(b) the funding, functions and performance of Commonwealth integrity agencies;

(c) the adequacy of government responses to Senate committee reports;

(d) the adequacy of government responses to Senate orders for the production of documents;
(e) the operation of the Commonwealth Procurement Framework;
(f) the administration of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 legislation;
(g) any proposals to strengthen the integrity of government administration; and
(h) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the third sitting day of 2021.

(3) That the committee consist of 8 senators, as follows:
   (a) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
   (b) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
   (c) 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
   (d) 3 nominated by minor party and independent senators.

(4) That:
   (a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator; and
   (b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee.

(5) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.

(6) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

(7) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and as deputy chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens or by minor party and independent senators.

(8) That the deputy chair shall act chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.

(9) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

(10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

(11) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
(12) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.

(13) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

**Five sitting days after today (26 November 2019)**

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

*Notice given 11 September 2019*

1 **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells):** To move—That the Air Services Regulations 2019, made under the Air Services Act 1995, be disallowed [F2019L00371].

*Six 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 Fierravanti-Wells):** To move—That the Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2018, made under the Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018, be disallowed [F2019L00198].

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

**On 26 November 2019**

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

*Notice given 2 July 2019*

1 **Senator Rice:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 3 December 2019:

The continuing discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, intersex and queer people and their families in Australia, its prevalence and its impacts, including:

(a) existing discrimination within federal, state and territory law and policy;
(b) experience of discrimination in Australian life, including but not limited to educational settings, workplaces, aged care, healthcare, sporting clubs and organisations, religious organisations, the provision of government services, including where contracted out, and in the provision of goods, services, housing and accommodation;
(c) where discrimination is sanctioned by federal, state and territory legislation and where it is occurring in breach or potential breach of legislation;
(d) how this discrimination affects the human rights, legal rights, access to justice, health, wellbeing and educational and economic outcomes of LGBTIQ+ people in Australia;
the additional and compounding impacts of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, of different or minority race, ethnicity or religion, or on the grounds of their migrant status, age, ability and socio-economic background or circumstances, who have intersectional LGBTIQ+ identities, or who have a range of these personal characteristics;

(f) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs for young people;

(g) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs based on whether they live in urban, regional, rural or remote areas;

(h) the specific discrimination, stigmatisation and human rights violations, including harmful practices in medical settings, experienced by people born with variations of sex characteristics, including infants, children and adolescents, and also encompassing prenatal interventions due to variations of sex characteristics;

(i) the broad range of sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts and associated formal and informal activities, particularly by religious organisations, and the impacts of these on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and queer people;

(j) the reforms and initiatives required to remedy prejudice, stigma and discrimination against LGBTIQ+ people and their families, including legislative and policy reforms, funding for training and education programs, funding for community and government initiatives, development of funded government strategies, better liaison between government, relevant NGOs and the LGBTIQ+ community, and the development of national standards for best-practice legislative, policy and program initiatives; and

(k) any other related matters.

Seven sitting days after today (28 November 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

Notice given 16 September 2019

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Quality of Care Amendment (Minimising the Use of Restraints) Principles 2019, made under the Aged Care Act 1997, be disallowed [F2019L00511].

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

2 Senator McKim, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights: To move—That the Quality of Care Amendment (Minimising the Use of Restraints) Principles 2019, made under the Aged Care Act 1997, be disallowed [F2019L00511].

Eight sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 28 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1. **Privileges—Standing Committee**
   Report to be presented on the development of a foreign influence transparency scheme.

2. **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Australia’s declarations made under certain international laws.

3. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On 4 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

On 5 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1. **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

2. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register for all horses.

3. **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on regional inequality in Australia.

On 7 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Economics Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*
On the last sitting day in February 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of changes to service delivery models on the administration and running of Government programs.

On 28 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

*1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On 1 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of auditing in Australia.

On the first sitting day in March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s oil and gas reserves.

On the first sitting Wednesday in March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Centrelink’s compliance program.

On the third sitting day in March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

*1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s dairy industry.

On 16 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia.
On 27 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the adequacy of Newstart and related payments.

On or before 30 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Road Safety—Joint Select Committee
   Interim report to be presented.

On 31 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017.
   (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

April 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the road transport industry.

On the last sitting day of the 2020 Autumn sittings

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s faunal extinction crisis.

On the Thursday of the first sitting week in May 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the last sitting day in May 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on nationhood, national identity and democracy.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment.
On the first sitting day in June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  **Community Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

On the Wednesday of the first sitting week in June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping.

On the last sitting day in June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Australia’s sovereign naval shipbuilding capability.

On or before 31 July 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  **Road Safety—Joint Select Committee**
   Final report to be presented.

On 30 September 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the management of the Inland Rail project.

On 1 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef.

On 7 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  **Australia’s Family Law System—Joint Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

On or before the first sitting day in October 2020

General Business—Order of the day
1  **Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.
On 1 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

2 Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan
   Report to be presented on the Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019.
   *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On or before the final sitting day of 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day in May 2022

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Implementation of the National Redress Scheme—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

Within 6 months of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters receiving the reference

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
   *(Bill received royal assent on 29 November 2018.)*

Date unspecified

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

*1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula.
Other information

Bills currently before committees

**Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡**
Referred to Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 28 November 2019)

**Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019 ‡**
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 July 2019; reporting date: 11 November 2019)

**Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017 ‡**
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 31 March 2020)

**Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019 ‡**
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 5 December 2019)

**Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019 ‡**
Referred to Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: 1 November 2020)

**Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡**
Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 7 February 2020)

**Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡**
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 20 November 2019)

**Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019 [provisions], the VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019 [provisions] and the Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡**
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 17 October 2019; reporting date: 22 November 2019)

**Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019 ‡**
Referred to Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 11 November 2019)
Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 October 2019; reporting date: 28 February 2020)

Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: the Thursday of the first sitting week in May 2020)
* Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

Bills discharged or negatived

Private senators’ bills

Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018
Second reading negatived, 29 July 2019.

Questions on notice

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 565, 586, 624, 632, 637, 651, 675, 864, 900 to 935.

Question nos, as shown, from 565 to 900 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

The full text of Question on Notice and their answers are available online at Questions on Notice.

Orders of the Senate

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

Community Affairs
Health
Social Services, including Services Australia

Economics
Industry, Innovation and Science
Treasury

Education and Employment
Education
Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, including Industrial Relations
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, excluding Industrial Relations
Home Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Agriculture
Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Environment and Communications References Committee—Determination of committee 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—2018-19 additional estimates; 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates

(1) That the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
Monday, 21 October and Tuesday, 22 October 2019 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 23 October and Thursday, 24 October 2019 (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters and on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 25 October 2019, but not restricted to that day.

(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 4 July 2019)

**Estimates questions (unanswered)—2019-20 Budget estimates**

That—

(a) answers to outstanding questions taken on notice in relation to the 2018-19 additional estimates and the 2019-20 Budget estimates, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the 46th Parliament, be provided to legislation committees by 31 July 2019; and

(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering each of the unanswered questions is 31 July 2019.

(Agreed to 29 July 2019)

**Formal business and suspensions of standing orders—Standing order 66—Amendment**

That, in accordance with the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2019, standing order 66 be amended as follows:

After paragraph (3), insert:

(4) The question on any motion to suspend standing orders moved in the following circumstances shall be put immediately without any amendment or debate:

(a) any motion to suspend standing orders to provide for the consideration of a motion for which formality has been denied; and

(b) any other motion to suspend standing orders moved during consideration of formal business under standing order 66.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)
Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation
That, on Monday, 11 November 2019, to enable senators to attend Remembrance Day services:

(a) the Senate meet at 12.30 pm;
(b) the routine of business from 12.30 pm till 2 pm shall be consideration of private senators’ bills; and
(c) any proposal pursuant to standing order 75 shall not be proceeded with.

(Agreed to 17 October 2019)

Indigenous Australians—

Closing the Gap statement—Resolution
That each year, on the day on which the Prime Minister presents the annual report on progress in meeting the ‘Closing the Gap’ targets, the sitting of the Senate be suspended 10 minutes prior to the time set for the presentation of the report in the House of Representatives, until the ringing of the bells, to enable senators to attend.

Languages—Amendment to standing order 35 and resolution
At the end of standing order 35, add:

(3) If evidence is heard by a committee in an Indigenous Australian language the transcript of that evidence shall record both:

(a) the evidence as submitted in the Indigenous Australian language; and
(b) an English translation of the evidence.

Resolution:
The Senate resolves that, where a committee has heard evidence in an Indigenous Australian language, the transcription by Hansard staff of the evidence as submitted, and its translation into English, should be assisted by the person who gave evidence or a person from their community.

(Agreed to 17 October 2019 upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s second report of 2019)

Meeting of Senate—2019
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2019 be as follows:

Winter sittings:
   Monday, 22 July to Thursday, 25 July
   Monday, 29 July to Thursday, 1 August
Spring sittings:
Monday, 9 September to Thursday, 12 September
Monday, 16 September to Thursday, 19 September
Monday, 14 October to Thursday, 17 October
Monday, 11 November to Thursday, 14 November
Monday, 25 November to Thursday, 28 November
Monday, 2 December to Thursday, 5 December.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

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 Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
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 Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
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 Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)
   Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Patrick

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

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

   Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Patrick

6 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.

7 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.

8 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

9 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.
10 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
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
11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
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
12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
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
13 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
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
14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
    Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
    Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
    Senator Bernardi
    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.

Appointments to statutory authorities

**National Archives of Australia Advisory Council**
Senator Carr *(appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years).*

**Council of the National Library of Australia**
Senator Bilyk *(appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years).*

**Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust**
Senators Abetz and Carr *(appointed 1 August 2019).*

Temporary chairs of committees

Senators Askew, Bernardi, Bilyk, Brockman, Brown, Faruqi, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Gallacher, Griff, Kitching, Sterle and Stoker

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate
# Ministerial representation

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Minister for Finance  
Vice-President of the Executive Council  
Leader of the Government in the Senate | Prime Minister  
Minister for the Public Service  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service and Cabinet  
Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure  
Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
Minister for Housing |
| Senator the Honourable Bridget McKenzie  
Minister for Agriculture | Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management |
| Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham  
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate | Assistant Trade and Investment Minister  
Minister for Education  
Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction  
Minister for the Environment |
| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Women | Minister for International Development and the Pacific  
Attorney-General  
Minister for Industrial Relations |
| Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck  
Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians  
Minister for Youth and Sport |  |
| Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash  
Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business | Minister for Health  
Minister for Home Affairs  
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs |
| Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan  
Minister for Resources and Northern Australia | Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development  
Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government  
Minister for Industry, Science and Technology |
| Senator the Honourable Linda Reynolds, CSC  
Minister for Defence | Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts  
Assistant Defence Minister  
Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel  
Minister for Defence Industry |
| Senator the Honourable Anne Ruston  
Minister for Families and Social Services  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate | Minister for Indigenous Australians  
Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme  
Minister for Government Services |

**ASSISTANT MINISTERS – DESIGNATED AS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES UNDER THE MINISTERS OF STATE ACT 1952**

| Senator the Honourable Jane Hume  
Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology |  |
| Senator the Honourable Zed Seselja  
Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters |  |
| Senator the Honourable Jonathon Duniam  
Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries  
Assistant Minister for Regional Tourism |  |
# Senate sittings and estimates hearings for 2019

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**Key**
- `<`—Date of Senate ⅔ Cut-Off
- S—Senate sitting week only
- ‡—Supplementary Budget estimates
- *—Cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters, and Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters