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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
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- Business of the Senate
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Order of the Day

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017  
In committee (19 March 2018).

2 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).

3 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).

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

5 Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)  

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

7 Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 February 2018).

8 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).
9 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).

10 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).

11 Investigation and Prosecution Measures Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

12 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).

*13 Treasury Laws Amendment (Illicit Tobacco Offences) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

*14 Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Veteran-centric Reforms No. 1) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

*15 Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding for Proprietary Companies) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

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 Treasury Laws Amendment (Income Tax Consolidation Integrity) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

18 Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2018
Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017
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*19 Social Services Legislation Amendment (14-month Regional Independence Criteria) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
*20 Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

21 Proceeds of Crime Amendment (Proceeds and Other Matters) Bill 2017—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
  Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 February 2018).

*22 Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 1) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

*23 Imported Food Control Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

*24 Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

*25 National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018

*26 Crimes Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme—Worker Screening) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

*27 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 5) Bill 2017
  ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Amendment Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

  Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

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

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

31 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
  Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).
32 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

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

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

35 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).

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

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

38 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).

39 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).

40 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).

41 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).

42 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).

43 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2017).
44 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

45 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).

46 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).

47 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).

48 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)
49 National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

50 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).

51 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).

52 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).

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

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

55 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).

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

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

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

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

60 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).
No. 88—20 March 2018

61 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).

62 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).

Notice of Motion

Notice given 19 March 2018

*1 Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham): To move—That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:

(a) Wednesday, 21 March 2018—Senator Martin; and
(b) Tuesday, 27 March 2018—Senator Keneally.

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 19 March 2018

*733 Senators Griff and Pratt: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the failure of the Government to adequately fund the Federal Circuit Court of Australia and the Family Court of Australia,

(ii) that the Government’s neglect of the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia means that families facing the most serious family law issues can wait up to three years before a final trial,

(iii) that the continued failure by the Government to adequately resource the family law system has served to create a snowballing effect, the social and economic cost of which will continue to be felt by the community for years to come,

(iv) that the Government has failed to consult with the courts and the legal profession to formulate a clear plan for the future,
that, in March 2014, a report by KPMG, commissioned by the Attorney-General’s Department, into the funding of federal courts was presented to the Government but has still not been released,

(vi) that the KPMG report, obtained by *The Australian* in 2014, warned of significant cuts to service and staffing levels potentially leading to increased delays in litigation, the closure of smaller registries and cutbacks to services in regional Australia,

(vii) that the warnings in the KPMG report appear to have gone unheeded by the Government,

(viii) that, in 2014-15, as part of the response to the KPMG report, the Attorney-General’s Department undertook additional work with Ernst & Young to develop costings scenarios involving federal courts, and

(ix) that KPMG’s comprehensive report confirming the financial crisis facing federal courts and proposing a range of possible solutions, along with the Ernst & Young costings in response to the KPMG report, should be released prior to the Senate voting on the Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Attorney-General, by 9.30 am on 22 March 2018:

(i) the KPMG report into the funding of federal courts, and

(ii) the Ernst & Young costings in response to the KPMG report.

*Notice of motion altered on 19 March 2018 pursuant to standing order 77.*

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

(a) congratulates Future Bayswater for their success at the recent 2017 Planning Institute Australasian (PIA) Western Australian Awards for Planning Excellence in winning the following awards:

PIA 2017 WA Winner of Community Engagement Project,
PIA 2017 WA State Planning Champion, and
PIA 2017 Commendation, President’s Award;

(b) notes that the Awards recognise and acknowledges quality, innovation and excellence in planning; and

(c) particularly acknowledges Mr Paul Shanahan, Chairman and founder of Future Bayswater, who was named the PIA 2017 State Planning Champion, which recognises non-planners for their advocacy and for making a significant contribution and lasting presence to the urban and regional environment.

**Senator Leyonhjelm:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in contrast to New Zealand’s comprehensive GST, Australia’s GST does not apply to a significant range of products, such as various healthcare products and essential services, including water,

(ii) healthcare products that are listed as GST-free in the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (the GST Act), an Act of the Commonwealth Government, include medical devices and aids, such as incontinence pads,
the Minister for Health is empowered under section 38.47 of the GST Act to unilaterally declare additional goods to be GST-free – previous Commonwealth Health Ministers have used this power to make various goods GST-free, including condoms, lubricants, folic acid, sunscreen and nicotine patches and gums,

(iv) GST on tampons and sanitary pads is estimated to contribute around $30 million to the $63 billion in annual GST revenues,

(v) tampons and sanitary pads are essential healthcare products, and

(vi) it is therefore inequitable for incontinence pads, condoms, lubricants, folic acid, sunscreen, and nicotine patches and gums to be GST-free on health grounds, and for water to be GST-free on the grounds of water being essential, but for tampons and sanitary pads to be subject to GST; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to remove the GST on tampons and sanitary pads.

*736 Senator Polley: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the latest waiting list for aged care home packages for the December quarter indicates there are around 105 000 vulnerable older Australians waiting for the home care package for which they have been approved,

(ii) the waiting list includes 82 000 older Australians waiting with high needs – many are living with dementia, and

(iii) the waiting list has grown by almost 15 000 since the home care package reforms were introduced by the Government just a year ago;

(b) calls on the Minister for Aged Care to explain why he described the current waiting list as being on a “positive trajectory”; and

(c) condemns the Turnbull Government for failing to care for older Australians and providing no solutions to deal with the growing home care package waiting list crisis.

*737 Senator Macdonald: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Queensland Teachers’ Union (QTU) has committed to ensuring there are Eureka Flags in every school in Queensland in solidarity with the CFMEU;

(b) expresses its disgust at the politicisation of education in Queensland by having the QTU attempt to influence students politically;

(c) further notes that it is, and reiterates support for, the long observed bi-partisan position that Australian school children should be given the freedom to develop and evolve in an environment that is free from the intrusion of any particular political bias;

(d) calls upon the QTU to desist from this unacceptable attempt to politicise classrooms; and

(e) commends the LNP for committing to keeping schools a place for learning rather than politics.
Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that decisions to amalgamate trade unions should rest with the members of the respective organisations as expressed in a ballot; and

(b) calls on the Government to respect democracy in trade unions and the role they play in protecting their members’ interests.

Senator Moore: To move—That the Senate notes—

(a) the recent death of Mr Morgan Tsvangirai, long-term leader of the fight for a democratic and free Zimbabwe;

(b) that Mr Tsvangirai, a mine worker and strong trade unionist for over 30 years, visited Australia in 2001 and 2013, and provided real inspiration for many Australians who shared the hope for a free Zimbabwe, and open democratic government;

(c) that Mr Tsvangirai was the leader of the Movement for Democratic Change opposition, which contested elections against the Robert Mugabe ZANU PF, culminating in a victory in March 2008, and for a term as Prime Minister;

(d) that, despite imprisonment, torture and years of violence surrounding elections and challenges to government processes in Zimbabwe, Mr Tsvangirai provided leadership and resilient opposition and his spirit will continue to inspire his party, and the people of his homeland and around the world; and

(e) that, while Mr Tsvangirai will not see the transition to a new democratic era in Zimbabwe, the commitment of President Emmerson Mnangagwa “to very peaceful, transparent and harmonised elections in July this year” and the statement by United Nations Development Programme administrator Mr Achim Steiner, noting elections are “first and foremost for Zimbabweans” and welcoming “President Mnangagwa’s election pledge for a credible and peaceful election” are important milestones for a successful transition to a more democratic Zimbabwe.

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that 20 March is World Oral Health Day, a day to promote good oral hygiene practices to adults and children around the world, and acknowledge the importance of good oral health in maintaining general health and well-being;

(b) acknowledges the publication today, Australia’s Children and Young People Oral Health Tracker, placing Australia as the first country in the world to have established clear and measurable oral health targets;

(c) expresses concern that:

(i) close to a third of children (5 to 10 years old) have untreated tooth decay, and almost half of Australian children had not visited a dentist before their fifth birthday,

(ii) almost half of adults have not had a check-up in the last 12 months; 90 per cent of adults have suffered from tooth decay, and approximately 1 in 5 Australians have gum disease, and

(iii) three in four Australian children and nearly 50 per cent of adults are consuming too much sugar;
(d) recognises that cost is a major barrier to access to dental care across the community, and that the lower a person’s income, the more likely they are to have chronic oral health problems;

(e) further notes that oral diseases can impact every aspect of life, from personal relationships and self-confidence to school, work, housing and even enjoying food, as well as having very serious health consequences, like leading to low birth weight and premature babies and increased risk of heart disease; and

(f) calls on the Government to invest in, and promote the availability of, Medicare-funded dental care to ensure every Australian has access to the oral health care they need.

ORDER OF THE SENATE—EXPLANATION

716 National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing—Attendance by minister and explanation

Requires the Minister for Indigenous Affairs 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. (Motion of Senator Dodson agreed to 14 February 2018.)

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.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (21 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Intelligence Services Amendment (Establishment of the Australian Signals Directorate) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 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.)

4 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.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

*1 Intelligence Services Amendment (Establishment of the Australian Signals Directorate) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

*2 Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 19 March 2018

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) 21 March 2018 is the International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and
   (ii) although Australia has implemented the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination into its domestic law through the Racial Discrimination Act, racially discriminatory provisions remain in the Australian Constitution and there is still no entrenched provision for fundamental rights in Australian law;

(b) further notes that:
   (i) the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination observes that expressions of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia, including in the Australian public sphere, political debates and in the media, are on the rise, and
   (ii) according to the Face Up to Racism: 2015-16 National Survey:
         (A) nearly a quarter of participants had experienced racism on public transport or in the street, and
         (B) nearly a third of participants had experienced racism in the workplace or within an educational institution; and

(c) urges the Australian Government to act on the recommendations – including strengthening anti-racism programs like the National Anti-Racism Strategy, and underlining the importance of political discourse and the Racial Discrimination Act in setting a standard – in the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination’s concluding observations on the eighteenth to twentieth periodic reports of Australia.

On 22 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 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.)
On 23 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 2) Bill 2018 and Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

*1 Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 2) Bill 2018
Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

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.

On 27 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2017-18 additional estimates.

Five 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].
   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 Williams): To move—That the Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Allocation - Multi-band Auction) Determination 2017, made under the Radiocommunications Act 1992, be disallowed [F2017L01255].
   Six 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].
   Six 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].
   Six 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].

Six 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.

5 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 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 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—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 February 2018

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

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

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.)

2 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.

Eight 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].

Nine 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 5 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

  1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

      Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

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.

         Nine 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].

      *Ten 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.
Thirteen sitting days after today (25 June 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 15 February 2018

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Futures Markets) 2017, made under the Corporations Act 2001, be disallowed [F2017L01475].

Fourteen 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 ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) 2017, made under the Corporations Act 2001, be disallowed [F2017L01474].

Fourteen 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 Australian Education Amendment (2017 Measures No. 2) Regulations 2017, made under the Australian Education Act 2013, be disallowed [F2017L01501].

Fourteen 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 Civil Aviation Order 20.91 Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 1), made under the Civil Aviation Act 1988, be disallowed [F2017L01471].

Fourteen 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 Customs (International Obligations) Amendment (Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement Amendment Implementation) Regulations 2017, made under the Customs Act 1901, be disallowed [F2017L01486].

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

6 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules 2017 (No. 6) [F2017L01513]—Corrected authorised version, made under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007, be disallowed.

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

7 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 67/00 - Installation of Lighting and Light Signalling Devices on Three-Wheeled Vehicles) 2006 Amendment 1, made under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989, be disallowed [F2017L01494].

Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
8 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 86/00 - Parking Lamps) 2016, made under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989, be disallowed [F2017L01497].

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

9 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 87/00 - Cornering Lamps) 2016, made under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989, be disallowed [F2017L01484].

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

10 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 74/00 - Side Marker Lamps) 2006 Amendment 1, made under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989, be disallowed [F2017L01479].

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

11 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 84/00 - Front Underrun Impact Protection) 2009 Amendment 1, made under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989, be disallowed [F2017L01516].

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

12 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 13/00 - Installation of Lighting and Light Signalling Devices on other than L-Group Vehicles) 2005 Amendment 6, made under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989, be disallowed [F2017L01493].

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

13 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 19/02 - Installation of Lighting and Light Signalling Devices on L-Group Vehicles) 2005 Amendment 1, made under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989, be disallowed [F2017L01481].

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

On 26 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2018-19 Budget estimates.

2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.
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 or before 30 July 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 **Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**  
  Interim report to be presented.

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 17 October 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 **Community Affairs References Committee**  
   Report to be presented on mental health services in rural and remote Australia.
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 or before 29 November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
   Final 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.

On 4 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the last sitting day in June 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on regional inequality in Australia.
As soon as practicable after the High Court makes a declaration following a special count from the 2016 Senate election

Order for Production of Documents

1 Rotation of senators—Section 13 of the Constitution—Order for production of documents

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. (Motion of the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) agreed to 13 February 2018.)

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 4 December 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: 21 March 2018)

Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 November 2017; reporting date: 21 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: 28 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)

Intelligence Services Amendment (Establishment of the Australian Signals Directorate) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 21 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)

Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 5 June 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: 22 March 2018)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 2) Bill 2018 [provisions]
Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 23 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


Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 697 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
    Human Services
    Social Services

Economics
    Jobs and Innovation (Industry, Innovation and Science)
    Treasury

Education and Employment
    Education and Training
    Jobs and Innovation (Jobs and Small Business)

Environment and Communications
    Communications and the Arts
    Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
    Finance
    Parliament
    Prime Minister and Cabinet
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—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 Routine 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)

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)
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   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)
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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.

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Questions without notice

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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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)
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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

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

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives
Senator Moore (appointed 15 February 2018, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
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