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Notices of Motion

Notice given 8 May 2018


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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 19 June 2018
(Notice given 18 June 2018)

Notice given 18 June 2018

*2 Senator Watt: To move—That the following bills be referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 August 2018:
(a) Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2018;
(b) A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge-Fringe Benefits) Amendment (Excess Levels for Private Health Insurance Policies) Bill 2018; and
(c) Medicare Levy Amendment (Excess Levels for Private Health Insurance Policies) Bill 2018.

*3 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 13 July 2018:
The 2017-18 Budget Measure Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program, with particular reference to:
(a) the delivery of the Reef 2050 Plan, including through the Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program and through other avenues;
(b) the proficiency of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and its capacity to deliver components of the Reef 2050 Plan;
(c) the proficiency of other organisations and their capacity to deliver components of the Reef 2050 Plan;
(d) the process of granting funding to the Great Barrier Reef Foundation for the Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program, the terms of agreement for funding, and the ongoing administration of funding;
(e) the prior activities and operations of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, including research, public-policy advocacy and fund-raising;
(f) the establishment, governance and membership of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, including the management of conflicts of interest and commercial interests; and
(g) any other related matters.
*4 Senator Cameron: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by 17 September 2018:

The exploitation of general and specialist cleaners working in retail chains for contracting or subcontracting cleaning companies, with particular reference to:

(a) frameworks at both Commonwealth and industry level to protect workers from harm, including exploitation, wage theft, underpayment, wage stagnation and workplace injury;
(b) measures designed to ensure workers have adequate representation and knowledge of their rights;
(c) compliance with relevant workplace and taxation laws, including the effectiveness and adequacy of agencies such as the Fair Work Ombudsman and the Australian Taxation Office;
(d) practices including ‘phoenixing’ and pyramid subcontracting; and
(e) any related matters.

*5 Senator Farrell: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 17 September 2018:

The use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), with particular reference to:

(a) the current and past policies and practices for:
   (i) prescribing Quinoline anti-malarial drugs to ADF personnel, and
   (ii) identifying and reporting adverse drug reactions from Quinoline anti-malarial drugs among ADF personnel;
(b) the nature and extent of any adverse health effects of those who have taken Mefloquine/Tafenoquine on serving and former ADF personnel;
(c) the support available for partners, carers and families of personnel who experience any adverse health effects of Quinoline anti-malarial drugs;
(d) a comparison of international evidence/literature available on the impact of Quinoline anti-malarials;
(e) how other governments have responded to claims regarding Quinoline anti-malarials; and
(f) any other related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on mitochondrial donation.

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

*1 National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2018
   National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2018
   In committee (18 June 2018).

*2 Water Amendment Bill 2018
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 June 2018).

*3 Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 June 2018).

4 Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (Student Loan Sustainability) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

5 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)

*6 Treasury Laws Amendment (Black Economy Taskforce Measures No. 1) Bill 2018
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 June 2018).

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

8 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).

*9 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2018
   Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2018—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 June 2018).

10 National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018
**11** Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Veteran-centric Reforms No. 2) Bill 2018—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 June 2018).

12 Interactive Gambling Amendment (Lottery Betting) Bill 2018—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 May 2018).

**13** Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2018
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 June 2018).

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

15 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan No. 2) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

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

17 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).

**18** Treasury Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2018—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 June 2018).

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

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

**21** Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2018
A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Amendment (Excess Levels for Private Health Insurance Policies) Bill 2018
Medicare Levy Amendment (Excess Levels for Private Health Insurance Policies) Bill 2018—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 June 2018).
22. Road Vehicle Standards Bill 2018
   Road Vehicle Standards (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018
   Road Vehicle Standards Charges (Imposition—General) Bill 2018
   Road Vehicle Standards Charges (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2018
   Road Vehicle Standards Charges (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2018—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 June 2018).

23. Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

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

25. 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).

26. Primary Industries Research and Development Amendment Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 May 2018).

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

28. 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).

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

30. 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).

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

32. 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).
33 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).

34 Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 May 2018).
Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

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

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

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

38 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).

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

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

41 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).

42 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).

43 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
44 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).

45 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).

46 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).

47 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).

48 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).

49 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).

50 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).

51 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).

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

53 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).
54 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).
55 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).
56 Migration Amendment (Visa Revalidation and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
57 Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development
   and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).
58 Treasury Laws Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Employer Register) Bill
   2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 May 2018).
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).
61 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
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   Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability
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   Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment
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   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)
62 National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

63 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).

64 Budget statement and documents 2018-19
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (10 May 2018).

65 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 18 June 2018

*1 Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham): To move—That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 27 June 2018, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator David Smith to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

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 10 May 2018

828 Senator Bilyk: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Charity Fundraising in the 21st Century, be established to inquire into and report on the current framework of fundraising regulation for charities and options for reform, with particular reference to:

(a) whether the current framework of fundraising regulation creates unnecessary problems for charities and organisations who rely on donations from Australian supporters;
(b) whether current fundraising laws meet the objectives that guided the
decision to regulate donations;
(c) whether current fundraising compliance regimes allow charities to
cultivate donor activity and make optimal use of resources donors
provide;
(d) the loss in productivity for the thousands of charities who try to meet
the requirements of the seven different fundraising regimes;
(e) whether the current frameworks for investigation and enforcement are
the best model for the contemporary fundraising environment;
(f) how Federal, State and Territory Governments could work together to
provide charities with a nationally-consistent, contemporary and fit-for-
purpose fundraising regime;
(g) the appropriate donor-focused expectations and requirements that
should govern fundraising regulation in the 21st century;
(h) how the Australian consumer law should apply to not-for-profit
fundraising activities;
(i) what are the best mechanisms to regulate third party fundraisers and
to ensure the culture of third party fundraisers matches community
perceptions of the clients they work with;
(j) whether a harmonised, contemporary fundraising regime could help in
addressing concerns about the potential influence of foreign money on
civil society and political debate in Australia;
(k) the cost to the charity and not-for-profit sector, and the communities
they serve, of postponing fundraising reform; and
(l) any other related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the first sitting
Thursday in October 2018.

(3) That the committee consist of six senators, as follows:
(a) two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
(b) two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
(c) one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
(d) one 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 the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business
notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and
appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
(6) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and as deputy chair the member nominated by minor party and independent senators.

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

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

(9) 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.

(10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three 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 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 of the Senate.

(12) 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.

Notice of motion altered on 18 June 2018 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 18 June 2018

*830 Senator Watt: To move—That—

(1) The Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care is required to attend the Senate at 9.30 am on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 to explain:

(a) when the Minister first knew that the answer provided in question time on 9 May 2018, relating to home care aged packages, was incorrect; and

(b) why the Minister failed to attend the chamber at the first available opportunity to correct the record.

(2) Any senator may move a motion to take note of the Minister’s statement, and any such motion may be debated for no longer than 1 hour, and have precedence over all government business until determined.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) on 18 June 2018, the Australian Parliamentarians Against the Death Penalty hosted a screening of *Guilty*, an Australian film about the final 72-hours in the life of Myuran Sukumaran, the Bali-9 convicted criminal who, along with Andrew Chan, was executed by a firing squad in Indonesia on 29 April 2015, and
(ii) on World Day Against the Death Penalty on 10 October 2018, screenings of *Guilty* are being held right around Australia to coincide with the Government’s efforts to negotiate a resolution on a moratorium on the death penalty at the United Nations Human Rights Council; and

(b) acknowledges the Government’s continued strong opposition to the death penalty and its work in releasing the text of a whole-of-government Strategy for the Abolition of the Death Penalty on 15 June 2018.

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

(a) notes the historic summit between the President of the United States, Mr Donald Trump, and the leader of North Korea, Mr Kim Jong-un; and

(b) congratulates President Trump for:

(i) achieving a diplomatic breakthrough his predecessors could not achieve,

(ii) advancing the de-escalation of tensions on the Korean peninsula, and

(iii) advancing the cause of denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula.

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

(a) notes that 23 June marks the second anniversary of the historic vote by the United Kingdom to withdraw from the European Union;

(b) acknowledges that the vote was conducted democratically and reflects the will of voters on a critical question of national sovereignty; and

(c) calls upon the Australian Government to advance as quickly as possible trade negotiations with both the United Kingdom and the European Union to improve our exporters’ access to both markets.

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

(a) notes the comments of the New South Wales Opposition Leader, Mr Luke Foley, highlighting the problems arising in Sydney from recent immigration trends;

(b) calls upon the Federal Government to comprehensively review the scope and composition of future migrant intakes; and

(c) urges the Federal Government to ensure that Australia’s immigration intake operates in the economic, social, cultural and security interests of all Australians.

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

(a) notes that the Liberal Party of Australia’s Federal Council recently passed a motion stating “That federal council calls for the full privatisation of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, except for services into regional areas that are not commercially viable”;

(b) further notes the comments of the Treasurer that the government has no plans to privatise the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC); and

(c) congratulates Liberal Party members for continuing to draw attention to the need for structural and budgetary reform of the ABC.
*836 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that:

(i) it has been almost 15 years since Daniel Morcombe, a thirteen-year old boy with his entire life ahead of him, was abducted and murdered by a serial predator with an extensive history of sexually abusing children,

(ii) at the time of committing this heinous crime, this paedophile, Brett Peter Cowan, was out on parole amongst an unsuspecting community with no knowledge as to the extent of his criminal history, and

(iii) one child becoming the victim of a known sex offender is a child too many; and

(b) notes that:

(i) for the safety of their children, the community deserves access to certain information held on the National Child Offender System, a publicly available national sex offender register, like ‘Megan’s Law’ in the United States of America, which would enable parents to identify potential risks for their children, and

(ii) a national register would act as an increased deterrent to potential, future child sexual abusers and has been proven in other countries to have a positive impact on sex offender recidivism.

*837 Senator Steele-John: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in May 2016, Maddocks Lawyers completed a report for the then Minister for Health, Ms Ley, and the Department of Health in relation to the Australian survivors of thalidomide, focusing on the relationship and responsibility of the Australian Government towards these survivors,

(ii) in October 2016, Thalidomide Group Australia submitted an application to the Department of Health seeking access to this report under the Freedom of Information Act 1982, and

(iii) in November 2016, the Department of Health refused access to this document to Thalidomide Group Australia, citing that the document is subject to legal professional privilege; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by no later than 3 pm on 20 June 2018, a copy of the report prepared by Maddocks Lawyers for former Minister Ley and the Department of Health in May 2016.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) 19 June 2018 is National TAFE Day, and

(ii) the day is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the public TAFE system;

(b) further notes that:

(i) since 2005, Government Vocational and Education Training (VET) funding has declined by 32 per cent, and
(ii) the share of publicly-funded students taught at TAFE has fallen from 81 per cent in 2009 to 50 per cent in 2015;

(c) recognises that TAFE is a cornerstone of Australia’s vocational education and training sector, and that its position and status within the sector is diminished when it is inadequately funded;

(d) acknowledges that TAFE should never be considered a competitor to the for-profit registered training operators, but has its own important function within the sector and the community more broadly; and

(c) calls on the Government to ensure that TAFEs are always fully-funded and publicly-owned, now and into the future.

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

(a) notes that on 6 September, 2013, Mr Abbott promised voters “no cuts to the ABC”;

(b) further notes that:

(i) the 2014-15 Budget cut the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s (ABC) funding by $47 million,

(ii) the 2014-15 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook cut the ABC’s funding by a further $207 million,

(iii) the 2018-19 Budget has cut the ABC by an additional $84 million,

(iv) since September 2013, the ABC has been forced to absorb 1,014 job losses as a result of budget cuts, and

(v) trust in politicians is at an all-time low, and that this is not without reason;

(c) condemns the Liberal Party’s decision over the weekend to support the privatisation of the ABC, noting that no members of the Turnbull Government, including the Minister for Communications, spoke against the motion; and

(d) calls on the Turnbull Government to make amends on its broken promises by rescinding its policy to privatise the ABC and reversing its damaging cuts.

*840 Senator Anning: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the religious and historical significance of Jerusalem; and

(b) calls for the Australian Government to:

(i) recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and

(ii) move the Australian Embassy to the western side of Jerusalem, which in any scenario for peace is not disputed.

Notice of motion altered on 18 June 2018 pursuant to standing order 77.

*841 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 80 per cent of people in Yemen are dependent on humanitarian assistance or protection,

(ii) 30 per cent of people in Yemen are severely food insecure and at risk of starvation,

(iii) 70 per cent of imports into Yemen flow through the Port of Hodeidah,

(iv) the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr Mark Lowcock, has warned that if the operation of the Port of Hodeidah was to be
interrupted the humanitarian consequences would be catastrophic, and
(v) the Saudi-led coalition’s military offensive on the City of Hodeidah is putting at risk the operation of the port; and

(b) calls upon the Australian Government to support:
   (i) United Nations’ efforts to find a non-military solution to the conflict in Yemen, and
   (ii) efforts by the United Nations to ensure the Port of Hodeidah remains operational, including, if necessary, a temporary United Nations takeover of the administration of the port.

*842 Chair of the Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers (Senator Watt): To move—that the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers be extended to 15 August 2018.

*843 Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (Senator O’Neill): To move—that the time for the presentation of the report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services on its inquiry into the Franchising Code of Conduct and Oil Code of Conduct be extended to 6 December 2018.

*844 Senator Polley: To move—that the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) 15 June 2018 was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day,
      (ii) World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is a global awareness day highlighting one of the most serious and silent forms of domestic violence, which is elder abuse,
      (iii) elder abuse is one of the worst manifestations of ageism in our society and can be physical, sexual, financial, psychological, social or neglectful,
      (iv) elder abuse continues to be primarily perpetrated by someone trusted, such as family or friends, and
      (v) elder abuse is everyone’s business and deserves the attention of everyone in the community;
   (b) urges federal, state, territory and local governments to raise awareness and to create communities where older people can live with dignity and respect, free from all forms of abuse; and
   (c) encourages all Australians to turn awareness into action, watch out for signs, offer help and stand against any mistreatment of older people.

*845 Senators Bilyk and Polley: To move—that the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) 20 May to 26 May 2018 was National Palliative Care Week (NPCW),
      (ii) the theme of NPCW 2018 was "What matters most?", which addresses the need for Australians to plan ahead for their end-of-life care and discuss it with their loved ones and health professionals,
      (iii) according to the Grattan Institute’s report, Dying Well, published in 2014, 70 per cent of Australians would prefer to die at home surrounded by loved ones, but only 14 per cent do so, and
(iv) most Australians die in hospitals and aged care facilities, and many experience what the Dying Well report refers to as 'impersonal, lingering and lonely deaths';

(b) encourages all Australians to make plans for their end-of-life care and to discuss their plans with loved ones and health professionals; and

(c) urges all senators and members to promote to their constituents the importance of planning for, and having conversations about, their end-of-life care.

*846 Senator Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Mieguyah, formerly known as Beverley Wood, is a heritage-listed house in Bowen Hills, Brisbane that was built in the 1880s—it is a living example of Victorian elegance and charm, decorated with iron-lace balustrades, filigree columns and friezes, and furnished in late 19th century styling,

(ii) the Queensland Women’s Historical Association (QWHA), acquired Mieguyah in 1967, began refurbishment and officially opened it as a house museum in June 1968,

(iii) in subsequent years funds have been received from an initial bequest from Miss Hilda Chandler and, later, Commonwealth and state governments, the Brisbane City Council, and contributions from the QWHA,

(iv) funds have enabled slow but steady progress on conserving part of our nation’s architectural heritage, to function as a museum and home for the QWHA,

(v) Mieguyah is treasured as a venue for a regular program of historical talks, themed exhibitions, seminars and social events, and owes its status not least to the innumerable voluntary woman and man hours put in by QWHA members and honorary architects alike,

(vi) the QWHA:

(A) was formed in 1950, with the aim to stimulate interest in the history of pioneer families and the contribution made by women to the development of Queensland,

(B) set out to educate and preserve a record of culture, and

(C) undertakes to collect documentary material, together with personal and household items that demonstrate our constantly changing lifestyle,

(vii) within a year, the QWHA held its first exhibition ‘Before 1900’ at Newstead House and, on the centenary of Queensland becoming a separate colony in 1959, its first publication appeared titled ‘1859 and Before That–1959 and All That’,

(viii) today, in the grounds of Mieguyah, stands a lamp as a memorial to Martha Young, QWHA president for 12 years from 1954, whose drive, enthusiasm and leadership contributed much to the Association’s successes, and who initiated a scheme to identify and mark buildings, properties and sites of outstanding significance to Queensland,
between 1960 and 1983, the QWHA recognised, and marked with plaques, 87 historic sites in Queensland, Britain and France,

with an expanding membership and collection in the 1960s, the QWHA needed a home of its own; fortuitously, colonial house Beverley Wood came on the market, and the QWHA led an appeal throughout the state, during 1967, to raise sufficient funds to save a colonial gem from demolition, and

the successful purchase of the house Miegunyah, with the aim of maintaining the property as a Memorial to the Pioneer Women of Queensland, represented a triumph for all members and has strengthened the QWHA’s ability to preserve our endangered heritage; and

acknowledges the incredible women’s history in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of Miegunyah House Museum in 2018.

*847 Senators Rhiannon and Cameron: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the latest census data indicates that there has been a 13.7 per cent rise in homelessness since 2011,

(ii) a well-functioning social housing system that is affordable for tenants is important in reducing homelessness,

(iii) charging tenants a proportion of income as rent, as opposed to market rent, has proved an effective way to ensure affordability, and

(iv) the Productivity Commission’s report no. 85, Introducing Competition and Informed User Choice into Human Services: Reforms to Human Services, recommends state and territory governments charge new social housing tenant market rents; and

(b) calls on the Turnbull Government to reject the recommendation that state and territory governments charge social housing tenants market rates.

*848 Senator Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Brisbane Combined Unions Choir was formed 30 years ago under the inspiration of union organisers, and continues with support from the Queensland Council of Unions, which still provides weekly rehearsal space – the choir was conceived by a dedicated bunch of unionists, intent upon using the arts to create a political message reflective of, and enjoyable to, working people, who took as their motto the saying, “a movement that sings, shall never die”,

(ii) when the Brisbane Combined Unions Choir met for the first time at the Queensland Teachers’ Union building, its inaugural members were dressed in the working gear of their union callings – the choir’s first performance was on Queensland’s Labour Day in 1988, off the back of a truck,

(iii) across three decades, the Brisbane Combined Unions Choir has had five conductors, commencing with Ms Libby Sara, followed by Mr Michael Roper, Ms Ann Bermingham, Mr Mark Shortis and, since 1997, Ms Marina Thacker – the choir has been involved in many significant events, recorded multiple CDs and produced songbooks of traditional and original political songs, and
(iv) the Brisbane Combined Unions Choir have travelled widely in Australia, even overseas, to collaborate with colleagues who enjoy singing and have performed with other union choirs – the key to the choir’s success, in bringing happiness to so many, has been the commitment of its members to rehearsals, planning events, and, of course, singing for unionism, peace and social justice; and

(b) acknowledges the strong tradition of union choirs as Brisbane Combined Unions Choir celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2018.

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**BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Future of Work and Workers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

   **On 21 June 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 22 June 2018**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 1 and Other Measures) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 25 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 May 2018


Twelve 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—Notice of Motion

Notice given 10 May 2018


Fourteen 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 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.

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

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 28 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order 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.)

On 6 July 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

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 31 July 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.

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.

3 Obesity epidemic in Australia—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

4 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the financial and tax practices of for-profit aged care providers.

On 15 August 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.

Ten sitting days after today (16 August 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2018

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

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On 16 August 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Final report to be presented on non-conforming building products.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Air Services Amendment Bill 2018. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*
On 17 August 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Criminal Code and Other Legislation Amendment (Removing Commonwealth Restrictions on Cannabis) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 22 August 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 23 August 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 tenth sitting day after 30 June 2018 (11 September 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2018.

On 18 September 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership.

On the last sitting day of September 2018 (20 September 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on industrial deaths in Australia.

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 30 September 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
Report to be presented on the Franchising Code of Conduct and Oil Code of Conduct.

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 18 October 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the ‘Commitment to the Senate’ issued by the Business Council of 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—Orders of the Day

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

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.

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 5 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on the mental health of first responders, emergency workers and volunteers.

On or before the second sitting Thursday of 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Stillbirth Research and Education—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

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

Air Services Amendment Bill 2018 ‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 28 March 2018; reporting date: 25 June 2018)

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)

Criminal Code and Other Legislation Amendment (Removing Commonwealth Restrictions on Cannabis) Bill 2018 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 May 2018; reporting date: 17 August 2018)

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 10 May 2018; reporting date: 22 June 2018)

Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 28 June 2018)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 March 2018; reporting date: 22 June 2018)

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

Government bills

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

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

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

Private senators’ bills

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

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

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 163 to 171, 315, 446, 494, 524, 525, 555, 620, 644, 650, 652, 689, 761, 775, 786, 787, 789, 809 to 827.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 789 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
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

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Attorney-General
Home Affairs

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016; varied 12 February and 15 February 2018)

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 Thursday, 31 May and Tuesday, 5 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).

(1A) That if a committee agrees to sit on 1 June instead of Tuesday, 5 June, then that be allowed if it suits the convenience of the committee.

(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.
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.

First speeches—Senators Storer and Stoker
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, 9 May 2018—Senator Storer; and

(b) Wednesday, 20 June 2018—Senator Stoker.

(Agreed to 9 May 2018)
Legislation committees—References
That—

(1) To ensure appropriate consideration of time critical bills by Senate committees, the provisions of all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 10 May 2018 and up to and including 31 May 2018 that contain substantive provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2018 (together with the provisions of any related bill) are referred to committees for inquiry and report by 18 June 2018.

(2) The committee to which each bill is referred shall be determined in accordance with the order of 31 August 2016, as amended, allocating departments and agencies to standing committees.

(3) A committee to which a bill has been referred may determine, by unanimous decision, that there are no substantive matters that require examination and report that fact to the Senate.

(4) This order does not apply in relation to bills which contain:
   (a) no provisions other than provisions appropriating revenue or moneys (appropriation bills); and
   (b) commencement clauses providing only for the legislation to commence on Royal Assent.

(Agreed to 9 May 2018)

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:

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(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

(ii) 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)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator O’Sullivan
   Senator Patrick
   Senator Storer

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

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

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

9 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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Order of business

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

Questions without notice

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
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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)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
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Senator Bernardi

Senator Leyonhjelm

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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

13 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
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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
Senator Moore (appointed 10 November 2016, for a period of 3 years).

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

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