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GENERAL BUSINESS—CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS

Orders of the Day

6 Poker Machine Harm Reduction ($1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading (restored 3 December 2013).

7 Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)
Second reading (restored 3 December 2013).

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee—Proposed reference
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—
(1) That the following matter be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2014:
   The provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013, with particular reference to:
   (a) the potential impact of the amendments to interfere with the ongoing operation of registered organisations in Australia; and
   (b) the potential of the amendments to impede the ability of employees of registered organisations to carry out their duties.
(2) That for the avoidance of doubt, standing order 115(3) applies to the consideration of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 and any related bills (Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 4 December 2013).

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013
   Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 2 from the House of Representatives (2 December 2013).

2 Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 November 2013).
3 Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.
And on the amendment moved by Senator Pratt—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate expresses concern over the impact that the abolition of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation will have on investment in renewable energy projects” (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 4 December 2013).
(Bill given precedence—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)

4 Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013—(Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).
(Bill given precedence—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)

5 Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).

6 Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).

7 Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).

8 Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).

9 True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).

10 True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).

11 Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).

12 Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).

13 **Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013**—
   (Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).

14 **Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013**—
   (Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Fifield, 2 December 2013).

15 **Australian Capital Territory Water Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2013**—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 November 2013).

16 **Governor-General’s Opening Speech**
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ruston—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

   To Her 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 (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 2 December 2013).

17 **Grape and Wine Legislation Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013**
   Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013
   Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Payne)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Payne, 3 December 2013).

*18 **Australian Civilian Corps Amendment Bill 2013**—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 December 2013).

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY RELATING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES AND AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS**

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McEwen, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

2 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Interim and final reports: The performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services—Government responses
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate take note of the documents (Senator Polley, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

3 Cyber Safety—Select Committee—Report—Options for addressing the issue of sexting by minors
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

4 Community Affairs References Committee—Interim report—Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

5 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Interim reports (2)—Ownership arrangements of grain handling
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the reports (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

7 Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Spectrum for public safety mobile broadband
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

8 Community Affairs References Committee—First and final reports—Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of people with disabilities in Australia
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the reports (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

9 Environment and Communications References Committee—Interim (2) and final reports—Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the reports (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General’s reports

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 3 of 2013-14—Performance audit—AIR 8000 Phase 2—C-27J Spartan Battlefield airlift aircraft—Department of Defence
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 14 November 2013).
2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 8 of 2013-14—Performance audit—The Australian Government Reconstruction Inspectorate’s conduct of value for money reviews of flood reconstruction projects in Queensland—Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 14 November 2013
28 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Marriage Act 1961 to create the opportunity for marriage equality for people regardless of their sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, and for related purposes. Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013.

Notice given 4 December 2013
*44 Senator Carr: To move—That the Senate—
(a) condemns:
   (i) the failure of the Government to provide answers on immigration policy and implementation, especially on serious incidents, to the Senate and the Australian people;
   (ii) the Government’s complete lack of transparency, and its reversion to secrecy in its conduct of the business of government, especially as it relates to immigration policy, and
   (iii) the Government for misleading the electorate on its immigration policies such as the Indonesian fishing boat buyback policy, bounties, wardens and turning boats back (where it is safe to do so); and
(b) calls on the Government to:
   (i) abandon unwarranted secrecy, and
   (ii) acknowledge the success of the Papua New Guinea Regional Resettlement arrangement in reducing boat arrivals and putting people smugglers out of business.

*45 Senators Rhiannon and Waters: To move—That the Senate—
(a) recognises that:
   (i) the Royal National Park in New South Wales is Australia’s first national park, one of the world’s oldest public parks, and the first to be proclaimed as a ‘national park’, and
   (ii) the Royal National Park is home to outstanding universal environmental, cultural and social values;
(b) congratulates the community group First National Park which, since 2010, has campaigned for the Royal National Park, Garawarra State Conservation Area and Heathcote National Park to be World Heritage listed, for winning
New South Wales State Government and Federal Government support for their World Heritage nomination; and

calls on the Abbott Government to:

(i) continue supporting the proposal to list the Royal National Park, Garawarra State Conservation Area and Heathcote National Park as a World Heritage site, and

(ii) affirm the importance of Australia’s national parks, and especially those already on the World Heritage List, by:

(A) guaranteeing federal safeguards to protect these parks from threats to their outstanding universal values from mining, grazing, logging, shooting and development, and

(B) recognising Australia has the highest level of extinctions in the world with a continuing species decline that is the worst of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries and among the world’s highest.

*46 Senator Wright: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the public comment period has started for Bight Petroleum’s referral (reference number 2013/6770) under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the Act), which sets out its intention to do seismic testing in Commonwealth waters, to the west of Kangaroo Island in South Australia;

(b) recognises the economic, ecological and social importance of the Kangaroo Island marine environment, first and foremost for the Kangaroo Island community, but also for South Australia as a whole; and

(c) calls on the Minister for the Environment to use his powers under the Act to decide against the proposed action.

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

(a) acknowledges the success of the Wage Connect program in helping long-term unemployed back into the workforce;

(b) expresses concern that this program has been suspended due to a high level of demand for this service; and

(c) calls on the Government to re-commence the scheme and increase the number of places available through it, particularly for older workers who face significant discrimination in the labour market.

Notice of motion altered on 4 December 2013 pursuant to standing order 77.

*48 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move—That the Senate—

(a) supports the Tasmanian Government’s Climate Smart strategy which aims to achieve 100 per cent renewable production and a 35 per cent cut in emissions on 1990 levels by 2020; and

(b) condemns the Abbott Government’s attempts to repeal the carbon price, which will remove up to $70 million per year from Hydro Tasmania and dividend payments to the Tasmanian budget.

*49 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Australia voted against United Nations (UN) resolution L18, which reaffirms ‘that the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian
Golan are illegal and an obstacle to peace and economic and social development’.

(ii) previously Australia had voted for this resolution for 15 out of the past 20 years, including under the former Liberal National Party Government,

(iii) Australia abstained in the vote on UN resolution L17, regarding the applicability of the Geneva conventions to the West Bank,

(iv) Australia has voted for similar resolutions at the UN in 16 of the past 20 years, and abstained in only four other years, and

(v) a Roy Morgan poll of November 2011 showed that 64 per cent of Australians polled, opposed the building of settlements on Occupied Palestinian Territories;

(b) calls on the Prime Minister, Mr Abbott, to ensure Australia in future supports UN resolutions that identify illegal Israeli settlements as a major roadblock to peace in the Middle East; and

(c) reaffirms its commitment to a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

*50 Senators Ruston and Fawcett: To move—That the Senate—

(a) celebrates the success of Rural Clinical Schools (RCS) around Australia, commenced in 1999 by the then Minister for Health and Aged Care, Dr Wooldridge, and continued by a subsequent former Minister for Health and Ageing, Mr Abbott;

(b) notes that:

(i) RCS were designed to overcome the maldistribution of all doctors, including general practitioners, across Australia, which left country regions short of general practitioners and other specialty doctors,

(ii) students undertaking training in rural locations have academic results that are equal to, or better than, their metropolitan counterparts,

(iii) published data from public universities show high rates of RCS graduates working in, or intending to work in, rural areas, and

(iv) the information gathered through an independent project tracking all Australian and New Zealand medical students, the Medical Schools Outcomes Database, demonstrates that long-term placements in a rural setting through RCS have a significant impact on the vocational choice and intention to practise in a rural or remote setting as well as future career specialty focus; and

(c) calls on the Government to:

(i) continue its support for these excellent initiatives, and

(ii) expand opportunities to create intern and postgraduate training places in rural locations to enhance the future of specialty medical service delivery with a focus on general practitioners in rural and regional Australia.

*51 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that

(i) the Attorney-General and the Prime Minister have made repeated reference to a regime of parliamentary oversight comprising the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence and Security when commenting on recent scandals pertaining to the
surveillance activities of Australia’s security and intelligence agencies, and
(ii) the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence and Security has not been re-established by the Government; and
(b) calls on the Government to immediately establish the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence and Security.

*52 Senator Xenophon: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Reserve Bank Act 1959, and for related purposes. Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013.

*53 Senator Carr: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than Tuesday, 10 December 2013, all incident reports, logs, briefings, ministerial notes, internal communications and other reports (excluding any publicly available documents), in relation to the reported incident that took place on Friday, 15 November 2013, involving the towing of an Indonesian vessel near Christmas Island by an Australian Customs, Navy or other government asset or vessel.

Order of the Day

1 Transport—The Australian Government’s aviation safety regulation review—Ministerial statement
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sterle—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 2 December 2013).

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2013
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Edwards, 14 November 2013).

2 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report—Australia in the Asian Century: towards 2025 – Country strategy—
   China
   India
   Indonesia
   Japan
   South Korea
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the documents (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Edwards, 14 November 2013).

4 Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Access and equity in government services—Report for 2010-12
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Edwards, 14 November 2013).

5 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia’s health 2013—Eleventh biennial report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Edwards, 14 November 2013).

6 Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education—Australian vocational education and training system—Report for 2011

7 Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Corporate plan 2013-14 to 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

9 Productivity Commission—Report no. 63—Safeguards inquiry into the import of processed tomato products: Accelerated report, dated 18 September 2013

10 Productivity Commission—Report no. 64—Safeguards inquiry into the import of processed fruit products: Accelerated report, dated 18 September 2013

11 Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

12 Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—
Report for 2012-13
Diversity and inclusion—Report for 2012-13
Statement of corporate intent 2013-14 to 2016-17
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the documents (adjourned, Senator Edwards, 14 November 2013).


14 Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2012-13
15 Health Workforce Australia—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Edwards, 14 November 2013).

16 Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Report for 2012-13

17 Australian Research Council—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 14 November 2013).

18 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 14 November 2013).


20 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2012-13

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 14 November 2013).

22 Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

23 Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

25 Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission—Report for the period 3 December to 30 June 2013
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).


28 Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

29 Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Polley, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

30 Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

31 Australian Institute of Criminology—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

32 Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

33 Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

34 Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

36 Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

37 Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

38 Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

39 NBN Co Limited—
Report for 2012-13
Letter to the Chairman of NBN Co Limited (Dr Switkowski) from the Minister for Communications (Mr Turnbull) and the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 24 October 2013
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Pratt—that the Senate take note of the documents (Senator Pratt, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

40 Productivity Commission—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

41 Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency—Report for 2012-13  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

42 Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited—Report for 2012-13  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

43 Australian Public Service Commissioner—Report for 2012-13, including report of the Merit Protection Commissioner  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Pratt—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Pratt, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

44 Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2012-13  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

45 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 2012-13  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

47 Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia—Report for 2012-13, including reports on the operation of the Bankruptcy Act 1966 and the Personal Property Securities Act 2009  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

48 Australian Agency for International Development—Report for 2012-13  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

49 Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2012-13  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

50 Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency—Report for 2012-13  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

51 Department of Infrastructure and Transport—Report for 2012-13  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

52 Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport—Report for 2012-13, including a report on the operation of the Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

53 Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism—Report for 2012-13, including report of Geoscience Australia
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

54 Moorebank Intermodal Company—Report for the period 13 December 2012 to 30 June 2013
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

55 National Competition Council—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

56 National Film and Sound Archive—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

57 National Health Performance Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

58 Australian Communications and Media Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

59 Australian Skills Quality Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

60 Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

61 Fair Work Ombudsman—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

63 Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

64 National Blood Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

65 National Health Funding Body—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

68 Tourism Australia—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

69 Aged Care Commissioner—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

70 Auditing and Assurance Standards Board—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

71 Australian Accounting Standards Board—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

72 Australian Customs and Border Protection Service—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

73 Australian National Preventive Health Agency—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

74 Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

75 Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

76 Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

77 Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

78 Clean Energy Finance Corporation—Report for the period 3 August 2012 to 30 June 2013
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).
79 Clean Energy Regulator—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

80 Director of National Parks—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

81 Future Fund Board of Guardians and Future Fund Management Agency (Future Fund)—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

82 National Mental Health Commission—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Pratt—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Pratt, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

83 Professional Services Review—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

84 Wine Australia Corporation—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

85 Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

86 Climate Change Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

87 Fair Work Commission (formerly Fair Work Australia)—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

88 Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Pratt—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Pratt, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

89 Australian Strategic Policy Institute Limited—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

90 Old Parliament House—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Faulkner—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Faulkner, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

91 Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

92 National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

93 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation**—Audio description trial on ABC Television, dated December 2012
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Stephens, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

94 **Wet Tropics Management Authority and State of the Wet Tropics**—Reports for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

95 **Torres Strait Regional Authority**—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

96 **Gene Technology Regulator**—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2013
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Kroger, in continuation, 3 December 2013).

97 **Outback Stores Pty Ltd**—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Moore, in continuation, 3 December 2013).

98 **Indigenous Business Australia**—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Kroger, in continuation, 3 December 2013).

99 **Low Carbon Australia Limited**—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Kroger, in continuation, 3 December 2013).

100 **Australian Public Service Commission**—State of the service—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Moore, in continuation, 3 December 2013).

101 **Workplace Gender Equality Agency (formerly Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency)**—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Moore, in continuation, 3 December 2013).

102 **Australian Institute of Family Studies**—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Moore, in continuation, 3 December 2013).

103 **Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation**—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Kroger, in continuation, 3 December 2013).

104 **Wheat Exports Australia**—Report for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Kroger, in continuation, 3 December 2013).

105 **Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2012-13**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Kroger, in continuation, 3 December 2013).

*106 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—**
Personal identifiers 1378/13, 1489/13, 1491/13, 1502/13, 1506/13, 1513/13, 1516/13, 1518/13, 1539/13, 1563/13, 1564/13/ 1568/13, 1578/13 to 1582/13, 1584/13, 1585/13, 1587/13, 1589/13 to 1592/13, 1601/13, 1618/13, 1624/13, 1626/13 to 1628/13, 1630/13, 1631/13, 1638/13, 1640/13, 1641/13, 1646/13, 1647/13, 1649/13, 1659/13 and 1670/13—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Brown, in continuation, 4 December 2013).

**Orders of the Day relating to Private Senators’ Bills**

1 **National Integrity Commission Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Milne)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Milne, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

2 **Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)**
Second reading (restored 13 November 2013).

6 **Poker Machine Harm Reduction ($1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**
Second reading (restored 3 December 2013).

7 **Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)**
Second reading (restored 3 December 2013).

**ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

27 **Environment—Response to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and COP 19 negotiating instructions—Order for production of documents**
By the Minister representing the Prime Minister, by 5 December 2013, the Government’s response to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 5th Assessment report and negotiating instructions to the Australian delegation attending COP 19 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. (Motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) agreed to 13 November 2013.)

**BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**
On the next day of sitting (9 December 2013)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

*1 Higher Education Support Amendment (Savings and Other Measures) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 December 2013).

*2 Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 December 2013).

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 4 December 2013

*1 Senator Madigan: To move—that the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 25 March 2014:
   The form of a referendum on an amendment to the Constitution confirming that all powers pertaining to making laws for marriage rest with the Commonwealth and that those powers may only be used to confirm marriage to be the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life, with particular reference to:
   (a) what question should be put to the electors;
   (b) any effect of the alteration on the Parliament's powers under section 51(xxi) of the Constitution;
   (c) the level of state and territory support;
   (d) the potential ramifications for states and territories if such an amendment was made; and
   (e) any other matters that the committee considers may be relevant to a decision on whether to conduct a referendum, and the timing of any referendum.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 November 2013

22 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment:
   (a) the current draft text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) plurilateral free trade agreement, by 5 December 2013;
   (b) any revisions to draft texts of the TPP plurilateral free trade agreement, within 5 days of the revision; and
   (c) the final text of the TPP plurilateral free trade agreement, within 5 days of the conclusion of negotiation.

Order for Production of Document

30 Communications—National Broadband Network—Strategic Review—Order for production of document
By the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, no later than noon on Monday, 9 December 2013, the Strategic Review of the National Broadband Network rollout. (Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 3 December 2013.)

Two sitting days after today (10 December 2013)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 2 December 2013

32 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to give parents of newborn babies detained in immigration detention unrestricted access to their children.

On 11 December 2013

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia Post.

Order for Production of Documents

29 Transport—East West Link—Order for production of documents
   By noon on Wednesday, 11 December 2013, by Infrastructure Australia or the Infrastructure Coordinator, all documents in relation to the East West Link project provided by the Victorian Government. (Motion of Senator Di Natale agreed to 2 December 2013.)

By the first sitting Wednesday in February 2014 (12 February 2014)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

4 Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

On 28 February 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the effect on Australian ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji, the effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia, and the proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand.
2 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD).

**By the first sitting day in March 2014 (3 March 2014)**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on Commonwealth procurement procedures.

**On 4 March 2014**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013.

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

3 Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)
Second reading (restored 13 November 2013).

**By the first sitting Wednesday in March 2014 (5 March 2014)**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

5 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

**Twelve sitting days after today (17 March 2014)**

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 2 December 2013

1 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Edwards): To move—That the Veterans’ Entitlements (Actuarial Certificate—Life Expectancy Income Stream Guidelines) Determination 2013, made under subsection 5JB(1C), paragraph 5JB(1A)(b) and subsection 5JB(5) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986, be disallowed. [F2013L00671]
Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

2 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Edwards): To move—That the Veterans’ Entitlements (Actuarial Certificate—Lifetime Income Stream Guidelines) Determination 2013, made under subsection 5JA(1B), paragraph 5JA(1)(b) and subsection 5JA(6) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986, be disallowed. [F2013L00670]

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

On 18 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on the 2013-14 additional estimates.

By the last sitting day in March 2014 (27 March 2014)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
Report to be presented on the effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy.

*2 Education and Employment References Committee
Report to be presented on Australian Building and Construction Commission, including the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and any related bills.

On 28 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on a review of the citrus industry in Australia.

On 30 May 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

As soon as practicable after 30 May 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Northern Australia—Joint Select Committee
Interim report to be presented.
On 10 June 2014
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 National Broadband Network—Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

On 24 June 2014
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
*1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2014-15 Budget estimates.

As soon as practicable after 30 June each year
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee
   Annual report to be presented on the activities of the committee during the year.

On 6 July 2014
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
*1 Northern Australia—Joint Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

On or before 30 September 2014
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—Joint Select Committee
   Interim report to be presented.

On or before 30 June 2015
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—Joint Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

No later than 24 hours after an event relating to ‘on water operations’
Order for Production of Documents
28 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Ministerial briefings and correspondence—Order for production of documents
   By the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than 24 hours after an event relating to ‘on water operations’, all
communications relating to that event. (Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 14 November 2013.)

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Referred to the Education and Employment References Committee (referred 4 December 2013; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2014).

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013‡
Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2013; reporting date: first sitting Wednesday in March 2014).

Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 4 December 2013; reporting date: 4 March 2014).

Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2013; reporting date: first sitting Wednesday in February 2014).

Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Senate Bills List.
‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 1 to 7, 9 to 12, 14 to 19 and 22 to 28

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

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Comprehensive estimates information, including reports presented, questions taken on notice and answers received is published online at www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates.

2013-14 supplementary Budget estimates
The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2013-14 supplementary Budget estimates are as follows:
GROUP A:
Environment and Communications ............................................ Friday, 17 January 2014
Finance and Public Administration ............................................ Friday, 17 January 2014
Legal and Constitutional Affairs ............................................. Thursday, 16 January 2014
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport ................................. Friday, 10 January 2014

GROUP B:
Community Affairs .......................................................... Friday, 24 January 2014
Economics ............................................................................. Friday, 17 January 2014
Education and Employment ..................................................... Wednesday, 15 January 2014
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ......................................... Friday, 17 January 2014

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

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Temporary orders and changes to standing orders

1 Address-in-reply—Suspension of standing order 3(4)
That standing order 3(4) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider business other than that of a formal character before the address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s opening speech has been adopted.
(Agreed to 12 November 2013.)

2 Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee—Amendment to standing order 19
That the Senate adopts the recommendation in the 54th report of the Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing to amend standing order 19.
Accordingly, standing order 19 was amended as follows:

19 Appropriations and Staffing
At the end of paragraph (3), add:
(e) when conferring with a similar committee of the House of Representatives, consider the administration and funding of information and communications technology services for the Parliament, and advise the President and the Senate as appropriate.

After paragraph (9), insert:
(9A) For the purposes of paragraph (3)(e), the committee shall have power to confer with a similar committee of the House of Representatives.
(Agreed to 27 November 2012.)

3 Consideration of non-controversial legislation—Amendment of standing order 57(1)(d)

The committee recommends that standing order 57(1)(d) be amended as follows:
Omit standing order 57(1)(d), substitute:
(d) On Thursday:
   (i) Petitions
   (ii) Notices of motion
   (iii) Postponement and rearrangement of business
   (iv) Formal motions – discovery of formal business
   (v) Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4)
   (vi) Government business
   (vii) At 12.45 pm, non-controversial government business only
   (viii) At 2 pm, questions
   (ix) Motions to take note of answers
   (x) Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency
   (xi) Not later than 4.30 pm, general business
   (xii) Not later than 6 pm, consideration of government documents under general business
   (xiii) Not later than 7 pm, consideration of committee reports and government responses under standing order 62(1)
   (xiv) At 8 pm, adjournment proposed
   (xv) At 8.40 pm, adjournment.

(Agreed to 12 March 2013.)

4 Consideration of private senators’ bills—Temporary order

(1) That:
   (a) standing orders 55(1), 57(1)(d) and 59 be modified as follows to provide for the consideration of general business orders of the day relating to bills on Thursdays from 9.30 am for not more than 2 hours and 20 minutes; and
   (b) this order operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2014 with effect from 2 December 2013.

55 Times of meetings

(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 12.30 pm – adjournment
   Wednesday 9.30 am – 8 pm
   Thursday 9.30 am – 8.40 pm

57 Routine of business

(1) The routine of business shall be:
   (d) On Thursday:
      (i) Petitions
      (ii) Notices of motion
      (iii) Postponement and rearrangement of business
(iv) Formal motions – discovery of formal business
(v) Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4)
(vi) Government business
(vii) At 2 pm, questions
(viii) Motions to take note of answers
(ix) Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency
(x) Not later than 4.30 pm, general business
(xi) Not later than 6 pm, consideration of government documents under general business
(xii) Not later than 7 pm, consideration of committee reports and government responses under standing order 62(1)
(xiii) At 8 pm, adjournment proposed
(xiv) At 8.40 pm, adjournment.

(2A) If a division is called for on Monday before 12.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned till after that time.

59 Government and general business

Government business shall take precedence over general business, except that general business shall take precedence over government business on Thursday as follows:

(a) from 9.30 am, for a period not exceeding 2 hours and 20 minutes, 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, and general business orders of the day shall take precedence over general business notices of motion on alternate Thursdays.

(Agreed to 22 November 2010 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s fourth report of 2010; continuation of temporary order agreed to 12 May and 24 November 2011, 27 June 2012 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2012, 6 February 2013, and 14 November 2013.)

5 Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2013 be as follows:

Spring sittings:
Tuesday, 12 November to Thursday, 14 November
Monday, 2 December to Thursday, 5 December
Monday, 9 December to Thursday, 12 December.

(Agreed to 13 November 2013.)

6 Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2014 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
Tuesday, 11 February to Thursday, 13 February
Monday, 3 March to Thursday, 6 March
Monday, 17 March to Thursday, 20 March
Monday, 24 March to Thursday, 27 March

Budget sittings:
Tuesday, 13 May to Thursday, 15 May

**Winter sittings:**
- Monday, 16 June to Thursday, 19 June
- Monday, 23 June to Thursday, 26 June
- Monday, 7 July to Thursday, 10 July
- Monday, 14 July to Thursday, 17 July

**Spring sittings:**
- Tuesday, 26 August to Thursday, 28 August
- Monday, 1 September to Thursday, 4 September
- Monday, 22 September to Thursday, 25 September
- Tuesday, 30 September to Thursday, 2 October

**Spring sittings (2):**
- Monday, 27 October to Thursday, 30 October

**Spring sittings (3):**
- Monday, 24 November to Thursday, 27 November
- Monday, 1 December to Thursday, 4 December.

*(Agreed to 3 December 2013.)*

7 **Modified rules for question time—Temporary order**

That the following modified rules for question time continue to operate as a temporary order, in conjunction with standing orders 72 and 73, until 30 June 2014:

(a) primary questions shall be limited to one minute and answers to them to two minutes;

(b) two supplementary questions shall be allowed to each questioner, each supplementary question shall be limited to thirty seconds and the answers to them to one minute each; and

(c) answers shall be directly relevant to each question.


8 **Open-ended adjournment debate on Tuesdays—Temporary order**

The committee recommends that the proposed amendment to standing order 54(6), as follows, be adopted on a trial basis until 30 June 2013:

(1) Omit standing order 54(6), substitute:

(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 in accordance with the following paragraphs:

(a) 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; and

(b) if no other senator wishes to speak under paragraph (a), a senator who has not already spoken may speak for up to 20 minutes.

(2) That this order operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2014.

*(Agreed to 12 March 2013; continuation of temporary order agreed to 12 November 2013.)*
9 Prayer and acknowledgement of country—Amendment to standing order 50
That standing order 50 (Prayer) be amended as follows:
Omit the standing order, and substitute the following:

50 Prayer and acknowledgement of country

The President, on taking the chair each day, shall read the following prayer:

Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy special blessing
upon this Parliament, and that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper
the work of Thy servants to the advancement of Thy glory, and to the true
welfare of the people of Australia.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The President shall then make an acknowledgement of country in the
following terms:

I acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples who are the traditional
custodians of the Canberra area and pay respect to the elders, past and
present, of all Australia’s Indigenous peoples.

(Agreed to 26 October 2010.)

10 Privileges—Standing Committee—Amendment to standing order 18
That standing order 18 establishing the Committee of Privileges be amended as
follows with immediate effect:

(a) in paragraph (1), omit “7”, substitute “8”; and

(b) omit paragraph (3), substitute:

(3) The committee shall consist of 8 senators, 4 nominated by the
Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 nominated by the Leader
of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 nominated by a minority party
and independent senators.

(Agreed to 2 December 2013.)

11 Questions on notice—Amendment to standing order 74(3)
That standing order 74(3) be amended as follows, with effect from the first sitting
day in 2013:

(3) The reply to a question on notice shall be given by delivering it to the
Clerk, a copy shall be supplied to the senator who asked the question, and the
publication of the reply is then authorised, and the question and reply
shall be printed in Hansard.

(Agreed to 27 June 2012.)

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

(a) Wednesday, 13 November 2013—Senators Seselja and Peris; and

(b) Wednesday, 11 December 2013—Senators Tillem and Dastyari.
Committees

13 Amendment of committee names; Allocation of departments

(1) That standing order 25(1) be amended as follows:
   Omit ‘Education, Employment and Workplace Relations’
   Substitute ‘Education and Employment’.

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

   Community Affairs
   Health
   Social Services, including Human Services

   Economics
   Industry
   Treasury

   Education and Employment
   Education
   Employment

   Environment and Communications
   Communications
   Environment

   Finance and Public Administration
   Finance
   Parliament
   Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

   Legal and Constitutional Affairs
   Attorney-General
   Immigration and Border Protection

   Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
   Agriculture
   Infrastructure and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 13 November 2013.)

14 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Standing order 25(9)—Determination of chair

That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:

(a) that the chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs 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.)

15 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation
That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as *amicus curiae* if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O’Chee is set down for trial.

*(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)*

16 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee be authorised to meet during the sittings of the Senate for private briefings, as follows:

(a) on Monday, 9 December 2013, from 10 am; and
(b) on Tuesday, 10 December 2013, from 4 pm.

*(Agreed to 3 December 2013.)*

### Estimates

*17 2013-14 additional estimates—2014-15 Budget estimates—Hearings*

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2014 be scheduled as follows:

**2013-14 additional estimates:**
Monday, 24 February and Tuesday, 25 February (*Group A*)
Wednesday, 26 February and Thursday, 27 February (*Group B*)

**2014-15 Budget estimates:**
Monday, 26 May to Thursday, 29 May, and, if required, Friday, 30 May (*Group A*)
Monday, 2 June to Thursday, 5 June, and, if required, Friday, 6 June (*Group B*)
Monday, 20 October and Tuesday, 21 October (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)
Wednesday, 22 October and Thursday, 23 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, 28 February, Friday, 30 May and Friday, 24 October.

(3) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications
- Finance and Public Administration
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs
- Economics
- Education and Employment
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(5) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
(a) Tuesday, 18 March 2014 in respect of the 2013-14 additional estimates; and
(b) Tuesday, 24 June 2014 in respect of the 2014-15 Budget estimates.
(Agreed to 4 December 2013.)

18 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Estimates hearings—Consideration of Indigenous matters
That the Senate endorse the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.10 of the Community Affairs Committee report on the 2008-09 Budget estimates that:
Future estimates hearing programs include a separate time to conduct an estimates hearing on Indigenous matters that would include all the portfolios with budget expenditure or responsibility for Indigenous issues.
(Agreed to 26 August 2008; change of committee from Community Affairs on 13 November 2013 as a result of a change to portfolio allocations.)

19 Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Estimates hearings—Consideration of Fair Work Commission
That the Senate modifies the order of 28 October 2009 relating to Fair Work Australia and estimates hearings to read as follows:
When the Education and Employment Legislation Committee meets to consider estimates in relation to Fair Work Australia (now the Fair Work Commission), the Senate expects that the President will appear before the committee to answer questions should his or her presence be required by the committee.
(Agreed to 13 November 2013.)

Legislation

20 Senate consideration—Private senators’ bills
That, subject to restoration to the Notice Paper, the following bills be considered on Thursday, 5 December 2013 under the temporary order relating to the consideration of private senators’ bills:
- Poker Machine Harm Reduction ($1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]
- Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013.
(Agreed to 2 December 2013.)

21 Senate consideration—Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
That the resumption of the debate be made an order of day for a later hour but the orders of the day for the resumption of the second reading debate on the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013 and, subsequently, the Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 have precedence over this bill and the other related bills until determined
(Agreed to 2 December 2013.)

Orders and resolutions of continuing effect

22 Meeting of Parliament—‘Welcome to Country’ ceremony
That the Senate is of the view that the declaration of the opening of Parliament should be preceded by an Indigenous ‘Welcome to Country’ ceremony.
23 Appropriations—Ordinary annual services of the Government

That, in accordance with the recommendation made in the 50th Report of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee, the Senate resolves:

(1) To reaffirm its constitutional right to amend proposed laws appropriating revenue or moneys for expenditure on all matters not involving the ordinary annual services of the Government.

(2) That appropriations for expenditure on:
   (a) the construction of public works and buildings;
   (b) the acquisition of sites and buildings;
   (c) items of plant and equipment which are clearly definable as capital expenditure (but not including the acquisition of computers or the fitting out of buildings);
   (d) grants to the states under section 96 of the Constitution;
   (e) new policies not previously authorised by special legislation;
   (f) items regarded as equity injections and loans; and
   (g) existing asset replacement (which is to be regarded as depreciation), are not appropriations for the ordinary annual services of the Government and that proposed laws for the appropriation of revenue or moneys for expenditure on the said matters shall be presented to the Senate in a separate appropriation bill subject to amendment by the Senate.

(3) That, in respect of payments to international organisations:
   (a) the initial payment in effect represents a new policy decision and therefore should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 2); and
   (b) subsequent payments represent a continuing government activity of supporting the international organisation and therefore represent an ordinary annual service and should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 1).

(4) That all appropriation items for continuing activities for which appropriations have been made in the past be regarded as part of ordinary annual services.

(Agreed to 22 June 2010.)

24 Storage of Senate documents

That the order of the Senate of 6 October 2005 be amended as follows:

The Senate authorises the storage outside Parliament House by the National Archives of Australia of documents laid before the Senate, provided that the storage of those documents is under the control of the Department of the Senate and microfilm or digital copies of them are available within Parliament House.

(Agreed to 27 June 2012.)

Orders for production of documents

25 Taxation—Minerals Resource Rent Tax—Monthly revenue collection updates—Order for production of documents

(1) That the Senate calls on the Government to explain its continuing failure to provide monthly updates of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax revenue collections as promised.
(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than noon on the 30th day of every month, information relating to the MRRT revenue collected by the Government in the preceding calendar month, broken down by state or territory of collection and by commodity type.

(3) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.

(4) This order is of continuing effect.

(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 11 September 2012; document presented 28 September 2012 and tabled 9 October 2012.)

26 Finance—Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund—Grant—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than 2 pm on Thursday, 14 November 2013, all documents relating to the decision to grant $8.8 billion to the Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund, including, but not limited to, documents produced by and/or for, and communications to and/or from the following:

(a) the Treasurer;
(b) the office of the Treasurer;
(c) the Treasury;
(d) the Prime Minister;
(e) the office of the Prime Minister;
(f) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet;
(g) members of the board of the Reserve Bank of Australia; and
(h) the Reserve Bank of Australia.

(Motion of Senator Cameron agreed to 13 November 2013; document tabled 14 November 2013.)

27 Environment—Response to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and COP 19 negotiating instructions—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Abetz), by 5 December 2013, the following documents:

(a) the Government’s response to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 5th Assessment report; and
(b) the Government’s negotiating instructions to the Australian delegation to the nineteenth session of the Conference of Parties [COP 19] of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Warsaw, November 2013.

(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) agreed to 13 November 2013.)

28 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Ministerial briefings and correspondence—Order for production of documents

That—

(a) all communications relating to any ‘on water operations’ that occurred between 7 September 2013 and 14 November 2013 be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, by noon on 18 November 2013, including but not limited to:
Any report or briefing to, or email or other correspondence between the Minister or the Minister’s office and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Detection, Interception and Transfer Task Group and related agencies which includes information related to any or all of the following:

(i) the chronology of events,

(ii) ‘illegal maritime arrivals’ (unauthorised arrivals),

(iii) Suspected Irregular Entry Vessels (SIEVs) intercepted at sea,

(iv) distress calls to and response time by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority,

(v) where the SIEV was detected,

(vi) nationality of passengers,

(vii) safety-of-life-at-sea incidents,

(viii) SIEV turn backs,

(ix) SIEV tow backs,

(x) number of people suspected to be on board the SIEVs,

(xi) the number of children suspected to be on board the SIEVs, and

(xii) how many people, if any, were subject to ‘on water transfers’;

(b) no later than 24 hours after an event relating to ‘on water operations’ all communications be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, including but not limited to:

Any report or briefing to, or email or other correspondence between the Minister or the Minister’s office and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Detection, Interception and Transfer Task Group and related agencies which includes information related to any or all of the following information:

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(xii) how many people, if any, were subject to ‘on water transfers’;

(c) if the Senate is not sitting within the 24 hours after the event relating to ‘on water operations’ then the documents are to be presented to the President under standing order 166 on the next working day.

(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 14 November 2013; document received 18 November 2013 and tabled 2 December 2013; documents tabled 2 December 2013; motion in relation to compliance agreed to 3 December 2013; document tabled 4 December 2013.)

29 Transport—East West Link—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by noon on Wednesday, 11 December 2013, by Infrastructure Australia or the Infrastructure Coordinator, all documents in relation to the East West Link project provided to Infrastructure Australia by the Victorian Government, in particular, but not restricted to, the full business case.

*(Motion of Senator Di Natale agreed to 2 December 2013.)*

30 Communications—National Broadband Network—Strategic Review—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, no later than noon on Monday, 9 December 2013, the Strategic Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network conducted by NBN Co and due to be provided to the Government on Monday, 2 December 2013.

*(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 3 December 2013.)*

*31 Trade—Trans-Pacific Partnership plurilateral free trade agreement—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment, the final text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership plurilateral free trade agreement well before it is signed.

*(Motion of Senator Whish-Wilson agreed to 4 December 2013.)*

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**CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Auditor-General’s reports—Consideration**

1. **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)**
   **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)**
   **Senator Xenophon**
   
   To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

**Conduct of business**

2. **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz):** 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.

3. **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)**
   **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)**
   **Senator Xenophon**
   
   To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

**Formal business**
4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): 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.

Government documents

5 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

Limitation of time

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
Senator Xenophon
6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

7 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

8 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

9 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz): To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.

10 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) Senators Xenophon
To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

Questions without notice
12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements
13 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Tabling of documents
14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

Categories of Committees

Standing Committees
- Legislative and General Purpose (including Legislation and References Committees)
  Community Affairs
  Economics
  Education and Employment (formerly Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; name amended 13 November 2013)
  Environment and Communications
  Finance and Public Administration
  Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Legislative Scrutiny**
- Regulations and Ordinances
- Scrutiny of Bills

**Standing (Domestic)**
- Appropriations and Staffing
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- Northern Australia

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- Parliamentary Library
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- Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings
- Corporations and Financial Services
- Human Rights
- Intelligence and Security
- Law Enforcement
- Public Accounts and Audit
- Public Works

Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.

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**COMMITTEES**

**Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee**

*Members*
The President (Chairman), the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Collins, Fifield, Madigan, McKenzie, Parry and Marshall

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**Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee**  
*(appointed 2 December 2013)*  
*Members*  
Senators Edwards, Senator Furner, Parry and Singh

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**Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee**  
*Members*  
The Speaker (Chairman), the President, and Senators Parry and Stephens

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**Community Affairs Legislation Committee**  
*Portfolios*  
Health; Social Services, including Human Services  
*Members*  
Senator Boyce (Chair), Senator Siewert (Deputy Chair), and Senators Brown, Peris, Seselja and Smith  
*Participating members*  
**Government**  
**Non-government**  
*Reports presented*  
Annual reports—  
No. 2 of 2013 (received 25 October 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)  
Report (received 12 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)  
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Public Housing Tenants’ Support) Bill 2013 [Provisions]—  
Report (received 12 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

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**Community Affairs References Committee**  
*Members*
Senator Siewert (Chair), Senator Boyce (Deputy Chair), and Senators Brown, Peris, Smith and Urquhart

Substitute member
Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)—Senator Thorp to replace Senator Brown

Participating members

Government

Non-government

Current inquiry
Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD) (referred 28 February 2013; readopted 14 November 2013; reporting date: 28 February 2014)

Reports presented
Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)—
   Interim report (received 12 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Impacts on health of air quality in Australia—
   Interim report (received 12 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
   Report (received 16 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of people with disabilities in Australia—
   First report (received 17 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
   Final report (received 25 October 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—
   Report (tabled 14 November 2013)

Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—Joint Select Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013; interim report to be presented on or before 30 September 2014; final report to be presented on or before 30 June 2013)

Members
Senators McKenzie, Peris, Ruston and Siewert

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members
Senators Bushby, Dastyari, Fawcett and Singh

Report presented
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission: the role of gatekeepers in Australia’s financial services system [Number 3, July 2013]—
Report (received 29 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Cyber Safety—Select Committee
Report presented
Options for addressing the issue of sexting by minors—
Report (received 30 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Economics Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Industry; Treasury

Members
Senator Bushby (Chair), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators Eggleston, Pratt, Williams and Xenophon

Participating members

Government

Non-government

Report presented
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013 [Provisions]
Report (tabled 2 December 2013)

Economics References Committee

Members
Senator Bishop (Chair), Senator Bushby (Deputy Chair), and Senators Dastyari, Pratt, Williams and Xenophon

Participating members

Government

Non-government
Current inquiry
Performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (referred
20 June 2013; readopted 14 November 2013; reporting date: 30 May 2014)

Report presented
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—
Report (tabled 14 November 2013)

Education and Employment Legislation Committee
(formerly Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; name amended 13 November
2013)

Portfolios
Education; Employment

Members
Senator McKenzie (Chair), Senator Lines (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Kroger,
Rhiannon and Tillem

Participating members
Government
Senators Abetz, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boyce, Boswell, Brandis, Bushby, Cash,
Colbeck, Cormann, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield,
Heffernan, Johnston, Macdonald, Madigan, Mason, Nash, Parry, Payne, Ronaldson,
Ruston, Ryan, Scullion, Seselja, Sinodinos and Williams

Non-government
Senators Bilyk, Bishop, Brown, Cameron, Carr, Collins, Conroy, Dastyari, Di Natale,
Farrell, Faulkner, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Ludlam, Ludwig, Lundy,
Marshall, McEwen, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Peris, Polley, Pratt, Siewert, Singh,
Stephens, Thorp, Urquhart, Waters, Whish-Wilson, Wong, Wright and Xenophon

Reports presented
and Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions)
Bill 2013 [Provisions]
Report (tabled 2 December 2013)
Correction (tabled 3 December 2013)

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]
Report (tabled 2 December 2013)

Education and Employment References Committee
(formerly Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; name amended 13 November
2013)

Members
Senator Lines (Chair), Senator McKenzie (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back,
Rhiannon, Tillem and Urquhart

Substitute member
Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy—Senator
Wright to replace Senator Rhiannon

Participating members
Government

Non-government


Current inquiries

Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (referred 15 May 2013; readopted 2 December 2013; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2014)

* Australian Building and Construction Commission, including the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and any related bills (referred 4 December 2013; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2014)

Report presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—
Report (tabled 2 December 2013)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 2 December 2013; resolution of appointment varied 4 December 2013)

Members

Senators Faulkner, Kroger, Rhiannon, Ruston and Tillem

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Communications; Environment

Members

Senator Williams (Chair), Senator Urquhart (Deputy Chair), and Senators Fawcett, Pratt, Ruston and Waters

Substitute member

Australia Post—Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Waters on Friday, 6 December 2013

Participating members

Government


Non-government


Current inquiries
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013 (referred 14 November 2013; reporting date: first sitting Wednesday in February 2014)
Australia Post (referred 14 November 2013; reporting date: 11 December 2013)

Reports presented
Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Go for Fair Use) Bill 2013—
Report (received 20 September 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Report (tabled 2 December 2013)

Environment and Communications References Committee

Members
Senator Thorp (Chair), Senator Williams (Deputy Chair), and Senators Pratt, Stephens, Ruston and Waters

Participating members
Government
Non-government

Reports presented
Effectiveness of current regulatory arrangements in dealing with radio simulcasts—
Report (received 12 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities’ protection in Australia—
Interim reports (3) (received 4 July, 23 July and 31 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Report (received 7 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Impacts of imposing a certain carrier licence condition on Telstra Corporation Limited—
Report (received 19 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events—
Interim reports (2) (received 10 July and 23 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Finance; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet

Members
Senator Bernardi (Chair), Senator Lundy (Deputy Chair), and Senators McKenzie, Rhiannon, Smith and Tillem

Participating members
Government

Non-government

Current inquiry
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013 (referred 14 November 2013; reporting date: first sitting Wednesday in March 2014)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Members
Senator Lundy (Chair), Senator Bernardi (Deputy Chair), and Senators Gallacher, Rhiannon, Smith and Tillem

Participating members
Government

Non-government

Current inquiry
Commonwealth procurement procedures (referred 14 November 2013; reporting date: first sitting day in March 2014)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members

Senators Eggleston, Fawcett, Turner, Kroger, Ludwig, Macdonald, McEwen, Parry, Singh, Stephens and Whish-Wilson

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs; Foreign Affairs and Trade

Members

Senator Eggleston (Chair), Senator Stephens (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, Faulkner, Fawcett and Whish-Wilson

Participating members

Government

Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Heffernan, Johnston, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, Madigan, Mason, Nash, Parry, Payne, Ronaldson, Ruston, Ryan, Scullion, Seselja, Sinodinos, Smith and Williams

Non-government


Current inquiry

* Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013 (referred 27 June 2013; re-referred 4 December 2013; reporting date: 4 March 2014)

Reports presented


Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013—Report (received 20 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Erratum (received 21 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

Senator Stephens (Chair), Senator Eggleston (Deputy Chair), and Senators Dastyari, Fawcett, McEwen and Whish-Wilson

Participating members

Government


Non-government

House—Standing Committee

Members
The President (Chair), the Deputy President, and Senators Bushby, Collins, Kroger, Marshall and McEwen

Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Senators Boyce, Lundy, Smith, Stephens and Wright

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
Senators Eggleston, Fawcett and Parry

Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Senators Edwards, Furner, Parry and Singh
Report presented
Spectrum for public safety mobile broadband—
Report (received 23 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Attorney-General; Immigration and Border Protection
Members
Senator Macdonald (Chair), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boyce, Seselja, Singh and Wright
Participating members
Government
Non-government
Report presented
Telecommunications Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2013—
Report (received 20 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Members
Senator Wright (Chair), Senator Seselja (Deputy Chair), and Senators Ludwig, Macdonald, Marshall and Singh
Participating members
Government
Non-government

Library—Standing Committee
Members
The President (Chair), and Senators Boswell, Seselja, Thorp, Tillem and Williams

Migration—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Senators Dastyari, Edwards, Hanson-Young and Williams

National Broadband Network—Select Committee
(appointed 14 November 2013; final report due 10 June 2014)
Members
Senator Lundy (Chair), and Senators Conroy, Ludlam, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Thorp
Participating members
Government
Non-government
National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
The Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and
Senators Hanson-Young, Lundy, Peris and Seselja

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013; as soon as practicable after 30 June each year, an annual
report to be presented on the activities of the committee during the year)
Members
Senators McKenzie, Seselja, Siewert, Smith, Stephens and Urquhart

Northern Australia—Joint Select Committee
(appointed 4 December 2013; interim reporting date: as soon as practicable after 30 May
2014; final reporting date: 6 July 2014)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Senators Boswell, Seselja, Thorp, Tillem and Williams

Privileges—Standing Committee
Members
Senator Collins (Chair), Senator Ruston (Deputy Chair), and Senators Faulkner,
Ludlam, Macdonald, McKenzie, Smith and Urquhart

Procedure—Standing Committee
Members
The Deputy President (Chair), the President, the Leader of the Government in the
Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Bushby, Fifield,
Kroger, McEwen, Polley and Siewert

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
Senators Bernardi, Gallacher, Lundy, Ruston and Smith
Report presented
Annual report for—
2012-13—Report 440 (received 26 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

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Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
Senators Gallacher and Ruston

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Publications—Standing Committee
Members
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Furner, McKenzie, Sterle and Thorp

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Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee
Members
Senator Edwards (Chairman), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boswell, Dastyari, Peris and Seselja

Document presented
* Delegated legislation monitor—Monitor no. 8 of 2013 (tabled 4 December 2013)

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Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Portfolios
Agriculture; Infrastructure and Regional Development

Members
Senator Heffernan (Chair), Senator Sterle (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boswell, Edwards, Lines and Siewert

Participating members
Government
Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boyce, Brandis, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Eggleston, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Johnston, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie; Madigan, Mason, Nash, Parry, Payne, Ronaldson, Ruston, Ryan, Scullion, Seselja, Sinodinos, Smith and Williams

Non-government

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Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Members
Senator Sterle (Chair), Senator Heffernan (Deputy Chair), and Senators Gallacher, Lines, Macdonald and Whish-Wilson

Participating members
Government

Non-government

Current inquiries
The effect on Australian ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji (referred 19 September 2012), the effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia (referred 20 June 2012), and the proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand (referred 12 September 2012) (readopted 14 November 2013; reporting date: 28 February 2014)

Review of the citrus industry in Australia (referred 28 February 2013; readopted 14 November 2013; reporting date: 28 March 2014)

Reports presented
Australian citrus industry—
Interim reports (2) (received 31 July 2013 and 27 September 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Beef imports—
Interim report (received 5 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
First report (received 12 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Erratum to first report (received 8 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia, the effect on Australia ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji, and the proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand—
Interim reports (2) (received 19 July and 4 September 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—
Report (tabled 14 November 2013)

Ownership arrangements of grain handling—
Interim reports (2) (received 31 July and 30 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

* Final report (tabled 4 December 2013)

Practice of sports science in Australia—
Interim reports (2) (received 10 July and 15 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Final report (received 23 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee
Members
Senator Polley (Chairman), Senator Ruston (Deputy Chairman), and Senators Bernardi, Lundy, Macdonald and Siewert

Alert Digest presented
* No. 8 of 2013 (tabled 4 December 2013)
Report presented
* Eighth report of 2013 (tabled 4 December 2013)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee
Members
The Government Whip (Chair), the Opposition Whip, The Nationals Whip, the
Australian Greens Whip, and Senators Bilyk, Bushby, Fifield and Moore
Report presented
2013—
No. 9 (tabled 14 November 2013)

Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee
Members
Senator Bilyk (Chair), Senator Ruston (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Bishop,
Bushby, Hanson-Young, Marshall and Thorp

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Senators Fawcett, Kroger, Lines, Ludlam, Ludwig, Smith and Thorp
Reports presented
Report 135—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2013 (received 23 July 2013;
tabled 12 November 2013)

SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives
Vacant

Council of the National Library of Australia
Vacant

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).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate
## Ministerial Representation

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Assistant Minister for the Public Service  
Leader of the Government in the Senate | Prime Minister  
Minister for Agriculture  
Assistant Minister for Employment |
| Senator the Honourable George Brandis QC  
Attorney-General  
Minister for the Arts  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate  
Vice-President of the Executive Council | Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Justice |
| Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion  
Minister for Indigenous Affairs | |
| Senator the Honourable David Johnston  
Minister for Defence | Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development  
Assistant Minister for Defence  
Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development |
| Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann  
Minister for Finance | Minister for Trade and Investment  
Minister for the Environment |
| Senator the Honourable Mitchell (Mitch) Fifield  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate | Minister for Social Services  
Minister for Communications |
| Senator the Honourable Fiona Nash  
Assistant Minister for Health | Minister for Health  
Minister for Sport |
| Senator the Honourable Michael Ronaldson  
Assistant Minister for Veterans’ Affairs  
Special Minister of State  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC | Minister for Industry |
| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne  
Minister for Human Services | Minister for Education  
Assistant Minister for Education |
| Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash  
Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women | Minister for Immigration and Border Protection |
| Senator the Honourable Arthur Sinodinos AO  
Assistant Treasurer | Treasurer  
Minister for Small Business |

## Parliamentary Secretaries

| Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture | Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment |
| Senator the Honourable Brett Mason  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs | Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education |
| Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services | |

In those instances where senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is shown in parentheses.
GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

A Notice Paper is issued each sitting day containing details of current business before the Senate. It works in conjunction with the Senate Order of Business (otherwise known as the Red) which sets out the daily routine of business to be followed as per standing order 57.

Standing orders are the rules or procedures set down by the Senate to govern the Senate and its committees. The current version of The Senate: Standing Orders and other orders of the Senate is available on the Senate website at


The publication of the Notice Paper is authorised by standing order 43(2).

Placement of business on the Notice Paper

The way business is placed on the Notice Paper is set down according to standing orders and is listed under one of the following four categories:

- **Matters of privilege** which take precedence over all other business and are listed at the beginning of the Notice Paper when they arise. They consist of notices of motion which the President has determined warrant such precedence and any orders relating to adjourned debates on such motions.

- **Business of the Senate** which has precedence over government and general business for the day on which it is listed. It includes disallowance motions, orders of the day for the presentation of committee reports, motions to refer matters to standing committees, motions for leave of absence for a senator and motions concerning the qualification of a senator.

- **Government business** which is business initiated by a minister including the consideration of government legislation. It takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours each week set aside on Thursdays for general business.

- **General business** which is all other business initiated by senators who are not ministers. It takes precedence over government business only as described above. (See below for a breakdown of this section.)

Within each of the above categories you may find notices of motions and/or orders of the day:

- **Notices of motion** are statements indicating that senators intend to move particular motions on the days indicated. They are entered on the Notice Paper in the order given and may be given jointly by two or more senators. Notices of motion are usually considered before orders of the day.

- **Orders of the day** are items of business which the Senate has ordered to be considered on particular days, usually arising from adjourned debates on matters, including legislation, or requirements to present committee reports.

On days other than Thursdays, the Notice Paper records all business of the Senate and government business items, but includes only new items of general business from the previous sitting day. On Thursdays, to take account of General Business at 4.30 pm, a full listing of business relating to the consideration of government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports and Auditor-General’s reports is also published.
Sections of the Notice Paper

Other than the sections: Matters of Privilege, Business of the Senate and Government Business, the Notice Paper, may also contain the following:

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses and Auditor-General’s Reports
Adjourned debates on motions to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business. New items appear on the following day’s Notice Paper. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

This section can be found residing between Government Business and General Business on the Notice Paper.

General Business

Orders of the Day—Adjourned debates on motions initiated by private senators to take note of business other than a government document or a private senator’s bill as these have their own sections.

Orders of the day relating to Government Documents—Adjourned debates on motions to take note of government documents. Such orders arise from consideration of the government documents presented on a particular day and include consideration of any documents not reached on the day. They are also listed for consideration for up to one hour on Thursdays during the consideration of general business. New items appear in the following day’s Notice Paper. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Orders of the day relating to Private Senators’ Bills—Adjourned debates on motions to consider bills introduced by senators in a personal capacity. New items appear in the following day’s Notice Paper. They can also be listed for consideration for up to 2 hours and 20 minutes on Thursday mornings (temporary order agreed to on 2 November 2010 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s 4th report of 2010).

Business for Future Consideration
Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered on a specific day in the future, for example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, or a notice of motion given for a day other than the next day of sitting.

Business, is listed under the date it is to dealt with in the chamber, starting with the next day of sitting. Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, for example, the tabling date may be a result of some other event occurring, will be placed at the end of the section.

Bills Referred to Committees
Lists all bills or provisions of bills currently being considered by Senate or joint committees, including details of: who referred, to which committee, when referred, variations to the reporting date, any interim reports presented and final reporting date.

Bills Discharged, Laid Aside, Negative or Withdrawn
A complete list of all government and private senators’ bills, which have been discharged, laid aside, negatived or withdrawn, including a brief status of the bill.

Questions on Notice
Includes a listing of numbers of unanswered questions which have already appeared in full on the Notice Paper and a number range of unanswered questions which remain unanswered for more than 30 days. The text of questions on notice which remained
unanswered as at 5 February 2013, and answers to questions on notice which were received after 31 January, are available online at www.aph.gov.au/SenateQON.

**Answers to Estimates Questions on Notice**
Lists the dates set by standing committees for the answering of questions taken on notice during estimates hearings.

**Orders of the Senate**
An order of the Senate is a resolution agreed to by the Senate which is regarded as continuing in effect unless its terms indicate that it has a limited life, or is spent by the effluxion of time or the circumstances to which it applied no longer exist.

This section can include resolutions such as: new or amendments of standing orders which have not yet appeared in a current reprint, temporary orders of the Senate, the authorisation of committees to meet during the sitting of the Senate, and orders for production of documents.

**Contingent Notices of Motion**
These are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

**Temporary Chairs of Committees**
A daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

**Categories of Committees**
Details in list form, categorised by type, all Senate and joint committees. Specific details of each committee appear in the section Committees.

**Committees**
An alphabetical listing of all Senate and joint committees, including their membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day i.e. presented out of sitting.

**Senate Appointments to Statutory Authorities**
A listing of the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

**Ministerial Representation**
A listing of Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

Inquiries concerning the *Notice Paper* or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.

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