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Marshall, Ruston, Smith, Stephens, Sterle and Whish-Wilson

Notifications prefixed by an * appear for the first time.
BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 11 December 2013

Senator Madigan: To move—that the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 27 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.

Orders of the Day

*1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*2 Procedure—Standing Committee—Second report of 2013—Parliamentary privilege: republication of Hansard extracts; Speaking time in the open-ended adjournment debate; Removal of gender-specific language in standing orders; and Routine of business
Consideration (12 December 2013).

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Climate Change Authority (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 of the abolition of the Climate Change Authority on the provision of independent advice to Government and the
public on carbon pollution reduction targets and actions” (Senator Faulkner, in continuation, 11 December 2013).

(Bill given precedence—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)

2 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).

3 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).

4 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).

5 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).

6 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).

7 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).

8 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).

9 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).

10 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).

11 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).
12 Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

13 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).

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

15 Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2013—(Minister representing the Prime Minister, Senator Abetz)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 December 2013).

16 National Health Amendment (Simplified Price Disclosure) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 December 2013).

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

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission: the role of gatekeepers in Australia’s financial services system
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 12 December 2013).

2 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 (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 12 December 2013).

3 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 (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 12 December 2013).
Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General’s reports

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 10 of 2013-14—Performance audit—Torres Strait Regional Authority – service delivery—Torres Strait Regional Authority
   Consideration (11 December 2013).
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McLucas, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

*2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 11 of 2013-14—Performance audit—Delivery of the Filling the Research Gap under the Carbon Farming Futures program—Department of Agriculture
   Consideration (12 December 2013).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

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.

Notice given 12 December 2013

*93 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979, and for related purposes. Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2014.

*94 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate condemns the Indian Supreme Court’s decision to outlaw homosexual acts, which could see people jailed for up to 10 years because of their sexuality.
Orders 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).

*2 Administration—Abbott Government
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)—That the Senate condemns the Coalition for its failure to honour its pre-election commitments to the Australian people (Senator Faulkner, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 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 (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 12 December 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

3 Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education—Australian vocational education and training system—Report for 2011
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

4 Productivity Commission—Report no. 63—Safeguards inquiry into the import of processed tomato products: Accelerated report, dated 18 September 2013
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

5 Productivity Commission—Report no. 64—Safeguards inquiry into the import of processed fruit products: Accelerated report, dated 18 September 2013
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 12 December 2013).
6 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 (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

7 Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency—Report for 2012-13
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—that the Senate take note
   of the document (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

8 Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for
   2012-13
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—that the Senate take note
   of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

9 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 Bushby, 12 December 2013).

10 Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Report for
    2012-13
    Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—that the Senate take note
    of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

11 Australian Research Council—Report for 2012-13
    Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—that the Senate take note
    of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

12 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 Bushby, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

13 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

14 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

15 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 Bushby, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

    Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—that the Senate take note
    of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).
17 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

18 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

19 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 Bushby, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

20 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 Faulkner, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

21 Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

22 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

25 Tourism Australia—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

26 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

27 Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 12 December 2013).

28 Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 12 December 2013).
29 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 Bushby, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Pratt—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

31 Climate Change Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

32 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

33 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

34 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 (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 12 December 2013).

35 Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

36 Outback Stores Pty Ltd—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

37 Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

38 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

39 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

40 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).
41 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

42 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 (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 12 December 2013).

43 Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited—Statement of corporate intent 2013-14

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

44 Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (Livecorp)—Report for 2012-13

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 12 December 2013).

45 Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2013

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

46 National Health and Medical Research Council—Changes to National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research, 2007

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

47 Australian Communications and Media Authority—Communications report for 2012-13

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

48 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Social Justice and Native Title—Report for 2012-13

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).


Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 12 December 2013).

*50 Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 January to 30 June 2013

Consideration (12 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—Adjourned debate (Senator Moore, in continuation, 5 December 2013).

7 Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 5 December 2013).

9 Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Waters)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Waters, in continuation, 9 December 2013).

10 Migration Amendment (Visa Maximum Numbers Determinations) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

11 Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 10 December 2013).

12 Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 10 December 2013).

13 Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 10 December 2013).
14 Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [2013]—
(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon and the Leader of the Australian Greens,
Senator Milne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation,
10 December 2013).

*16 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator
Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation,
12 December 2013).

*17 Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Farrell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Farrell, in continuation,
12 December 2013).

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BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (12 February 2014)

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.)

*2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment Bill 2013.
(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator
Sinodinos)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 December 2013).

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 19 February 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

*18 Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

On 21 February 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on a public interest immunity claim.

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 3 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sinodinos)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 December 2013).

On 4 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

*2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Orders 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).

15 Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 11 December 2013).

On 6 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 December 2013

1 Senator Xenophon: To move—that the Civil Aviation Order 48.1 Instrument 2013, made under subregulations 5(1), 5.55(1) and 215(3), and regulation 210A of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, subregulation 11.068(1) of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, section 4 and subsection 33(3) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901, and paragraph 28BA(1)(b) and subsection 98(4A) of the Civil Aviation Act 1988, be disallowed [F2013L00628].

Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
Seven sitting days after today (17 March 2014)

Business of the Senate—Notices 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].

Eight 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].

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

On 17 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 December 2013).

2 Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sinodinos)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 December 2013).

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.
On the tenth sitting day of 2014 (19 March 2014)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2013.

On 20 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on overseas aid.

On 24 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Direct Action Plan.

On 26 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on ticket scalping.

*2 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future of beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia.

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

8 Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon and Madigan)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 5 December 2013).

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.

3 Education and Employment References Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013.

Government Business—Order of the Day

*1 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 December 2013).

On 27 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on speech pathology services.

*2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on public transport.

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 grass-fed cattle levies.

On 31 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Final report to be presented on Australia Post.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013—(Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Cash, 5 December 2013).
On 13 May 2014
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on the technical and further education system.
2 Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit—Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.
*3 School Funding—Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

On 14 May 2014
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on departmental and agency contracts.

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—Orders of the Day
1 National Broadband Network—Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.
*2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the comprehensive revision of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979.
On 17 June 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

*1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on the delivery of quality and affordable early childhood education and care services.

*2 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on the immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia.

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.

On 25 June 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the implications of the restrictions on the use of Fenthion on Australia’s horticultural industry.

On 26 June 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on affordable housing.

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 30 September 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on grandparents raising grandchildren.

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

27 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; 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.)

As least 14 days before a free trade agreement is signed by the Government

Order for Production of Documents

33 Trade—Free trade agreements—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, the full text of the proposed Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and other bilateral and plurilateral trade agreements at least 14 days before signing. (Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 11 December 2013; document tabled 12 December 2013.)
On the next day of sitting after the presentation of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters report on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013

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

5 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013—(Senator Xenophon)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 13 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 Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (referred 12 December 2013 upon adoption of recommendations in the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee report into the same bill).

Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013‡  
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 9 December 2013; reporting date: 4 March 2014).

Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013‡  
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred upon the introduction of the bill, 12 December 2013; bill introduced 12 December 2013; reporting date: 19 February 2014).

Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013‡  
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 4 December 2013; reporting date: 4 March 2014).

Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013‡  
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 12 February 2014).

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]  
Referred to the Education and Employment References Committee (referred 9 December 2013; reporting date: last sitting day 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).
Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 5 December 2013; reporting date: 17 March 2014).

Migration Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives, 12 December 2013; bill introduced 12 December 2013; reporting date: 12 February 2014).

Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 5 December 2013; reporting date: 3 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).

Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 26 March 2014).

Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 5 December 2013; reporting date: 17 March 2014).

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 5 December 2013; reporting date: 31 March 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.

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**BILLS DISCHARGED**

**Government bills**

Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013
Second reading negatived, 10 December 2013.
Questions on Notice

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 5 to 7, 9 to 12, 16 to 17, 22, 23, 26, 27, 32, 35, 37 to 47, 73 to 83, 86 and 89 to 193

Question Nos, as shown, from 5 to 83 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

The full text of Questions on Notice and their answers are available online at www.aph.gov.au/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) General business orders of the day for consideration of bills only for up to 2 hours 20 minutes
      (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 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.)

6 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.

7 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.)

8 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.)
*9 Closing the Gap—Prime Minister’s annual report

That the Senate—

(a) notes the national framework agreed to by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in 2008 to tackle Indigenous disadvantage and the six priority areas for change identified by COAG;

(b) further notes that there have been five annual reports by the Prime Minister to the Australian Parliament on progress in meeting these Closing the Gap targets;

(c) is of the view that the presentation of these annual reports should be marked by a special parliamentary procedure in recognition of the significance of these initiatives to all Australians;

(d) therefore proposes to the House of Representatives that it consider marking the presentation of the Prime Minister’s annual report on Closing the Gap by:

(i) hosting a meeting of the House to which senators are invited in a similar manner as senators are invited to attend addresses by foreign Heads of State, and

(ii) inviting senior Indigenous leaders to be present when the Prime Minister’s annual report is presented; and

(e) resolves that, on its presentation to the Senate, the Prime Minister’s annual report on Closing the Gap and accompanying ministerial statement be listed for consideration as a government business order of the day, and that the Government undertake to provide for at least 2 hours consideration of the statement during government business time.

(Agreed to 12 December 2013.)

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.)
Committees

12 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.

( Agree to 13 November 2013.)

13 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).

( Agree to 2 November 2011.)
14 **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.)*

**Estimates**

15 **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

*(Agreed to 4 December 2013.)*
*16 Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Unanswered estimates questions
That answers be provided by 13 January 2014 to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee in respect of estimates questions to the Department of Education lodged with its predecessor committee in the course of the Budget estimates hearings in June 2013 which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament.<Insert text from notice>
(Agreed to 12 December 2013.)

17 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.)

18 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

19 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

20 Broadcasting of Senate and committee proceedings
That, in place of the orders relating to the broadcasting of Senate and committee proceedings, the Senate adopts the following:

1 Provision of broadcast
(1) The Senate authorises the broadcast and rebroadcast of proceedings and excerpts of proceedings of the Senate and of its committees in accordance with this order.
(2) The Senate authorises the provision of sound and vision coverage of proceedings of the Senate and its committees, including records of past proceedings, through the House Monitoring Service and through the Parliament of Australia website.

(3) Access to the House Monitoring Service sound and vision coverage of the proceedings of the Senate and its committees is provided to persons and organisations as determined by the President, on terms and conditions determined by the President which must not be inconsistent with this order.

(4) The President shall report to the Senate on persons and organisations in receipt of the service and on any terms and conditions determined under paragraph 1(3).

(5) Use of sound and vision coverage of proceedings of the Senate and its committees, including records of past proceedings, published on the Parliament of Australia website is subject to conditions of use determined by the President.

2 Broadcast of Senate proceedings – House Monitoring Service

Access to proceedings provided through the House Monitoring Service is subject to compliance with the following conditions:

(1) Only the following broadcast material shall be used:
   (a) switched sound and vision feed of the Senate and its committees provided by the Parliament that is produced for broadcast, rebroadcast and archiving; and
   (b) official broadcast material supplied by authorised parliamentary staff.

(2) Broadcast material shall be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings, and shall not be used for:
   (a) political party advertising or election campaigns; or
   (b) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.

(3) Reports of proceedings shall be such as to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.

(4) Excerpts of proceedings which are subsequently withdrawn may be broadcast only if the withdrawal is also reported.

(5) The instructions of the President or his or her delegates, which are not inconsistent with these conditions or the rules applying to the broadcasting of committee proceedings, shall be observed.

3 Broadcast of committee proceedings

The following conditions apply to the broadcasting of committee proceedings:

(1) Recording and broadcasting of proceedings of a committee may occur only in accordance with the authorisation of the committee by a deliberate decision of the committee.

(2) A committee may authorise the broadcasting of only its public proceedings.

(3) Recording and broadcasting of a committee is not permitted during suspensions of proceedings, or following an adjournment of proceedings.

(4) A committee may determine conditions, not inconsistent with this order, for the recording and broadcasting of its proceedings, may order that any part of its proceedings not be recorded or broadcast,
and may give instructions for the observance of conditions so determined and orders so made. A committee shall report to the Senate any wilful breach of such conditions, orders or instructions.

(5) Recording and broadcasting of proceedings of a committee shall not interfere with the conduct of those proceedings, shall not encroach into the committee’s work area, or capture documents (either in hard copy or electronic form) in the possession of committee members, witnesses or committee staff.

(6) Broadcasts of proceedings of a committee, including excerpts of committee proceedings, shall be for the purpose only of making fair and accurate reports of those proceedings, and shall not be used for:

(a) political party advertising or election campaigns; or
(b) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.

(7) Where a committee intends to permit the broadcasting of its proceedings, a witness who is to appear in those proceedings shall be given reasonable opportunity, before appearing in the proceedings, to object to the broadcasting of the proceedings and to state the ground of the objection. The committee shall consider any such objection, having regard to the proper protection of the witness and the public interest in the proceedings, and if the committee decides to permit broadcasting of the proceedings notwithstanding the witness’ objection, the witness shall be so informed before appearing in the proceedings.

4 Broadcast of proceedings of committees when considering estimates
The public proceedings of legislative and general purpose standing committees when considering estimates may be broadcast through the House Monitoring System and through the Parliament of Australia website in accordance with this order, and in accordance with any further conditions, not inconsistent with this order, determined by a committee in relation to the proceedings of that committee.

5 Radio broadcast of parliamentary proceedings by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation – general principles
The Senate adopts the following general principles agreed to by the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings on 19 March 2013:

(a) Allocation of the broadcast between the Senate and the House of Representatives
The proceedings of Parliament shall be broadcast live whenever a House is sitting. The allocation of broadcasts between the Senate and the House of Representatives will be in accordance with the standing determinations made by the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings. It is anticipated that over time, the coverage of each House will be approximately equal.

(b) Rebroadcast of questions and answers
At the conclusion of the live broadcast of either House, questions without notice and answers thereto from the House not allocated the broadcast shall be rebroadcast.

(c) Unusual or exceptional circumstances
Nothing in these general principles shall prevent the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings from
departing from the principles in unusual or exceptional circumstances.

6 Television broadcast of question time by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation
   (1) The Senate authorises the television broadcast and rebroadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation of question time in the Senate.
   (2) The distribution of television broadcasts between the two Houses shall be in accordance with the distribution of the radio broadcast, provided that the Senate is broadcast on not less than 3 days in any 2-week sitting period.

7 This order is of continuing effect.
   (Agreed to 11 December 2013.)

21 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.)

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.
   (Agreed to 23 June 2010.)
23 **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 *digital* copies of them are available within Parliament House.  

*(Agreed to 27 June 2012.)*

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**Orders for production of documents**

24 **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.)*

25 **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 $6.8 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.)*

26 **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.)

27 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’; and
(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.)

28 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; document tabled 11 December 2013.)

29 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; document tabled 5 December 2013.)

30 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; document tabled 5 December 2013.)

31 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Towing of an Indonesian vessel—Order for production of documents
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.

(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 5 December 2013; document tabled 10 December 2013.)
32 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Undetected boat arrivals—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than noon on Thursday, 12 December 2013, all incident reports, briefings, internal communications and other reports (excluding already publicly available documents), 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 in relation to an undetected boat arrival suspected to have arrived on Monday, 3 December 2013, carrying 27 asylum seekers.

(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 11 December 2013, document tabled 12 December 2013.)

33 Trade—Free trade agreements—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

(a) notes that the United States Trade Representative has undertaken to publish the full text of all free trade agreements negotiated on behalf of the United States of America (US) ‘well before’ signing to invite further comments from the US Congress and the US people;

(b) resolves that the Australian Senate and the people of Australia are entitled to scrutinise proposed agreements before signing; and

(c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, the full text of the proposed Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and other bilateral and plurilateral trade agreements at least 14 days before signing.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 11 December 2013; document tabled 12 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

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)
   Senator 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
  - House
  - Library
  - Privileges
  - Procedure
  - Publications
  - Selection of Bills
  - Senators’ Interests

Select Committees

- Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit
- National Broadband Network
- School Funding

Joint Committees

- Select
  - Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
  - Northern Australia
Standing
Electoral Matters
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Migration
National Capital and External Territories
National Disability Insurance Scheme
Parliamentary Library
Treaties

Statutory
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
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.

COMMITTEES

Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit—Select Committee
(appointed 11 December 2013; final report due 13 May 2014)
Members
Senator Di Natale (Chair), Senator Lundy (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Bushby, Dastyari, Lines and Smith
Participating members
Government
Non-government

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee
Members
The President (Chair), 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
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Mr Matheson (Chair), Senator Furner (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, Parry and Singh and Mr Hayes, Mr Porter, Mr Wood and Mr Zappia

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
The Speaker (Chairman), the President (Vice Chairman), and Senators Parry and Stephens and Ms Bird, Mr Coulton, Mr Griffin, Ms Henderson and Mr Tehan

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)
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]
* Report on the bill, excluding Schedules 2, 6 and 9 (tabled 12 December 2013)
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 inquiries
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)
Speech pathology services (referred 9 December 2013; reporting date: 27 March 2014)
Grandparents raising grandchildren (referred 9 December 2013; reporting date: 30 September 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
Mr Wyatt (Chair), Senator Peris (Deputy Chair), and Senators McKenzie, Ruston and Siewert and Mr SP Jones, Mr Neumann and Mr Porter

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Senator Fawcett (Chair), Senator Dastyari (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bushby, Madigan and Singh and Mr Coleman, Ms Owens, Mr Smith, Mr Sukkar and Mr Watts
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
Current inquiries
Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013 [Provisions] (referred 5 December 2013; reporting date: 17 March 2014)
* Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013 (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 26 March 2014)

Reports presented
Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
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 inquiries
Performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (referred 20 June 2013; readopted 14 November 2013; reporting date: 30 May 2014)
Ticket scalping (referred 11 December 2013; reporting date: 26 March 2014)
* Affordable housing (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 26 June 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, Mason, Nash, Parry, Payne, Ronaldson, Ruston, Ryan, Scullion, Seselja, Sinodinos and Williams

**Non-government**


**Reports presented**

- No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
  - 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 members**

- **Australian Building and Construction Commission**, including the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and any related bills—Senator Wright to replace Senator Rhiannon
- **Delivery of quality and affordable early childhood education and care services**—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Rhiannon
- **Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy**—Senator Wright to replace Senator Rhiannon
- **Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]**—Senator Wright to replace Senator Rhiannon
- **Immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia**—Senator Hanson-Young 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)
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions] (referred 9 December 2013; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2014)
Technical and further education system (referred 11 December 2013; reporting date: 13 May 2014)

* Delivery of quality and affordable early childhood education and care services (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 17 June 2014)

* Immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 17 June 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
Mr Smith (Chair), Mr Griffin (Deputy Chair), and Senators Faulkner, Kroger, Rhiannon, Ruston and Tillem and Mr Goodenough, Mr Gray and Mr Hawke

Participating members for the purposes of the inquiry into the 2013 Election only

**Government**

**Non-government**
Current inquiries

Inquiry into the 2013 federal election (adopted 5 December 2013)

* Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013 (referred 12 December 2013 upon adoption of recommendations in the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee report into the same bill)

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

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Waters

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; interim report presented: 11 December 2013; final reporting date: 31 March 2014)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013 [Provisions] (referred 5 December 2013; reporting date: 31 March 2014)

* Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 12 February 2014)

Reports presented

Annual reports—

No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)

Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Go for Fair Use) Bill 2013—

Report (received 20 September 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Environment and Communications References Committee

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

Substitute member
Direct Action Plan—Senator Milne to replace Senator Waters

Participating members
Government

Non-government

Current inquiry
Direct Action Plan (referred 10 December 2013; reporting date: 24 March 2014)

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)
Report (received 7 August 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

Reports presented
Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013—
* Report (tabled 12 December 2013)
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
Report on Schedule 2 (tabled 11 December 2013)

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 inquiries
Commonwealth procurement procedures (referred 14 November 2013; reporting date: first sitting day in March 2014)
Departmental and agency contracts (referred 10 December 2013; reporting date: 14 May 2014)
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members
Ms Gambaro (Chair), Mr Champion, (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bishop, Eggleston, Fawcett, Furner, Kroger, Macdonald, McEwen, Parry, Singh, Stephens, Whish-Wilson and Xenophon and Mr Danby, Mr Feeney, Mr Ferguson, Mr Griffin, Mr Hawke, Dr Jensen, Mr ET Jones, Mr Kelly, Mr Marles, Mr Nikolic, Ms Plibersek, Mr Randell, Mr Wyatt Roy, Mr Ruddock, Mr BC Scott, Mr Simpkins, Dr Stone and Ms Vamvakinou

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

Substitute member
Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Whish-Wilson

Participating members

Government

Non-government

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

* Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013 (referred upon the introduction of the bill pursuant to the Selection of the Bills Committee report no. 11, 12 December 2013; bill introduced 12 December 2013; reporting date: 11 February 2014)

Reports presented
African Development Bank Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
Report (received 20 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)

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

Current inquiry
Overseas aid (referred 9 December 2013; reporting date: 20 March 2014)

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
Senator Smith (Chair), Mr Ferguson (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boyce, Lundy, Stephens and Wright and Dr Gillespie, Mr Laming, Ms Rowland and Mr Wyatt

Reports presented
Annual report—
2012-13 (tabled 10 December 2013)

Examination of legislation in accordance with the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011—
Bills introduced 12 November to 5 December 2013; Legislative instruments received 8 June to 22 November 2013—First report of 44th Parliament (tabled 10 December 2013)

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Senators Bishop, Eggleston, Faulknr, Fawcett and Ludwig and Mr Byrne, Mr Nikolic, Ms Plibersek, Mr Ruddock, Mr BC Scott and Mr Tehan
Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee

(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members

Mr van Manen (Chair), Senator Singh (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, Furner and Parry and Mrs Elliot, Mr Matheson, Ms Vamvakou and Mr Wood

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

Substitute member

Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Wright

Participating members

Government


Non-government


Current inquiries

Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013 [Provisions] (referred 5 December 2013; reporting date: 3 March 2014)

* Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013 (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 4 March 2014)

* Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013 (referred upon the introduction of the bill pursuant to the Selection of the Bills Committee report no. 11, 12 December 2013; bill introduced 12 December 2013; reporting date: 19 February 2014)

* Migration Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions] (referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to the Selection of the Bills Committee report no. 11, 12 December 2013; bill introduced 12 December 2013; reporting date: 12 February 2014)

Reports presented

Annual reports—

No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
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

Substitute member
Comprehensive revision of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Wright, and while substituting for Senator Wright has been elected to chair the committee for the consideration of this inquiry.

Participating members
Government

Non-government

Current inquiries
Public interest immunity claim (referred 10 December 2013; reporting date: 21 February 2014)

* Comprehensive revision of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 10 June 2014)

Library—Standing Committee

Members
The President (Chair), and Senators Boswell, Seselja, Thorp, Tillem and Williams

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members
Mrs Markus (Chair), Ms Vanvakinou (Deputy Chair), and Senators Dastyari, Edwards, Hanson-Young and Williams and Mr CA Laundy, Mr Kelly, Mr Thistlethwaite and Mr Zappia
National Broadband Network—Select Committee
(appointed 14 November 2013; final report due 10 June 2014)

Members
Senator Lundy (Chair), Senator Seselja (Deputy Chair), and Senators Conroy, Ludlam, Ruston, Smith and Thorp

Participating members
Government

Non-government

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members
Mr Simpkins (Chair), Senator Brown (Deputy Chair), The Deputy President and Chair of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Hanson-Young, Kroger, Lundy and Seselja and Ms Brodtmann, Mrs Griggs, Mr BC Scott, Mr Snowdon and Mr Vasta

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
Mr Brough (Chair), Senator Gallacher (Deputy Chair), and Senators McKenzie, Seselja, Siewert, Smith, Stephens and Dr Gillespie, Ms Hall, Ms Macklin, Ms Rishworth and Mr Wyatt Roy

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)

Members
Mr Entsch (Chair), Ms MacTiernan (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boyce, Eggleston, McLucas, O’Neill and Siewert and Mr Christensen, Mr Gray, Mrs Griggs, Ms Price and Mr Snowdon

Participating members
Government
Non-government

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Senator Boswell and Ms Brodtmann (Joint Chairs), Senators Seselja, Thorp, Tillem and Williams and Mr Broadbent, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Irons, Mr Taylor and Mr Wilson

Privileges—Standing Committee
Members
Senator Collins (Chair), Senator Ruston (Deputy Chair), and Senators Faulkner, Ludlam, Macdonald, McKenzie, Smith and Urquhart
Report presented
Person referred to in the Senate—
* Father Frank Brennan SJ AO (tabled 12 December 2013)

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
Report presented
* Second report of 2013—Parliamentary privilege: republication of Hansard extracts; Speaking time in the open-ended adjournment debate; Removal of gender-specific language in standing orders; and Routine of business (tabled 12 December 2013)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
Dr Southcott (Chair), Mr Conroy (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Gallacher, Lundy, Ruston and Smith and Ms Brodtmann, Ms LM Chesters, Mr CA Laundry, Mr Smith, Dr Stone, Mr Sukkar, Mr Taylor and Mr Watts
Report presented
Annual report for—
2012-13—Report 440 (received 26 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
Mrs KL Andrews (Chair), Mr Perrett (Deputy Chair) and Senators Boyce, Gallacher and Ruston and Mrs KL Andrews, Ms Claydon, Mr Goodenough, Ms Ryan and Dr Southcott

Publications—Standing Committee
Members
Senator McKenzie (Chair), Senator Sterle (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Furner and Thorp
Report presented
* 1st report (tabled 12 December 2013)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee
Members
Senator Edwards (Chair), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boswell, Dastyari, Peris and Seselja
Report presented
Report of the work of the committee—
2012-13—Report no. 118 (tabled 11 December 2013)
Documents presented
Delegated legislation monitors—
Monitor no. 8 of 2013 (tabled 4 December 2013)
Monitor no. 9 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)

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
Substitute member
Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Siewert
Participating members
Government
Non-government

Current inquiry
Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions] (referred 5 December 2013; reporting date: 17 March 2014)
Report presented
Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Members
Senator Sterle (Chair), Senator Heffernan (Deputy Chair), and Senators Gallacher, Lines, Macdonald and Whish-Wilson
Substitute members
Grass-fed cattle levies—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Whish-Wilson
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Participating members
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Reports presented

- Review of the citrus industry in Australia—
  Interim reports (2) [Australian citrus industry] (received 31 July 2013 and 27 September 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
  * Report (received 16 December 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)

School Funding—Select Committee
(appointed 12 December 2013; final report due 13 May 2014)

- Members
  Senator Collins (Chair), Senator Wright (Deputy Chair), and Senators Kroger, McKenzie, O’Neill, Urquhart and Williams

- Participating members
  Government

  Non-government

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

- Members
  Senator Polley (Chair), Senator Ruston (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Lundy, Macdonald and Siewert
Alert Digests presented
No. 8 of 2013 (tabled 4 December 2013)
No. 9 of 2013 (tabled 11 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

Reports presented
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No. 9 (tabled 14 November 2013)
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* No. 11 (tabled 12 December 2013)

Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee
Members
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Notifications of alterations of interests
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* 27 June and 10 December 2013 (tabled 12 December 2013)

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(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Mr Wyatt Roy (Chair), Mr Thomson (Deputy Chair), and Senators Fawcett, Kroger, Lines, Ludlam, Ludwig, Smith and Thorp and Mr Broad, Dr Jensen, Mr O’Dowd, Ms Parke, Mrs Prentice, Mr Watts and Mr Whiteley

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
Senator Faulkner (appointed 5 December 2013, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
Senator Seselja (appointed 11 December 2013, for a period of 3 years).

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

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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 www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Senate/Powers_practice_n_procedures/standingorders

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.

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