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Temporary Chairs of Committees
Senators Bernardi, Bishop, Boyce, Edwards, Fawcett, Furner, Gallacher, Ludlam,
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 17 March 2014

*1 Senator Carr, the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) and Senator Madigan: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day of July 2015:

The challenges to Australian industries and jobs posed by increasing global competition in innovation, science, engineering, research and education, with particular reference to:

(a) the need to attract new investment in innovation to secure high skill, high wage jobs and industries in Australia, as well as the role of public policy in nurturing a culture of innovation and a healthy innovation ecosystem;

(b) the Australian Government’s approach to innovation, especially with respect to the funding of education and research, the allocation of investment in industries, and the maintenance of capabilities across the economy;

(c) the importance of translating research output into social and economic benefits for Australians, and mechanisms by which it can be promoted;

(d) the relationship between advanced manufacturing and a dynamic innovation culture;

(e) current policies, funding and procedures of Australia’s publicly-funded research agencies, universities, and other actors in the innovation system;

(f) potential governance and funding models for Australia’s research infrastructure and agencies, and policy options to diversify science and research financing;

(g) the effectiveness of mechanisms within Australian universities and industry for developing research pathways, particularly in regards to early and mid-career researchers;

(h) policy actions to attract, train and retain a healthy research and innovation workforce;

(i) policy actions to ensure strategic international engagement in science, research and innovation; and

(j) policy options to create a seamless innovation pipeline, including support for emerging industries, with a view to identifying key areas of future competitive advantage.

Orders of the Day

1 Legislation Committees

Reports to be presented on the 2013-14 additional estimates.
2 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

Notices of Motion

Notice given 17 March 2014

*1 Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield): To move—That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 19 March 2014, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator O’Sullivan to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

*2 Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield): To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:
  Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2013-2014
  Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2013-2014
  Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2013-2014.

Orders of the Day

1 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).

2 Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
   Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment
   (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
   Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional
   Provisions) Bill 2013
   Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy)
   Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
   True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
   True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
   Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
   Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
   Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013
   In committee—Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
   (17 March 2014).
3 Advances provided under the annual Appropriation Acts—Report for 2012-13
   Consideration in committee of the whole (13 February 2014).

4 Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sinodinos)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Sinodinos, 12 February 2014).

Notices of Motion—continued

Notice given 17 March 2014

*3 Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash): To move—That, for the purposes of paragraph 48(1)(a) of the Legislative Instruments Act 2003, the Senate rescinds its resolution of 2 December 2013 disallowing the Migration Amendment (Temporary Protection Visas) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 234 and made under the Migration Act 1958.

Orders of the Day—continued

5 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).

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

7 Migration Amendment Bill 2013—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sinodinos)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Sinodinos, 12 February 2014).

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

9 Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sinodinos)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 December 2013).
10 **Tax Bonus for Working Australians Repeal Bill 2013**—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sinodinos)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Sinodinos, 3 March 2014).

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

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

13 **Indigenous Australians—Closing the Gap**—Ministerial statement and documents
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion)—That the Senate take note of the documents (12 February 2014).
   (Consideration as government business—see Orders of the Senate—Temporary orders and changes to standing orders)

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

Order of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report—A claim of public interest immunity raised over documents
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair (Senator Wright)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

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

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 22 of 2013-14—Performance audit—Air Warfare Destroyer Program—Department of Defence; Defence Materiel Organisation
   Consideration (6 March 2014).

*2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 23 of 2013-14—Performance audit—Policing at Australian international airports—Australian Federal Police
   Consideration (17 March 2014).
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 6 March 2014

167 Senator Rhiannon: To move—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989, and for related purposes. End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014.

Notice of motion altered on 17 March 2014 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 17 March 2014

*169 Senators McEwen and Moore: To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes:
   (i) the importance of the Australian aid program to sustainable economic and social development and poverty alleviation for Pacific nations,
   (ii) the contribution of the Australian aid program to Australia’s national interests through support for regional stability, security and prosperity,
   (iii) the verbal commitment by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to not cut Australian development assistance to Pacific nations, and
   (iv) the announcement by the Minister on 18 January 2014 that $650 million will be cut from Australia’s development assistance in 2013-14, including $61.4 million to the following Pacific country and regional programs:
       Papua New Guinea - $5.3 million,
       Solomon Islands - $14.2 million,
       Vanuatu - $6.2 million,
Samoa - $3.6 million,
Fiji – $2.8 million,
Tonga – $2.7 million,
Kiribati – $3 million,
Other small Pacific islands – $3.6 million, and
Pacific regional – $20 million;

(b) calls on the Minister to meet her commitment to not cut Australian
development assistance to Pacific nations; and

(c) calls on the Government to reverse its $4.5 billion in cuts to Australia’s aid
program and work to reinstate funding to levels published in the
2013-14 Budget.

*170 Chair of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
(Senator Williams): To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of
the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee on Australia Post be
extended to 14 April 2014.

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

(a) expresses concern:

(i) at the arrest and subsequent detention of Ms Balendra Jeyakumari,
an advocate for families of the disappeared, and the arrest of her
13 year old daughter Vidushika, by the Sri Lankan police on
Thursday, 13 March 2014, and

(ii) that these arrests followed both Balendra and Vidushika Jeyakumari
being featured in media photographs and videos when British Prime
Minister Mr David Cameron visited northern Sri Lanka during
the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in 2013;

(b) notes, with concern, reports that Australia is working to actively undermine
the United States (US) resolution, entitled ‘Promoting reconciliation,
accountability, and human rights in Sri Lanka’, to be voted on at the
upcoming meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Council
(UNHRC), and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) intervene and call for the release of Ms Balendra Jeyakumari and for
her to be reunited with her daughter, and

(ii) desist from watering down the resolution proposed by the US at the
upcoming meeting of the UNHRC.

*172 Senator McEwen: To move—That the Environment and Communications
References Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of
the Senate on Tuesday, 18 March 2014, from 5 pm to 6 pm, to take evidence for
the committee’s inquiry into the Direct Action Plan.

*173 Senator McEwen: To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of
the Environment and Communications References Committee on the Direct
Action Plan be extended to 26 March 2014.

*174 Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
(Senator Dastyari): To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of
the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on overseas aid be
extended to 27 March 2014.
*175 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges:
   (i) Ms Rose Anne Fulton has been held in custody in Kalgoorlie for 18 months without a trial or conviction, and
   (ii) that it is unacceptable for people to be held in custody indefinitely without conviction;

(b) notes:
   (i) the failure of the Northern Territory Government to provide suitable accommodation and treatment options in order for the Western Australian Government to safely and securely transfer Ms Fulton back to her home in Alice Springs, and
   (ii) that Ms Fulton is directly under the guardianship of the Northern Territory Minister for Health, Ms Lambley, as she remains an adult guardian client of the Northern Territory Minister and Mr Ian McKinlay; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to take leadership and negotiate a transfer of Ms Fulton to Alice Springs to enable her to be close to her family.

*176 Senator Waters: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, no later than noon on 27 March 2014, any draft or final documents after 1 June 2013 relating to the internal concerns of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) with the following applications by North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation, including departmental and ministerial briefings and any documents which were given to the Minister:

(a) application for an approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for proposed capital dredging at Abbot Point (EPBC 2011/6213);

(b) application for a permit under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983 to dump Abbot Point dredge spoil in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (ref 34897, dated 6 January 2012); and

(c) application dated 4 March 2013 for a permit under the *Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981* to dump Abbot Point dredge spoil at sea.

Notice of motion altered on 17 March 2014 pursuant to standing order 77.

*177 Senator Waters: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, no later than noon on 20 March 2014, the following documents:

(a) the independent review of offsets for the Maules Creek coal project submitted to the Minister in accordance with Condition 10 of the approval of the project (Ref: EPBC 2010/5566);

(b) any correspondence between the department and the following parties between 1 December 2013 and 17 March 2014:
   (i) Whitehaven Coal,
   (ii) Hansen Bailey,
   (iii) Cumberland Ecology, and
   (iv) Alison Martin;
(c) any ministerial briefing notes concerning any matters related to the Maules Creek coal project prepared between 1 December 2013 and 17 March 2014; and

(d) any internal departmental emails and memos regarding the independent review of the offset arrangements of the Maules Creek project between 1 December 2013 and 17 March 2014.

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).

3 Employment—Job losses
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate—
(a) condemns:
   (i) the failure of the Government to:
       (A) articulate a comprehensive innovation policy so that Australia has the high skill, high wage jobs of the future, and
       (B) fight for Australian jobs,
   (ii) the deliberate and hostile actions of the Government in bringing about the end of Australia’s automotive manufacturing sector threatening a further 50 000 jobs directly reliant and the 200 000 jobs that rely on it indirectly, and
   (iii) the cowardice of the Government for blaming job losses on workers to distract from its own inaction and lack of any plan to deal with the crisis facing Australian manufacturing due to the strong dollar; and

(b) calls on the Government to immediately outline:
   (i) its plans to support the 50 000 Australian workers who have lost their jobs since the election,
   (ii) the industries in which it expects these workers to find new jobs, and
   (iii) its plans to attract the billions in new investment, new jobs, new skills and new technologies to replace those lost in the automotive sector (Senator Back, in continuation, 13 February 2014).

4 Industry—Australian shipbuilding
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Farrell—That the Senate—
(a) recognises:
   (i) the vital contribution of the Australian shipbuilding industry as an employer, a storehouse of advanced manufacturing capabilities and a strategic asset, and
(ii) the urgent need for the Government to bring forward project work to ensure continuity of industry development, growth and employment;

(b) is gravely concerned by:

(i) the scheduled end of project work in three Australian shipyards in 2015,

(ii) the severe consequences of the resulting project trough, including:

(A) the retrenchment of more than 3,000 skilled workers,
(B) the crippling of the shipbuilding supply chain, and
(C) the forced closure of research projects and facilities supporting shipbuilding and advanced manufacturing,

(iii) the heavy costs of rebuilding lost capabilities and retraining workers to meet future defence needs, and

(iv) the threat to national security posed by the erosion of local capability; and

(c) calls on the Government to immediately:

(i) identify suitable project work to be fast-tracked and make a public commitment to those projects with a revised timeframe for tendering and delivery,

(ii) recognise that this cannot wait for the Defence White Paper process to be concluded, and

(iii) incorporate the long-term opportunities for the Australian shipbuilding industry as a strategic priority in all future naval procurement plans (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 Australian Human Rights Commission—Review into the treatment of women at the Australian Defence Force Academy—Audit report 2013

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

2 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 (adjourned, Senator Urquhart, 6 March 2014).

3 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 Cameron, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

4 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 (adjourned, Senator Thorp, 6 March 2014).
5 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 Thorp, 6 March 2014).

6 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 (adjourned, Senator Cameron, 6 March 2014).

7 Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 6 March 2014).

8 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

9 Australian Customs and Border Protection Service—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

10 Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

11 Director of National Parks—Report for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Edwards—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Cameron, 6 March 2014).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Pratt—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Thorp, 6 March 2014).

13 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 Thorp, 6 March 2014).

14 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 Thorp, 6 March 2014).

15 Wet Tropics Management Authority and State of the Wet Tropics—Reports for 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

16 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 Thorp, 6 March 2014).
17 **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 Thorp, 6 March 2014).

18 **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 Thorp, 6 March 2014).

19 **Australian Public Service Commission—State of the service—Report for 2012-13**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Cameron, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

20 **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 Thorp, 6 March 2014).

21 **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 Thorp, 6 March 2014).

22 **Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2012-13**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

23 **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 (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

24 **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 Thorp, 6 March 2014).

25 **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 Thorp, 6 March 2014).

26 **Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 January to 30 June 2013**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

27 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—National and Commonwealth Heritage Lists—Report for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2013**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 6 March 2014).
28 Productivity Commission—Report no. 67—Safeguards inquiry into the import of processed fruit products, dated 12 December 2013
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Thorp, 6 March 2014).

29 Productivity Commission—Report no. 68—Safeguards inquiry into the import of processed tomato products, dated 12 December 2013
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Thorp, 6 March 2014).

30 Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook—2013-14—Statement by the Treasurer (Mr Hockey) and the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Cameron, 6 March 2014).

31 Australian Meat and Livestock Industry Act 1997—Livestock mortalities during exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2013
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Back—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 6 March 2014).

32 Productivity Commission—Report no. 65—Mineral and energy resource exploration, dated 27 September 2013
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Gallacher—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Cameron, 6 March 2014).

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).

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

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

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

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).

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 Bishop, in continuation, 13 February 2014).

19 Adelaide Airport Curfew Amendment (Protecting Residents’ Amenity) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Wright)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Wright, in continuation, 12 February 2014).

20 Great Barrier Reef Legislation Amendment Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Waters)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Waters, in continuation, 13 February 2014).
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Reducing Barriers for Minor Parties) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Rhiannon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rhiannon, in continuation, 4 March 2014).

Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 4 March 2014).

National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Urquhart)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 5 March 2014).

Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

Flags Amendment Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senators Madigan and Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

By noon on 18 March 2014

*37 Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement—Modelling and associated reports—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment, the modelling and associated reports referred to in the 5 December 2013 media release, ‘Australia concludes FTA negotiations with the Republic of Korea’. (Motion of Senator Whish-Wilson agreed to 17 March 2014.)
BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (19 March 2014)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 5 March 2014

1 Senator McLucas: To move—That the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Delegation) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 272 and made under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976, be disallowed [F2013L02122].

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Community Affairs References Committee
Final 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).

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 11 February 2014

107 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Export Control Act 1982 to prohibit the export of live animals for slaughter, and for related purposes. Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2014.

On 20 March 2014

General Business—Private Senators’ Bills—Orders of the Day

17 Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Farrell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bishop, in continuation, 13 February 2014).

24 National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Urquhart)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 5 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.
General Business—Notice of Motion

*168 Notice given 17 March 2014

Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), and Senators Boyce, Moore and Siewert: To move—That, on the first anniversary of the National Apology for Forced Adoptions on 21 March 2014, the Senate:

(a) acknowledges the ongoing pain and suffering of the mothers, children and fathers affected by the unethical, dishonest and sometimes illegal practices of the past;

(b) commends the National Archives of Australia, the Institute of Family Studies, the Department of Social Services and members of the Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group for their work in the past 12 months to realise the recommendations of the Community Affairs References Committee report; and

(c) resolves to continue to do all in its power to make sure these practices are never repeated.

Order for Production of Documents

By 21 March 2014

*36 Education—Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform—Order for production of documents

By the Minister representing the Minister for Education, a copy of the Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform and associated bilateral agreements, between the Commonwealth and New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, including schedules, attachments, letters, implementation plans submitted, agreements with or letters outlining future Commonwealth school funding and related requirements. (Motion of Senator McEwen agreed to 17 March 2014.)

On 24 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 25 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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.)

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).

On 27 March 2014

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 February 2014

1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—that the amendments to the Migration Regulations 1994 made by the Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrival) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. 280 and made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2013L02104].
   Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 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.)

3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Operation Sovereign Borders.
4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on Qantas jobs.

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).

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—Orders 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).

2 Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013

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.
3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Final 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.

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.

*4 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014.

On the first day of the next period of sittings (13 May 2014)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2013-2014
Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2013-2014
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2013-2014—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sinodinos)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 March 2014).

2 Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sinodinos)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 March 2014).

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 15 May 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Australian Federal Police.

On 28 May 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 (Harming Australians) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

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

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 5 June 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
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 16 June 2014

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 4 March 2014


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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Environmental offsets.

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sinodinos)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 March 2014).

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

23 Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Whish-Wilson)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 5 March 2014).
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 19 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 future of beekeeping and pollination service  
   industries in Australia.

On 23 June 2014
General Business—Notice of Motion

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.

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—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee  
   Report to be presented on affordable housing.
2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on Manus Island Detention Centre.

**On 30 June 2014**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on grass-fed cattle levies.

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

**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

23 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

29 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.)

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES


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

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 6 March 2014; reporting date: 15 May 2014).

Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date varied 4 March 2014; reporting date: 28 May 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 varied 12 February 2014; reporting date: 27 March 2014).

Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 6 March 2014; reporting date: 5 June 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).

Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 6 March 2014; reporting date: 24 March 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 varied 3 March 2014; reporting date: 18 March 2014).

Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives, 6 March 2014; bill introduced 6 March 2014; reporting date: 24 March 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).

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014 [Provisions]
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 6 March 2014 upon adoption of recommendations in the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report into the same bill; reporting date: 13 May 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).

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 6 March 2014; reporting date: 16 June 2014).

Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 6 March 2014; reporting date: 16 June 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.
BILLS NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013
Second reading negatived, 3 March 2014.

Private senators’ bills

Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)
Second reading negatived, 6 March 2014.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 6, 9 to 12, 16, 17, 22, 38 to 41, 78, 79, 93, 99, 102, 105, 112 to 114, 122, 126, 127, 129, 131 to 134, 137, 138, 140 to 144, 151, 152, 155, 157 to 160, 162, 164, 165, 182 to 184, 193 to 199 and 202 to 289

Question Nos, as shown, from 6 to 194 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
The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2013-14 additional estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications ..................................... Friday, 11 April 2014
- Finance and Public Administration ..................................... Friday, 11 April 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs ..................................... Wednesday, 23 April 2014
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport ........................... Thursday, 17 April 2014

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs .............................................................. Thursday, 24 April 2014
- Economics ............................................................................. Thursday, 24 April 2014
- Education and Employment ................................................ Thursday, 24 April 2014
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ..................................... Thursday, 24 April 2014

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

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**ORDERS OF THE SENATE**

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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 **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.)

3 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:

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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

(ii) Petitions

(iii) Notices of motion

(iv) Formal motions – discovery of formal business

(v) Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4)

(vi) Government business

[The remainder of this order has been updated to reflect the amendment to standing order 57(1)(d) agreed to 12 March 2013]
(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.

(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.)

4 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.)

5 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.


Committees

6 Amendment of committee names; Allocation of departments

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

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

Community Affairs
Health
Social Services, including Human Services

Economics
Industry
Treasury

Education and Employment
Education
Employment

Environment and Communications
Communications
Environment

Finance and Public Administration
Finance
Parliament
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
  Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs
Foreign Affairs and Trade
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  Attorney-General
  Immigration and Border Protection
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
  Agriculture
  Infrastructure and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 13 November 2013.)

7 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Authorisation to publish unpublished committee documents

(1) That the Senate authorises the publication of the unpublished documents provided to the former Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee by Fair Work Australia in relation to the Fair Work Australia report, Investigation into the National Office of the Health Services Union under section 331 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

(2) That, in taking the unusual step of ordering the publication of in camera evidence, the Senate notes:
  (a) the sensitivity of much of the material has been diminished by the passage of time and the disclosure of these matters in criminal proceedings or in the Fair Work Australia report; and
  (b) publication is not inconsistent with the Senate’s well-established principles on the application of the sub judice convention or with any of the usual grounds on which Senate committees would generally decline to publish evidence.

(Agreed to 4 March 2014.)

8 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 9.40 am, as follows:
  (a) Wednesday, 5 March 2014;
  (b) Wednesday, 19 March 2014; and
  (c) Wednesday, 26 March 2014.

(Agreed to 4 March 2014.)

*9 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 18 March 2014, from 1.50 pm.

(Agreed to 17 March 2014.)

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

That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:
  (a) that the chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and
(b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).

(Agreed to 2 November 2011.)

11 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:

(a) Thursday, 6 March 2014;
(b) Thursday, 20 March 2014; and
(c) Thursday, 27 March 2014.

(Agreed to 4 March 2014.)

12 National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate, from 10.30 am, as follows:

(a) Wednesday, 5 March 2014;
(b) Wednesday, 19 March 2014; and
(c) Wednesday, 26 March 2014.

(Agreed to 12 February 2014.)

13 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.)

14 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 10.30 am, as follows:

(a) Thursday, 13 February 2014;
(b) Thursday, 6 March 2014;
(c) Thursday, 20 March 2014; and
(d) Thursday, 27 March 2014.

(Agreed to 12 February 2014.)

15 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 11 am to 1 pm, as follows:

(a) Monday, 3 March 2014;
(b) Monday, 17 March 2014; and
(c) Monday, 24 March 2014.

(Agreed to 13 February 2014.)
Estimates

16 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, and, if required, Friday, 28 February (Group A)
Wednesday, 26 February and Thursday, 27 February, and, if required, Friday, 28 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, and, if required, Friday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 22 October and Thursday, 23 October, and, if required, Friday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 28 February, Friday, 30 May and Friday, 24 October.

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

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

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

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

(Agreed to 4 December 2013; amended 13 February 2014.)

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

(1) That the order of the Senate of 4 December 2013 relating to estimates hearings for 2014 be amended as follows:

2013-14 additional estimates, add:
and, if required, Friday, 28 February (Groups A and B)
2014-15 budget estimates, add:
   and, if required, Friday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Groups A and B)

(2) That, for the purposes of that order, an additional hearing of a committee considering estimates is taken to be required where any 3 members of the committee notify the chair of the requirement, in writing.

(3) That paragraph (2) operate subject to the restriction in standing order 26(3) that not more than 4 committees shall hear evidence on the estimates simultaneously.

(Agreed to 13 February 2014.)

18 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.

(Agreed to 12 December 2013.)

Legislation

*19 Senate consideration—Private senators’ bills
That the following general business orders of the day be considered on Thursday, 20 March 2014 under the temporary order relating to the consideration of private senators’ bills:
   No. 17 Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013
   No. 24 National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014.

(Agreed to 17 March 2014.)

Orders for production of documents

20 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.)
21 Finance—Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund—Grant—Order for production of documents

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

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

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

22 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.)

23 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.)

24 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.)

25 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.)

26 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.)

27 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.)

28 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.)

29 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.)
30 **Industry—SPC Ardmona—Report on government assistance—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, no later than Thursday, 13 February 2013, a copy of the report produced by the high-level panel, comprised of Ms Catherine Livingstone AO, Mr Richard (Dick) Warburton AO LVO and the Honourable Greg Combet AM, established in December 2013 to advise the Government on assistance to SPC Ardmona.

*(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 12 February 2014; document received 17 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014.)*

31 **Immigration—Border protection operations—Lifeboats—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, 13 February 2014, documents detailing the number and cost of the lifeboats purchased by the Australian Government for use in border protection operations, including the cost of any upgrades or alterations; the number of lifeboats remaining in the Australian Government’s possession; and details of the procurement process for these lifeboats in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.

*(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 12 February 2014; document tabled 13 February 2014; document received 21 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014.)*

32 **Communications—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Funding—Order for production of document**

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) is Australia’s most trusted news and current affairs broadcaster,

(ii) the ABC is an extremely well-loved national institution, and that independent opinion polls regularly reveal high levels of public satisfaction with the broadcaster, and

(iii) the Coalition has cut funding for the ABC in the past, including an 11 per cent cut in 1998 under Prime Minister John Howard;

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) commit to protecting funding to the ABC in the forthcoming budget, and

(ii) cease threatening the ABC’s editorial independence; and

(c) orders that there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), by 3 March 2014, the 2006 KPMG report into the adequacy and efficiency of ABC funding commissioned by the Howard Government.

*(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 13 February 2014; document tabled 3 March 2014.)*

33 **Immigration—Asylum seekers—Operation Sovereign Borders—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection no later than noon on Friday, 21 February 2014, a copy of the report of the Review of Operation Sovereign Borders Vessel Positioning

(Motion of Senator Moore agreed to 13 February 2014; documents received 21 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014.)

34 **Finance—National Commission of Audit reports—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Finance, no later than noon on 17 March 2014, any reports received from the National Commission of Audit.

(Motion of Senator Di Natale agreed to 4 March 2014; document tabled 5 March 2014.)

35 **Administration—Assistant Minister for Health—Former chief of staff—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Health, no later than 12.45 pm on Wednesday, 5 March 2014, a copy of the letter submitted by Mr Alastair Furnival to the Minister at the commencement of his engagement as her chief of staff containing undertakings on action to address conflicts of interest between his business affairs and his ministerial staff role.

(Motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 4 March 2014; document tabled 5 March 2014.)

*36 **Education—Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Education, no later than Friday, 21 March 2014, a copy of the Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform, and associated bilateral agreements, between the Commonwealth and New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, including all schedules and attachments, letters, implementation plans submitted, whether or not agreed by the Commonwealth, along with other documents that outline Commonwealth-state/territory funding commitments, agreements with or letters to any state or territory outlining future Commonwealth school funding and related requirements, including letters the Minister has sent to Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

(Motion of Senator McEwen agreed to 17 March 2014.)

*37 **Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement—Modelling and associated reports—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment, no later than noon on 18 March 2014, the modelling and associated reports referred to by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Trade and Investment in a media release of 5 December 2013 titled ‘Australia concludes FTA negotiations with the Republic of Korea’.

(Motion of Senator Whish-Wilson agreed to 17 March 2014.)

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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Auditor-General’s reports—Consideration

1. Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
   Senator Xenophon

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

2 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz): To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.

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

Formal business

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

Government documents

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

Limitation of time

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
Senator Xenophon

6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

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

Matters of urgency

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

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

Order of business

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
   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
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  National Capital and External Territories
  National Disability Insurance Scheme
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  Treaties

• **Statutory**
  Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
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  Corporations and Financial Services
  Human Rights
  Intelligence and Security
  Law Enforcement
  Public Accounts and Audit
  Public Works

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

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**COMMITTEES**

**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 Bushby, Dastyari, Edwards, Lines and Smith

**Participating members**

- **Government**
  - Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Eggleston, Fawcett, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja and Williams

- **Non-government**

**Report presented**

- Interim report (*received 19 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014*)

**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  
Current inquiry  
Jurisdiction of the Australia Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (adopted 6 March 2014)  

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  
Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston and Williams  
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 (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—  
* Report (tabled 17 March 2014)  
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 Thorp

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; interim reports: received 12 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013; received 28 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014; reporting date: 19 March 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 reports (2) (received 12 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013; received 28 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014)

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), and Senators Bishop, Eggleston, Pratt, Williams and Xenophon
Substitute members
Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Senators Sterle and Gallacher to replace Senators Bishop and Pratt
Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Boswell, Boyce, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja and Smith
Non-government
Current inquiries

Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013 (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 26 March 2014)
Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions] (referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to the Selection of the Bills Committee report no. 2, 6 March 2014; bill introduced 6 March 2014; reporting date: 24 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)
Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013 [Provisions]*
Report (tabled 17 March 2013)

Economics References Committee

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

Participating members

Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja and Smith

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

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014—Senator Carr to replace Senator Tillem

Participating members

Government
Senators Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiries

Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions] (referred 6 March 2014; reporting date: 5 June 2014)
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014 (referred 6 March 2014; reporting date: 16 June 2014)
* Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014 [Provisions] (referred 17 March 2014 upon adoption of recommendations in the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report into the same bill; reporting date: 13 May 2014)

Reports presented

Annual reports—
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)

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
Report on Schedules 6 and 9 (tabled 11 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
Senators Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

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
Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Seselja, Smith and Williams
Non-government

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

Report presented
Report by way of a statement—
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013 – Statement discharging the committee’s requirement to provide an advisory report (tabled 3 March 2014)

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
Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Seselja and Smith

Non-government

Current inquiries
Australia Post (referred 14 November 2013; interim report tabled: 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)

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

Australia Post—
Interim report (tabled 11 December 2013)

Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Go for Fair Use) Bill 2013—
Report (received 20 September 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Report (tabled 2 December 2013)
Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—
Report (tabled 12 February 2014)
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013—
Report (tabled 12 February 2014)
Performance, importance and role of Australia Post in Australian communities and its operations in relations to licensed post offices—
Interim report (tabled 11 December 2013)

Environment and Communications References Committee
Members
Senator Thorp (Chair), Senator Williams (Deputy Chair), and Senators Pratt, Stephens, Ruston and Waters
Substitute members
Senators Brown, Urquhart and Collins to replace Senators Thorp, Stephens and Pratt from 17 March to 21 March 2014
Direct Action Plan—Senator Milne to replace Senator Waters
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area—Senator Milne to replace Senator Waters
Participating members
Government
Non-government
Current inquiries
Direct Action Plan (referred 10 December 2013; reporting date: 24 March 2014)
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (referred 13 February 2014; reporting date: 15 May 2014)
Environmental offsets (referred 5 March 2014; reporting date: 16 June 2014)
Reports presented
Effective of current regulatory arrangements in dealing with radio simulcasts—
Report (received 12 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Effective 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
Senators Back, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja and Williams
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
Senators Back, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiries
Commonwealth procurement procedures (referred 14 November 2013; reporting date: 30 June 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 Randall, Mr Wyatt Roy, Mr Ruddock, Mr BC Scott, Mr Simpkins, Dr Stone and Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiries
The role of the private sector in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region (adopted 5 March 2014)
The human rights issues confronting women and girls in the Indian Ocean – Asia Pacific region (adopted 5 March 2014)

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 McEwen, Edwards, Fawcett and Whish-Wilson

Participating members

Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government
Current inquiry

Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014 (referred 6 March 2014; reporting date: 16 June 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)
  Report (tabled 4 March 2014)

Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013—
  Report (tabled 4 March 2014)

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

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

†Senator Dastyari has been elected chair of the committee from Monday, 17 March 2014 to Friday, 21 March 2014 in place of Senator Stephens who is overseas on parliamentary business

Substitute members

Senator Conroy to replace Senator Stephens from 17 March to 21 March 2014

Operation Sovereign Borders—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Whish-Wilson

Overseas aid—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Whish-Wilson

Participating members

Government

Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Edwards, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government


Current inquiries

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

Operation Sovereign Borders (referred 5 March 2014; reporting date: 27 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)
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Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
Senators Bishop, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett and Ludwig and Mr Byrne, Mr Nikolic, Ms Plibersek, Mr Ruddock, Mr BC Scott and Mr Tehan
Report presented
Review of the listing of Jabhat al-Nusra and re-listing of six terrorist organisations; Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa’ida in the Arabian Peninsula (tabled 12 February 2014)

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 Vamvakinou and Mr Wood
Current inquiry
Financial related crime (adopted 5 March 2014)
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 Singh (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boyce, Marshall, Seselja 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
Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Heffernan, Kroger, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Smith and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiries
Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013 [Provisions] (referred 5 December 2013; reporting date: 18 March 2014)
Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013 (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 28 May 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: 27 March 2014)

Reports presented
Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
Migration Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 12 February 2014)
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
Comprehensive revision of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 10 June 2014)
Manus Island Detention Centre (referred 5 March 2014; reporting date: 26 June 2014)
Australian Federal Police (referred 6 March 2014; reporting date: 15 May 2014)

Reports presented
A claim of public interest immunity raised over documents—
Interim report (received 21 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014)
Report (tabled 6 March 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 Vamvakinou (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
Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry and Williams
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 Back, Hanson-Young, 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 O’Sullivan, 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
Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Bushby, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams and Ms ML Landry
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, Faulkner, Fifield, Kroger, McEwen 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 Laundy, Mrs Prentice, Mr Smith, 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 Gallacher, O’Sullivan and Ruston and Mrs KL Andrews, Ms Claydon, Mr Goodenough, Ms Ryan and Dr Southcott

Reports presented
Annual reports—
Seventy-seventh (2013) (tabled 12 February 2013)

Referrals—
Report 1/2014: Referrals made December 2013: Proposed integrated fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as Site 5 and 6, the Revitalised Dandenong Project, Dandenong (tabled 12 February 2014)

Publications—Standing Committee

Members
Senator McKenzie (Chair), Senator Sterle (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Furner and Thorp

Reports presented
1st report (tabled 12 December 2013)
2nd report (tabled 12 February 2014)
3rd report (tabled 5 March 2014)

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 monitor—
2013—
No. 8 (tabled 4 December 2013)
No. 9 (tabled 11 December 2013)
2014—
No. 1 (tabled 12 February 2014)
No. 2 (tabled 5 March 2014)
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Agriculture; Infrastructure and Regional Development

Members
Senator Heffernan (Chair), Senator Sterle (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, Lines, O’Sullivan and Siewert

Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Eggleston, Fawcett, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, Parry, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiry

Reports presented
Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]
* Report (tabled 17 March 2014)

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
Future of beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Whish-Wilson
Implications of the restrictions on the use of Fenthion on Australia’s horticultural industry—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Whish-Wilson
Public transport—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Whish-Wilson
Qantas jobs—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Whish-Wilson

Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Kroger, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Parry, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government
Current inquiries
The effect on Australian ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji (referred 19 September 2012), the effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia (referred 20 June 2012), and the proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand (referred 12 September 2012) (readopted 14 November 2013; interim reports: received 31 July and 20 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013; received 28 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014; final reporting date: 31 March 2014)

Implications of the restrictions on the use of Fenthion on Australia’s horticultural industry (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 25 June 2014)
Grass-fed cattle levies (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 30 June 2014)
Future of beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 19 June 2014)
Public transport (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 30 June 2014)
Qantas jobs (referred 6 March 2014; reporting date: 27 March 2014)

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; tabled 11 February 2014)

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 (3) (received 19 July and 4 September 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013; received 28 February 2013 and tabled 3 March 2014)

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  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 Back, O’Neill, O’Sullivan, Urquhart and Williams
Participants members

Government
Senators Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bushby, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Kroger, Macdonald, McKenzie, Parry, Ruston, Seselja and Smith

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
2013—
No. 8 (tabled 4 December 2013)
No. 9 (tabled 11 December 2013)

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No. 1 (tabled 12 February 2014)
No. 2 (tabled 5 March 2014)

Reports presented
2013—
Eighth report (tabled 4 December 2013)

2014—
First report (tabled 12 February 2014)
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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
2013—
No. 9 (tabled 14 November 2013)
No. 10 (tabled 5 December 2013)
No. 11 (tabled 12 December 2013)

2014—
No. 1 (tabled 13 February 2014)
No. 2 (tabled 6 March 2013)
Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Bilyk (Chair), Senator Ruston (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Bishop, Brown, Bushby, Hanson-Young and Marshall

Notifications of alterations of interests

Register of senators’ interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between—

27 June and 10 December 2013 (tabled 12 December 2013)

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members

Mr Wyatt Roy (Chair), Mr Thomson (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Fawcett, Lines, Ludlam, Ludwig, Smith and Thorp and Mr Broad, Dr Jensen, Mr O’Dowd, Ms Parke, Dr Stone, 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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## Ministerial Representation

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

## Parliamentary Secretaries

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

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

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

Standing orders are the rules or procedures set down by the Senate to govern the Senate and its committees. The current version of The Senate: Standing Orders and other orders of the Senate is available on the Senate website at www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Senate/Powers_practice_n_procedures/standingorders

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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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