The Senate meets at 9.30 am

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Temporary Chairs of Committees
Senators Back, Bernardi, Gallacher, Ketter, Marshall, O'Sullivan, Reynolds, Sterle and Whish-Wilson
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GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

- **Notices of motion**
  A proposed resolution that a senator intends to put to the Senate for debate and/or a vote. Notice is given so others have time to consider the proposal.

- **Orders of the day**
  Items of business the Senate has scheduled to carry out or consider on a particular day. These can include continued debate on a bill or motion, or the presentation of a report or other document.

### Business listed for today

- **Matters of privilege**
  - Proposed references to the Privileges Committee

- **Business of the Senate**
  Includes:
  - disallowance motions
  - references to standing committees
  - committee reports to be presented

- **Government business**
  Initiated by ministers
  - Government bills
  - proposed changes to the order of business

- **General business**
  Initiated by senators who are not ministers
  - notices of motion
  - continued debate on previous motions

### Available for debate on Thursdays

- **Private senators’ business**
- **Documents**
- **Committee reports and government responses**
- **Auditor-General’s reports**

### Business listed for future consideration

Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered at a specific time in the future. For example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date. Dates on which ministers have been ordered to produce documents are included here.

Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, will be placed at the end of the section.

### Other information

- **Questions on notice**
  Numbers of all unanswered questions on notice

- **Orders of the Senate**
  An action the Senate requires to take place
  - new or amendments of standing orders
  - temporary orders of the Senate

- **Contingent notices**
  Motions to suspend standing orders that can be called upon when a specific event occurs

- **Ministerial representation**
  Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent
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Orders of the Day

37 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Transparency) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Senator Farrell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (28 November 2016).

B U S I N E S S  O F  T H E  S E N A T E

Notices of Motion

Notice given 22 November 2016

1 Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle) and Senators O’Sullivan and Back: To move—that the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 19 May 2017:

(a) the impact of granting of patents in Australia over the use of genetic sequences that are naturally occurring, including genetic markers, in animal genetics and breeding;

(b) the impact of patent rights in the Australian animal and agricultural sector, relating to:
   (i) the conduct of research and its subsequent application and commercialisation, and
   (ii) the investment and economic importance of national genetic improvement programs for livestock, and any risks posed by the granting of patents;

(c) the rapid advances in genome research and related technologies and its impact in assisting to understand and improve the quality of Australian livestock, which contributes to Australia’s economic development and its food security;

(d) the economic, legal, technological and ethical access and equity issues relating to the intellectual property protection of genes and related livestock technologies;

(e) existing laws and practices relating to patent rights over genetic resources and related technologies in livestock, and their ability to serve in the national interest through encouraging research and investment in the Australian livestock industry;
any mechanisms to ensure the granting of patents related to livestock genetics are carried out in Australia’s national interest, especially where the patent is for a genetic sequence that is naturally occurring;

the trade and investment issues relating to the intellectual property protection of genetic resources and related technologies;

international practices and developments, including any existing or proposed international obligations; and

any other related matters.

Notice given 30 November 2016

Senator Gallagher: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 22 March 2017:

The impact of non-payment of the Superannuation Guarantee (SG), with particular reference to:

(a) the economic impact on:
   (i) workers, their superannuation balances, and retirement incomes,
   (ii) competitive neutrality among employers, and
   (iii) government revenue, including forgone superannuation contributions, earnings taxes, and SG charge penalties, over both the forward estimates and the medium term;

(b) the accuracy and adequacy of:
   (i) information and data collected by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on SG non-payment,
   (ii) information and data collected by other agencies, such as the Fair Work Ombudsman, on SG non-payment, and
   (iii) any legislative, privacy, or other reporting barriers preventing the collection of accurate information and data on SG non-payment;

(c) the role and effectiveness of:
   (i) the ATO monitoring, investigations, and recovery of unpaid SG, including technology and data collection to predict and prevent non-payment,
   (ii) resources and coordination between government agencies and other stakeholders to prevent non-payment,
   (iii) legislation and penalties to ensure timely and fair payment of SG,
   (iv) superannuation funds in detecting and recovering unpaid SG,
   (v) employment and contracting arrangements, including remedies to recoup SG in the event of company insolvency and collapse, including last resort employee entitlement schemes, and
   (vi) measures to improve compliance with the payment of SG;

(d) the appropriateness of responses by:
   (i) the ATO receiving complaints and ‘tip-offs’ about SG non-payment,
   (ii) members of Parliament asked to assist and support constituents who have been impacted by SG non-payment, and
   (iii) accountants, auditors, creditors and financial institutions who become aware of SG non-payment; and
(c) any other related matters.

**3 Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2017:

Inquiry into the complaints mechanism administered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, with particular reference to:

(a) the implementation of the current complaints system under the National Law, including the role of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (AHPRA) and the National Boards;

(b) whether the existing regulatory framework, established by the National Law, contains adequate provision for addressing medical complaints;

(c) the roles of AHPRA, the National Boards and professional organisations, such as the various Colleges, in addressing concerns within the medical profession with the complaints process;

(d) the adequacy of the relationships between those bodies responsible for handling complaints;

(e) whether amendments to the National Law, in relation to the complaints handling process, are required; and

(f) other improvements that could assist in a fairer, quicker and more effective medical complaints process.

**4 Senator Lambie, the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch), the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) and Senators Roberts and Burston: To move—That—

(1) The Senate notes in relation to the ‘Jedi Council’ sex scandal:

(a) in a secret New South Wales Police report, prepared by Detective Sergeant Mark Carter, Strike Force CIVET found that the actions of a number of Australian Defence Force Investigative Service (ADFIS) staff and other sections of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to deliberately lie, withhold evidence, fabricate information... [mean] the conduct of future investigations [by NSW police] into and with the ADF as [a] whole and ADFIS as a body must be viewed with caution and concern;

(b) the personal information of many innocent ADF members, including retired Lieutenant Colonel Dubsky, was provided to the media, in breach of their right to privacy and other fundamental human rights, and without regard for their mental and physical wellbeing;

(c) the original ADFIS investigation into the alleged actions of the ‘Jedi Council’ was limited and was conducted without direct contact with any alleged members of the ‘Jedi Council’;

(d) the ADFIS investigation was limited in scope and did not include appropriate follow-up regarding some of the allegations;

(e) the ADFIS investigation did not include interviews with alleged victims of material created or distributed by the ‘Jedi Council’; and

(f) a number of the conclusions reached by the ADFIS were not consistent with the evidence presented to the ADFIS as part of the investigation.
(2) The matters raised by New South Wales Police Strike Force CIVET, and other related matters, be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 7 February 2017.

*5 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2017: The tax and royalties collected from the extraction and sale of Australia’s oil and gas resources, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and integrity of the existing Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(b) compliance with the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(c) responsibilities and effectiveness of state and Federal Government departments in administering the existing PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(d) the suitability of the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime in the modern global economy;
(e) comparison of tax and royalty regimes with other oil and gas producing countries that export to the Asia-Pacific region;
(f) principles for modification of the PRRT as it applies to gas;
(g) principles for an extended Commonwealth royalty regime covering offshore oil and gas projects in Commonwealth waters; and
(h) any other related matters.

*6 Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator McAllister): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 24 February 2017: The operation of the Administrative Arrangements Order, the effectiveness of the division and performance of responsibilities under it, and any other related matters.

Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on recent fires in remote Tasmanian wilderness.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Criminal Code Amendment (High Risk Terrorist Offenders) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

2 Register of Foreign Ownership of Agricultural Land Amendment (Water) Bill 2016—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 November 2016).

3 Criminal Code Amendment (War Crimes) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 November 2016).

4 Civil Nuclear Transfers to India Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (28 November 2016).
(Bill exempted on 29 November 2016 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

5 Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2016).

6 Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Petroleum Pools and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 November 2016).

7 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 November 2016).

8 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Transition Mobility Allowance to the National Disability Insurance Scheme) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2016).

9 Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2016).

10 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2016).

11 Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

12 Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

13 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

14 Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 79 from the House of Representatives (28 November 2016).
15 Governor-General’s Opening Speech
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hume—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—
We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), in continuation, 13 September 2016).

GENERAL BUSINESS

A complete list of all general business notices of motion and orders of the day remaining on the Notice Paper is published at: www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business

Notices of Motion

Notice given 24 November 2016

127 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—That the Senate notes the wide ranging problems with Australia’s justice system, including access to justice.

Notice given 29 November 2016

145 Senators Gallagher and Culleton: To move—That—
(a) the Senate notes that:
   (i) confidence and trust in the financial services industry has been shaken by ongoing revelations of scandals, which have resulted in tens of thousands of Australians being ripped off, including:
       (A) retirees who have had their retirement savings gutted,
       (B) families who have been rorted out of hundreds of thousands of dollars,
       (C) small business owners who have lost everything, and
       (D) life insurance policy holders who have been denied justice,
   (ii) it is clear from the breadth and scope of the allegations that the problems in this industry go beyond any one bank or type of financial institution,
   (iii) the Australian Labor Party, the Australian Greens, crossbench, Liberal and Nationals parliamentarians have supported a thorough investigation of the culture and practices within the financial services industry through a Royal Commission, which is the only forum with
the coercive powers and broad jurisdiction necessary to properly perform this investigation,

(iv) Australia has one of the strongest banking systems in the world, but Australians must have confidence in their banks and financial institutions, making it necessary to sweep away doubt and uncover and deal with unethical behaviour that compromises that confidence, and

(v) the case for a Royal Commission into misconduct in the banking and financial services industry has only become stronger over time;

(b) the Senate calls on the Government to request His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia issue Letters Patent to establish a Royal Commission to inquire into misconduct in the banking and financial services industry, including their agents and managed investment schemes; and

(c) this resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

150 Senators Culleton and Lambie: To move—That the Senate notes the many issues in this country in relation to proper process not being followed in judicial and other matters.

Notice given 30 November 2016

*152 Senators Smith, Pratt and Rice: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 1 December 2016 is World AIDS Day, which is held every year to raise awareness about the issues surrounding HIV and AIDS, and is a day for people to show their support for people living with HIV and to remember those who have died,

(ii) the aim of World AIDS Day 2016 is to encourage Australians to educate themselves and others about HIV, to take action to reduce the transmission of HIV by promoting prevention strategies and to ensure that people living with HIV can participate fully in the life of the community, free from stigma and discrimination,

(iii) while significant advancements in treatment and diagnosis have been made, 30 years after the discovery of the HIV virus the HIV epidemic remains one of the greatest public health challenges facing Australia, its region and the world, and

(iv) Australia’s response to HIV and AIDS has always been driven by strong multi-party support and rigorously based on science and evidence;

(b) reaffirms the united support for the Seventh National HIV Strategy in setting the direction for Australia to reverse the increasing trend of new HIV diagnoses and working towards the virtual elimination of HIV transmission by 2020;

(c) welcomes the commitment by all state and territory Governments to work with the Australian Government in the development of the Eighth National HIV Strategy; and
welcomes the pledge by the Australian Government for an additional $220 million to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria at the Fifth Replenishment meeting in Montreal, Canada.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) Australia successfully pursued legal action in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) against the Japanese Southern Ocean whaling program, JARPA II;

(ii) the Federal Court of Australia found the Kyodo whaling company guilty of contempt relating to illegal whaling in the Australian Whale Sanctuary and the company was issued a fine of $1 million,

(iii) Japan has subsequently pulled out of the ICJ jurisdiction in relation to whaling, and has restarted a new whaling program, NEWREP-A,

(iv) the NEWREP-A whaling fleet left port in Japan on 18 November 2016 to hunt 333 minke whales from the Southern Ocean, and

(v) a recent poll found 75 per cent of Australians supported sending a patrol boat to monitor this whaling activity;

(b) calls upon the Government to send a patrol vessel to the Southern Ocean over the coming summer to monitor whaling activity and to collect further evidence for additional international legal action; and

(c) condemns the Japanese Government for flouting international law by recommencing illegal whaling activity in the Southern Ocean.

**154 Senators O’Sullivan, Williams and McKenzie:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) supports the 44 000 workers directly employed by the coal industry;

(b) recognises that the forced closure of coal–fired power stations would increase the living expenses of Australian families through increased electricity prices;

(c) acknowledges that the forced closure of coal–fired power stations would jeopardise Australia’s energy security and put thousands of jobs at risk in our manufacturing sector which relies on access to cheap and affordable power;

(d) acknowledges that coal is an affordable, abundant and increasingly clean domestic energy resource that is vital to providing reliable low-cost electricity, and that it will continue to be integral to Australia; and

(e) supports technology neutral policies that deliver emission reduction targets.

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

(a) notes the many pieces of legislation arising from the 2014-15 and 2015-16 Budgets that would create greater income inequality in Australia that have been previously rejected, and will not secure passage through this Senate;

(b) requests the Government to withdraw these previously rejected Budget measures from the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook so as to more accurately represent the true fiscal position of the Commonwealth; and

(c) instructs the Government that, in its preparations for the 2017-18 Budget, this Senate resolves that, for the duration of the 45th Parliament, any
proposed measures which further attack the most vulnerable Australians, increase their disadvantage or social exclusion, or disproportionately benefit the highest income Australians, will not pass into law.

*156 Senator Kakoschke-Moore: To move—that the Senate—
(a) congratulates the Honourable Justice Kiefel on her appointment as Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia;
(b) notes that:
   (i) Justice Kiefel became the first woman in Queensland to be appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1987,
   (ii) Justice Kiefel is the first female appointed to the highest judicial office in Australia,
   (iii) Justice Kiefel’s legal career serves as an inspiration to aspiring women lawyers across Australia,
   (iv) the gender profile of the legal profession is becoming more gender balanced with female solicitors making up 48.5 per cent of the profession on the most recent figures from the National Profile of Solicitors 2014,
   (v) more females are entering the profession with an increase of 19.3 per cent on previous 2011 figures,
   (vi) whilst women are entering the profession in greater numbers than men, the gender profile of the profession overall remains weighted towards male lawyers, particularly in senior positions, and
   (vii) data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, from August 2015, reveals that women are under-represented in the judiciary with 65.4 per cent of Commonwealth judges and magistrates being men; and
(c) calls on the Government to continue to develop strategies to promote women in leadership roles, including the legal profession.

*157 Senator McKim: To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes that a recent poll in The Mercury newspaper found strong public support for light rail in Hobart;
(b) notes the significant benefits of light rail in Hobart, including:
   (i) the reduction in greenhouse gas and particulate emissions,
   (ii) the reduction in traffic congestion and associated improvements in amenity and productivity,
   (iii) the increase in value of property along and around the rail corridor,
   (iv) the opportunities for business growth along and around the rail corridor,
   (v) incentivising infill developments to limit urban sprawl, and
   (vi) the benefit to Tasmania’s tourism industry of a direct rail link between Hobart and MONA; and
(c) supports light rail for Hobart.

*158 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes that:
1 December is West Papuan National Flag Day, commemorating the
day in 1961 when the New Guinea Council – West Papua’s
Parliament under Dutch colonial rule – raised the Morning Star flag
for the first time, signalling the Netherlands’ recognition of West
Papua’s statehood,

since Indonesia formally annexed West Papua in 1969, West
Papuans have been waiting for the opportunity to determine their
own future, having been denied the right to self-determination,

the human rights situation in West Papua continues to be deeply
troubling, with 4 000 arrests of non-armed citizens in 2016 alone, and

Indonesian Defence Minister, Mr Ryamizard Ryacudu, recently
stated that Indonesia had asked Australia to urge our Pacific Island
neighbours to withdraw support for West Papuan membership of the
Melanesian Spearhead Group; and

(i) encourages the Indonesian President, Mr Joko Widodo, to fulfil the
commitments he has made in relation to West Papua since his
election, including his commitment to releasing all political prisoners,
and his promise to seek justice for the five young people shot dead
on 8 December 2014 in the town of Enarotali while peacefully
protesting,

(ii) call for the removal of untenable barriers to media access and
academic research in West Papua, including lengthy waits for visas,

(iii) clarify that the recent improvement in bilateral relations between
Australia and Indonesia is not predicated on Australian support for
Indonesia’s position on West Papua, including Australia’s silence on
human rights violations committed there, and

(iv) confirm that the Government has not agreed to encourage members
of the Melanesian Spearhead Group, particularly current Chair
Solomon Islands, to withdraw support for West Papuan membership
of that Group.

*159 Senator McAllister, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator
Wong) and Senators Farrell and Gallacher: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises the achievement of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan as a
historically unprecedented way forward to deliver a healthy, working river
system;

(b) notes the importance of the Basin Plan in supporting the economic and
social needs of river communities, and maintaining the health of important
ecosystems requiring water flows; and

(c) condemns attempts to undermine the Basin Plan for political gain.

*160 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—That the
Senate notes that—

(a) seventeen children in the care of the Department of Health and Human
Services in Victoria died between July and September this year;

(b) six children who were Department of Health and Human Services clients in
Victoria were killed by ‘non-accidental trauma’ last year; and
(c) outsourcing the care and welfare of our most vulnerable children should be reviewed.
Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs) have been in place as 20-year agreements, designed to manage the conservation and forestry industry considerations for key areas of Australia’s public native forests,

(ii) the first Regional Forest Agreement (RFA), the East Gippsland RFA, expires in February 2017,

(iii) the existing RFAs are now out of date and need to be reconsidered to support conservation goals and the impacts and mitigation of climate change – RFAs have exemptions from the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the EPBC Act), and these exemptions need to be reviewed in light of key threatened and endangered species living within the designated areas,

(iv) the required RFA reviews have not been completed, or not completed on time, for the RFAs in place – the review process was designed to improve the operation of RFAs but significant delays and deficiencies in reviews have hampered such improvements, and

(v) during the period since the establishment of the RFAs, the context and conditions informing each has changed significantly – these factors include climate change, bushfire, and markets for wood products; and

(b) calls on the Government to adopt forest management policies which ensure that the social, environmental and economic values of forests are effectively protected and managed for future generations.

Senator Xenophon: To move—

(1) That a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Government Procurement, be established to inquire and report by 31 May 2017 on the following matters:

(a) the Commonwealth procurement framework;

(b) consideration of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules to come into force on 1 March 2017 (CPR17) and, in particular:

(i) clauses 10.10, 10.18, 10.30, 10.31 and 10.37 (the ‘new clauses’),

(ii) how the new clauses can most effectively be implemented,

(iii) weighting and other mechanisms that should apply to any Commonwealth procurement decision making, taking into account CPR17, and

(iv) its interaction with any other Government policies and programs (including grants), instruments, guidelines and documents relating to procurement, including the Department of Finance’s Resource Management Guide No. 415;

(c) the extent to which CPR17 and any related instrument and rules can be affected by trade agreements and other World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreements, including:

(i) existing trade agreements Australia has entered into,
(ii) trade agreements that the Commonwealth Government is currently negotiating, including the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement; and

(d) any related matters.

(2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 2 members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips, 1 member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by any minority party or independent member, 2 senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 senator to be nominated by any minority party or independent senator.

(3) That participating members may be appointed to the committee, may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of a member of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee.

(4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.

(6) That the committee elect as its chair a member nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.

(7) That the committee elect a non–Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.

(8) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, has a casting vote.

(9) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.

(10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.

(11) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.

(12) That 2 members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
(13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.

(14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.

(15) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit and sit in public or private.

(16) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(17) That the committee may report from time to time, but that it present its final report no later than 31 May 2017.

(18) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

(19) That a message be sent to the House of Representatives seeking its concurrence in this resolution.

*163 Senators Culleton and Lambie: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

   (i) on 25 November 2016, solicitors on behalf of the Commonwealth Attorney-General filed a Statement of Agreed Facts in the High Court sitting as the Court of Disputed Returns in the matter of Re Rodney Culleton,

   (ii) paragraph 1 of the Statement of Agreed Facts includes the following statement: the Magistrate in convicting Senator Culleton as an absent offender was precluded by section 25 of the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 (NSW) from making an order for a sentence of imprisonment, and

   (iii) the facts set out above and agreed by solicitors acting on behalf of the Commonwealth Attorney-General were not before the Senate on Monday 7 November 2016 when it considered the motion moved by Senator Brandis to refer the matter to the High Court under section 378 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1908;

(b) the Senate calls on the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to attend the chamber and clarify this matter; and

(c) at the conclusion of the explanation any senator may move to take note of the explanation.
*164 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that people with disability face many barriers to finding and maintaining secure work and are poorly represented in the workforce;
(b) acknowledges that the report of the Australian Council of Social Service, 
*Poverty in Australia 2016*, reported 510,900 adults with a disability were living below the poverty line in 2013-14, not including people with disability with core activity limitation, and that, in 2014, 36.2 per cent of Disability Support Pension recipients were living below the poverty line; and
(c) calls on the Government to abandon its attacks on supports for people with disability, including moving people with disability off the Disability Support Pension and making access to the Mobility Allowance tougher.

*165 Senator McKim: To move—That the Senate—
(a) supports the right to peaceful protest in Australia;
(b) congratulates and thanks the protestors who, on 30 November 2016, expressed their views in the gallery of the House of Representatives, otherwise known as the People’s House; and
(c) calls on the Government to close the immigration camps on Manus Island and Nauru.

*166 President (Senator Parry): To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the 

*167 Senators Moore and Watt: To move—That the Senate—
(a) acknowledges and congratulates the Honourable Justice Susan Mary Kiefel, AC on her appointment as the next Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia;
(b) recognises the Honourable Justice Susan Mary Kiefel, AC was Queensland’s first female Queen’s Counsel;
(c) notes this as a landmark moment for Australia’s legal system and the nation as she will be the first woman appointed to the role, and according to the Law Council of Australia’s 2014 report:
(i) 46 per cent of those practising law today are women,
(ii) 19 per cent of senior positions in law firms are held by women,
(iii) 19 per cent of the Australian Bar are women, and
(iv) just 6 per cent of Queen’s Councils and senior counsel are women; and
(d) acknowledges the exemplary work over the past eight years of Chief Justice French who leaves a legacy of important contributions to the law, notably in his commitment to Indigenous justice.
DOCUMENTS

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 **Australian Hearing**—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (10 October 2016).

2 **NBN Group**—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (10 October 2016).

3 **Aged Care Complaints Commissioner**—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2016, including final report of the Aged Care Commissioner for the period 1 July to 31 December 2015
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (10 October 2016).

4 **Attorney-General’s Department**—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKim—That the Senate take note of the document (11 October 2016).

5 **Australian Bureau of Statistics**—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (12 October 2016).

6 **Fair Work Commission**—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

7 **Reserve Bank of Australia**—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

8 **Productivity Commission**—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

9 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)**—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

10 **Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner**—Reports for 2015-16
    Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the documents (7 November 2016).

11 **Department of Communications and the Arts**—Report for 2015-16
    Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

12 **Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate (Fair Work Building and Construction)**—Report for 2015-16
    Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).
13 Department of Social Services—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

14 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)—Report for 2015-16, including report of the Australian Energy Regulator (AER)
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

15 Clean Energy Regulator—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

16 Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

17 Department of Health—Report for 2015-16, including the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee report on processes, financial statements for the Australian National Preventive Health Agency, and the report of the Australian Digital Health Agency
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

18 Food Standards Australia New Zealand—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

19 Department of Human Services—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

20 Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

21 Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

22 Fair Work Ombudsman—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

23 Central Land Council—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

24 Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Report for 2015-16, including report of the Parliamentary Service Merit Protection Commissioner
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).
25 Australian Federal Police (AFP)—Report for 2015-16, including reports on assumed identities, the National Witness Protection Program and unexplained wealth investigations and proceedings
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

26 Australian Public Service Commission—Report of the Australian Public Service Commissioner for 2015-16, including report of the Merit Protection Commissioner
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

27 Department of Finance—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

28 Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

29 Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

30 Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited (AITSL)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

31 Australian Research Council (ARC)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

32 Cancer Australia—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

33 National Mental Health Commission—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

34 Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

35 Department of the Treasury—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

36 Superannuation Complaints Tribunal—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).
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50 **National Capital Authority**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

51 **National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency (National Disability Insurance Agency)**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

52 **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

53 **Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

54 **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

55 **Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

56 **Tourism Australia**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

57 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

58 **Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

59 **Aboriginal Hostels Limited**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dodson—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

60 **Executive Director of Township Leasing**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dodson—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

61 **Anindilyakwa Land Council**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

62 **Outback Stores Pty Ltd**—**Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

63 Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Paterson—That the Senate take note of the document (22 November 2016).

65 National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2015-16
Consideration (24 November 2016).

66 Australian Public Service Commission—State of the service—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 29 November 2016).

67 Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Report of case study no. 22—The response of Yeshiva Bondi and Yeshivah Melbourne to allegations of child sexual abuse made against people associated with those institutions
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 29 November 2016).

*68 Workplace Gender Equality Agency—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 30 November 2016).

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Community Affairs References Committee—Indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment in Australia—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Duniam, in continuation, 29 November 2016).
2 Economics References Committee—Report—Agribusiness managed investment schemes: Bitter harvest—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Whish-Wilson—That the Senate take note of the (29 November 2016).

*3 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—165th report—Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Smith—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Smith, in continuation, 30 November 2016).

*4 Education and Employment References Committee—Siege of attrition: the Government’s APS bargaining policy—Report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Marshall, in continuation, 30 November 2016).

*5 Community Affairs References Committee—Growing evidence of an emerging tick-borne disease that causes a Lyme-like illness for many Australian patients—Final report

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Moore, in continuation, 30 November 2016).

*6 Community Affairs References Committee—Medical complaints process in Australia—Report

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 30 November 2016).

7 Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee—9th report of 2016—Human rights scrutiny report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Reynolds—That the Senate take note of the report (24 November 2016).

8 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—164th report—Air Services — Kuwait, Air Services — Bahrain—166th report—Implementation Procedures for Airworthiness-USA; Convention on Choice of Courts-accession; GATT Schedule of Concessions-amendment; Radio Regulations-partial revision.

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Fawcett—That the Senate take note of the reports (Senator Fawcett, in continuation, 24 November 2016).

9 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia—Final report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 24 November 2016).
10 Economics References Committee—2016 Census: issues of trust—Report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Ketter, in continuation, 24 November 2016).

11 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Delivery and effectiveness of Australia’s bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion)—That the Senate take note of the document (24 November 2016).

12 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Smith, in continuation, 24 November 2016).

13 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Bicycle helmet laws (term of reference d)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (24 November 2016).

14 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Sale and use of marijuana and associated products (term of reference c)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Smith, in continuation, 24 November 2016).

15 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Western Sydney Wanderers supporters (term of reference f)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Smith, in continuation, 24 November 2016).

16 Health—Select Committee—Hospital funding cuts: the perfect storm – The demolition of Federal-State health relations 2014-2016—Final report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate take note of the report (24 November 2016).

17 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—The classification of publications, films and computer games (term of reference e)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Smith, in continuation, 24 November 2016).
18 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—The sale and use of tobacco, tobacco products, nicotine products and e-cigarettes (term of reference a)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Smith, in continuation, 24 November 2016).

19 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Sale and service of alcohol (term of reference b)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Smith, in continuation, 24 November 2016).

20 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Palliative care in Australia—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate take note of the report (24 November 2016).

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ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

By the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by no later than 1 December 2016, the modelling referred to by New Zealand in the United Nations Framework on the Convention of Climate Change session that details the Government’s emission and removals projections for 2030. (Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 7 November 2016.)

136 Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Transition plans—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 9.30 am on 1 December 2016, documents relating to the relocation of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. (Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 29 November 2016.)

137 Red Imported Fire Ants—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 9.30 am on 1 December 2016, the Independent Review of the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program: Report of the independent review panel. (Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 29 November 2016.)

138 Minamata Convention on Mercury—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Energy, by no later than 9.30 am on 1 December 2016, the cost-benefit analysis undertaken by Marsden Jacob Associates of Australia ratifying Minamata Convention on Mercury commissioned by the Department of the Environment and Energy. (Motion of Senator Waters agreed to 29 November 2016.)

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 14 December 2016
Order for Production of Documents

*B151 Bell Group—Order for production of documents
By the Attorney-General to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, by no later than 14 December 2016, documents relating to the Bell Group liquidation. (Motion of Senator Watt agreed to 30 November 2016.)

On 1 February 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Final report to be presented on closures of electricity generators.
On the next day of sitting (7 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on airport and aviation security at Australian airports.

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Seafarers and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016, the Seafarers Safety and Compensation Levies Bill 2016 and the Seafarers Safety and Compensation Levies Collection Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Commonwealth Entities) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 November 2016).

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

3 Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (29 November 2016).

*4 Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Regional Development, Senator Nash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 November 2016).

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 November 2016

On 8 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 29 November 2016

1 Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Waters): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 23 August 2017:

The rehabilitation of mining and resources projects as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities, for example under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act), with regard to:

(a) the cost of outstanding rehabilitation obligations of currently operating projects;
(b) the adequacy of existing regulatory, policy and institutional arrangements to ensure adequate and timely rehabilitation;
(c) the adequacy and transparency of financial mechanisms, including assurances, bonds and funds, to ensure that mining and resources projects are rehabilitated without placing a burden on public finances;
(d) the effectiveness of current Australian rehabilitation practices in safeguarding human health and repairing and avoiding environmental damage;
(e) the effectiveness of existing abandoned mines programs, with regard to repairing environmental damage and safeguarding human health;
(f) whether any mining or resources companies have engaged in conduct designed to avoid fulfilling their rehabilitation obligations;
(g) the potential social, economic and environmental impacts, including on matters of national environmental significance under the EPBC Act, of inadequate rehabilitation;
(h) the potential social, economic and environmental benefits of adequate rehabilitation, including job opportunities in communities affected by job losses in the mining and resources sectors;
(i) international examples of effective rehabilitation policy and practice;
(j) proposals for reform of rehabilitation of mining and resources projects; and
(k) any other related matters.

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Final report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
Three sitting days after today (9 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 October 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/010, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00377].

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

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/007, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00455].

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

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/008, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00456].

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

On 13 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

On 14 February 2017

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 15 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Six sitting days after today (15 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 November 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) By-Laws 2016, made under the Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986, be disallowed [F2016L00619].
   Seven sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On the second last sitting day in February 2017 (15 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the commercial use of Tasmanian bumblebees.

On 24 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Australian dairy industry.

On 28 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the penalties for white collar crime or misconduct.

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
Eight sitting days after today (20 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 November 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/049, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00679].

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

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Industry, Innovation and Science Measures No. 2) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L00672].

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

On 20 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the ADF’s resistance to interrogation training.

On 21 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Bell Group litigation.

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

On the tenth sitting day of 2017 (22 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2016.

On 24 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 28 March 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legislation Committees**
   Reports to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

**On the second last sitting day in March 2017 (29 March 2017)**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Environment and Communications References Committee**
   Report to be presented on oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight.

**On 30 March 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Australian veterans.

2 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**
   Report to be presented on gender segregation in the workplace.

3 **Community Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on price regulation associated with the Prostheses List Framework.

**On the last sitting day in March 2017 (30 March 2017)**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Nauru and Manus Island regional processing centres.

2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector.

3 **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**On 31 March 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on carbon risk disclosure.
On 27 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and associated systems.

On 28 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future of Australia’s aged care sector workforce.

2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

On 11 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the management of credit and other transaction cards by the Department of Defence.

On 25 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 20 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 22 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on home, strata and car insurance industries.

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.
2 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity.

3 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the implications of financial advice reforms.

4 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on foreign bribery.

5 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on shark mitigation and deterrent measures.

General Business—Order of the Day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
Report to be presented on whistleblower protections.

On 19 July 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on the use of Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia.

On 7 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
Report to be presented on corporate avoidance of the Fair Work Act 2009.

On 14 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Privileges—Standing Committee
Report to be presented on the implications for the use of intrusive powers by law enforcement and intelligence agencies on the privileges and immunities of members of Parliament.

2 Strengthening Multiculturalism—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

(select committee to be established on 27 March 2017)

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2017 (6 September 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2017.

On 13 September 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020.

   **On 30 September 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on corporate tax avoidance.

   **On 18 October 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on aspects of road safety in Australia.

2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the state of Australia’s rail industry.

   **On 28 November 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

   **On 1 December 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Australia’s steel industry.

2 **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

3 **Red Tape—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

   **On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.

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OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date (final): 8 February 2017)

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Commonwealth Entities) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 24 November 2016; reporting date: 7 February 2017)

Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 15 February 2017)

Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 13 October 2016; reporting date: the last sitting day in March 2017)

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 28 February 2017)

Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 7 February 2017)

Seafarers and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Seafarers Safety and Compensation Levies Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Seafarers Safety and Compensation Levies Collection Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 7 February 2017)

Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 14 February 2017)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered


Question nos, as shown above, from 24 to 191 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Administration—Former ministers—Order for production of documents

That—

(1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each Commonwealth Department or Agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings, a statement in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this order:

A statement, covering the period since the previous statement was tabled, in respect of each former minister, listing:

(a) all meetings, including teleconferences, at which lobbying, advocacy or the consideration of business took place, including date, location and duration, between current ministers, secretaries or deputy secretaries (or equivalent), of any Commonwealth Department or Agency and former ministers;

(b) how many people attended or participated and the capacities in which people attended or participated; and

(c) what topics were considered at each of the meetings.

(2) This order has immediate effect with the first statement for 2016-17 additional estimates covering all meetings from the date of commencement of this order to 7 days prior to additional estimates.

(3) In this order:

(a) "Commonwealth Department or Agency" means a Commonwealth entity, other than the Parliamentary Departments and the Office of the Official
Secretary of the Governor-General, within the meaning of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013;

(b) “former minister” means a person who is no longer a member of the Australian Parliament and who has been a minister in the 18 months prior to the estimates hearing at which the statement is due.

(4) 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.

(5) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 23 November 2016)

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 30 August 2016)

Allocation of departments/agencies
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, Innovation and Science
    Treasury

Education and Employment
    Education and Training
    Employment

Environment and Communications
    Communications and the Arts
    Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
    Finance
    Parliament
    Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
    Attorney-General
    Immigration and Border Protection

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
    Agriculture and Water Resources
    Infrastructure and Regional Development.
Chamber photographs

That the order of the Senate of 21 March 2002 restricting photography in the Senate chamber ceases to have effect on and from 7 November 2016.

(Agreed to 13 October 2016; varied 7 November 2016)

Committees—Determination of chair—Standing order 25(9)

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

(a) that the chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and

(b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).

(Agreed to 2 November 2011; varied 13 September 2016)

Estimates hearings

(1) That the 2016-17 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:

   Monday, 17 October and Tuesday, 18 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group A)

   Wednesday, 19 October and Thursday, 20 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That, pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008 and 23 June 2015, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 21 October 2016.

(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.

(Agreed to 30 August 2016)
Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2017 be scheduled as follows:

**2016-17 additional estimates:**

Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)

Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B).

**2017-18 Budget estimates:**

Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)

Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)

Monday, 30 October and Tuesday, 31 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)

Wednesday, 1 November and Thursday, 2 November (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the orders of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 3 March, Friday, 26 May and Friday, 20 October 2017, but not restricted to these days.

(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, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates; and
(b) Tuesday, 20 June 2017 in respect of the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016)

Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice
That:
(a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and
(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.

(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

Legislation—Exemption of bill from the cut-off order
That the provisions of paragraph (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Civil Nuclear Transfers to India Bill 2016, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

(Agreed to 29 November 2016)

Meeting of Senate—2016
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2016 be as follows:

Spring sittings:
Thursday, 1 September
Monday, 12 September to Thursday, 15 September

Spring sittings (2):
Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October

Spring sittings (3):
Monday, 7 November to Thursday, 10 November
Monday, 21 November to Thursday, 24 November
Monday, 28 November to Thursday, 1 December.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Meeting of Senate—2017
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2017 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
Monday, 13 February to Thursday, 16 February
Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

Budget sittings:
Tuesday, 9 May to Thursday, 11 May

Winter sittings:
Tuesday, 13 June to Thursday, 15 June
Monday, 19 June to Thursday, 22 June

Spring sittings:
Tuesday, 8 August to Thursday, 10 August
Monday, 14 August to Thursday, 17 August
Monday, 4 September to Thursday, 7 September
Monday, 11 September to Thursday, 14 September

Spring sittings (2):
Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October

Spring sittings (3):
Monday, 13 November to Thursday, 16 November
Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Culleton

Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(ii) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Rodney Norman Culleton was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 7 November 2016)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Day

Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Robert John Day was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, Mr Day was at any time incapable of sitting as a Senator prior to the dissolution of the 44th Parliament and, if so, on what date he became so incapable;

(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(e) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 7 November 2016)
Rotation of senators

That, pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, the senators chosen for each state be divided into two classes, as follows:

1. Senators listed at positions 7 to 12 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall be allocated to the first class and receive 3 year terms.

2. Senators listed at positions 1 to 6 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall be allocated to the second class and receive 6 year terms.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Amendment to standing order 24—Temporary order

That:

(a) where the Scrutiny of Bills Committee writes to a minister it expects a response to be received in time to be considered by the committee and reported on while the bill is still before the Parliament;

(b) if the committee has not completed its inquiry due to the failure of a minister to respond to the committee’s concerns, senators should have the right to ask the responsible minister why the Scrutiny of Bills Committee has not received a response; and therefore:

(c) the following amendment to standing order 24 operate as a temporary order from the first sitting day of 2017 to the last sitting day of March 2018:

Add the following paragraph:

"(1)(d) If the committee has not finally reported on a bill due to the failure of a minister to respond to its concerns then, immediately prior to the consideration of government business on any day or immediately prior to the consideration of the bill:

(i) any senator may ask the minister for an explanation as to why the minister has not provided a response to the committee, and

(ii) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice either a motion relating to the consideration of the bill or - That the Senate take note of the explanation; or

(iii) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the minister’s failure to provide an explanation."

(Agreed to 29 November 2016)
Standing orders—Amendments to standing order 169 and standing order 175

Standing order 169—Motions after tabling
At the end of standing order 169, add:
(3) If a ministerial statement is presented to or tabled in the Senate other than in accordance with standing order 61, it shall be in order for a senator to move a motion without notice to take note of the statement. On any such motion, a senator may speak for not more than 10 minutes and paragraph (2) applies to the total time limit for individual or successive motions.
(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016)

Standing order 175—Conduct of visitors
Paragraph (3) be amended in the following terms with immediate effect:
(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply in respect of a senator breastfeeding an infant or, at the discretion of the President, a senator caring for an infant briefly, provided the business of the Senate is not disrupted.
(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

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

2 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)

Senator Lambie

Senator Leyonhjelm

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

3 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being put immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) Senator Lambie

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

Limitation of time

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) Senator Leyonhjelm Senator Xenophon

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

8 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.

9 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

10 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis): 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.
Order of business

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   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 order of business on the Notice Paper.

Senator Lambie

13 To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of 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

14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   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 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

15 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)

Senator Lambie

Senator Leyonhjelm

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

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

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)

Senator Lambie

Senator Leyonhjelm

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.

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ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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