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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.

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### Business listed for today

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

**Business of the Senate**
- 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

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### Available for debate on Thursdays

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

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### 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.

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### 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
BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 29 November 2016

1 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.

Notice given 7 February 2017

*2 Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2017:

The impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities, with particular reference to:

(a) economic, social and environmental impacts;
consultation and communication with local government and community organisations;
(c) investments in new facilities, infrastructure and operations;
(d) utilisation of local suppliers and service providers to achieve value for money;
(e) encouraging awareness of tendering opportunities for rural and regional businesses; and
(f) any other related matters.

*3 Senator Polley: To move—That item 2 of Schedule 1 of the Dental Benefits Amendment Rule 2016 (No. 2), made under the Dental Benefits Act 2008, be disallowed [F2016L01986].
Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

*4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That item 2 of Schedule 1 of the Dental Benefits Amendment Rule 2016 (No. 2), made under the Dental Benefits Act 2008, be disallowed [F2016L01986].
Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

*5 Senator Cameron and the 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:
The design, scope, cost-benefit analysis, contracts awarded and implementation associated with the Better Management of the Social Welfare System initiative, with particular reference to:
(a) the impact of Government automated debt collection processes upon the aged, families with young children, students, people with disability and jobseekers and any others affected by the process;
(b) the administration and management of customers’ records by Centrelink, including provision of information by Centrelink to customers receiving multiple payments;
(c) the capacity of the Department of Human Services and Centrelink services, including online, IT, telephone services and service centres to cope with levels of demand related to the implementation of the program;
(d) the adequacy of Centrelink complaint and review processes, including advice or direction given to Centrelink staff regarding the management of customer queries or complaints;
(e) data-matching between Centrelink and the Australian Taxation Office and the selection of data, including reliance upon Pay As You Go income tax data;
(f) the process of awarding any contracts related to the debt collection system;
(g) the error rates in issuing of debt notices, when these started being identified and steps taken to remedy errors;
(h) the Government’s response to concerns raised by affected individuals, Centrelink and departmental staff, community groups and parliamentarians;
(i) Centrelink’s Online Compliance Intervention (OCI) and its compliance with debt collection guidelines and Australian privacy and consumer laws;

(j) the adequacy of departmental management of the OCI, including:
   (i) the adequacy of staff numbers to manage the workload associated with the OCI, including customer complaints,
   (ii) what impact the roll-out of the OCI has had on other areas of work and whether resources have been diverted from other areas,
   (iii) training and development provided to staff who are working on this program or in related areas (for example, telephony and complaints),
   (iv) how the Department of Human Services and Centrelink are tracking the impact of the OCI rollout on staff, including stress and incidents of customer aggression,
   (v) any advice and related information available to the Department of Human Services in relation to potential risks associated with the OCI and what action was taken as a result, including feedback arising from system testing and staff, and
   (vi) decisions taken in relation to IT systems and service design that may have contributed to problems experienced by Centrelink clients; and

(k) 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 9 May 2017:

The operation, effectiveness, and consequences of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016, with particular reference to:

(a) the process leading to the making of the order;

(b) the policy of relocating corporate Commonwealth entities with agricultural policy or regulatory responsibilities, including:
   (i) the identity of corporate Commonwealth entities that could be affected,
   (ii) the policy’s effect on the ability of affected entities to perform their functions, and
   (iii) economic, environmental and capability implications of the policy;

(c) the application of this policy to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, including:
   (i) the plan for relocation, and
   (ii) the ability of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority to perform its functions from its new location, and any consequent risks to:
      (A) human and animal health,
      (B) productivity and profitability to the agriculture and fisheries sectors,
      (C) chemical industries, and
      (D) Australia’s trading reputation; and

(d) any other related matters.
Orders of the Day

   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Back, in continuation, 7 February 2017).

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

   Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2016).

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

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

6. 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).

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

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

9. Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

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

11. 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).
12 Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 November 2016).

13 Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2016—
(Shawn McPherson)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 November 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).

Notices of Motion

Notice given 7 February 2017

*1 Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to fisheries, and for related purposes. Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Representation) Bill 2017.

*2 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That the order of the Senate of 8 November 2016 relating to the hearings for the 2017-18 Budget estimates, be amended as follows:
   (a) paragraph (1):
      (i) omit “Monday, 30 October and Tuesday, 31 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)”, substitute “Monday, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)”, and
      (ii) omit “Wednesday, 1 November and Thursday, 2 November (supplementary hearings—Group B)”, substitute “Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—Group B)”; and
   (b) paragraph (2), omit “Friday, 3 November 2017”, substitute “Friday, 27 October 2017”.

[Signature]
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 1 December 2016

168 Senator O’Neill: To move—

(1) 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 reports are presented by the Prime Minister to the Australian Parliament annually 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, not more than eight sitting days following the presentation of the report to the Senate.

(2) This order have continuing effect.

Notice given 7 February 2017

*169 Senator McKim: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, on 15 February 2017, the agreement between Australia and the United States of America announced on 13 November 2016 regarding the potential resettlement to the United States of refugees on Manus Island and Nauru.

*170 Senator Kakoschke-Moore: To move—That the Senate—
(a) congratulates Ms Meg Lanning on being named Australia’s top women’s international cricketer for 2017 and the women’s Domestic Player of the Year;

(b) notes that:
   
   (i) Ms Lanning’s exceptional form for country and state saw her become the first player to secure both the Belinda Clark Award, having previously won the award in 2014 and 2015, and the women’s Domestic Player of the Year,

   (ii) Cricket Australia reports that well over one million Australians are now playing cricket, making it the country’s highest participation sport,

   (iii) according to the Gender Balance in Global Sport Report 2016, nearly one of four cricket participants are female, up 20 per cent on the previous year,

   (iv) on the field, participation rates are soaring, but women are still under-represented in coaching roles, on boards, in administration roles and other leadership positions across all sports,

   (v) Cricket Australia has two female board members or 22 per cent of total board members,

   (vi) in 2013, the seven sports that received highest levels of Australian Sports Commission funding – swimming, yachting, rowing, cycling, athletics, hockey and basketball – were required to meet the Mandatory Sports Governance Principles, including 40 per cent of women on boards, and

   (vii) in 2016, only hockey met the 40 per cent target and exceeded the target with 60 per cent female board membership; and

(c) calls on the Government to develop strategies to end the grass ceiling and ensure that all sporting bodies in receipt of federal funding meet a 40 per cent target of female board membership.

*171 Senator Polley: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

   (i) February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month,

   (ii) Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month is an annual campaign to raise awareness of the symptoms, risks and impact of ovarian cancer, and

   (iii) ovarian cancer has the lowest survival rate of any women’s cancer and there has been very little improvement in survival in the past 20 years; and

(b) urges Federal, State, Territory and local Governments to take leadership in encouraging Australian women to become more aware of the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer, to know their family history and where to get help, and to create communities where people openly talk about ovarian cancer.

*172 Senator Xenophon: To move—

(1) That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.

(2) That the Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015 be restored to the Notice Paper and that
consideration of the bill be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the previous Parliament.

*173 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That the Senate—

(a) re-affirms its support for Australia’s non-discriminatory immigration policy that strengthens and enriches our country through the contribution of migrants of all races, faiths and cultures;

(b) concurs with the statement of the Prime Minister in October 2016 that “An inclusive nation is a safer nation. It enables our security agencies to better protect us.”;

(c) acknowledges that maintaining strong borders and protecting our citizens is not achieved through divisive or discriminatory practices; and

(d) recognises it is a core responsibility of being a good global citizen to:

(i) speak out against injustice and discrimination based on race, religion or background wherever it occurs, and

(ii) use appropriate diplomatic channels to encourage other countries to take the same approach.

*174 Senators Brandis, Hinch, Di Natale, Hanson, Wong, Xenophon, Leyonhjelm and Lambie: To move—That the Senate records its deep sorrow following the tragic events of 20 January in Melbourne’s Bourke Street Mall, tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the families and loved ones of those affected by this tragedy, and places on record its gratitude to the Victorian police, paramedics, firefighters, as well as to the many bystanders who were among the first to respond to this senseless act with bravery, selflessness and compassion.

*175 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate supports the establishment of an independent federal anti-corruption commission to oversee federal members of parliament and the public service.

*176 Senator Williams: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in 1946, the Commonwealth and state governments agreed that 26 January each year would be celebrated as Australia Day,

(ii) each year on 26 January numerous Australians are honoured with national and local awards,

(iii) award ceremonies in towns and villages across the nation on 26 January are preceded by a Welcome to Country which acknowledges the traditional owners of the land,

(iv) a national poll of 1,156 people has found that the majority 68 per cent felt positive about Australia Day, and just 15 per cent would prefer Australia Day on another date,

(v) on 26 January this year a number of protest marches were conducted which were organised by a group with links to the Greens and unions,

(vi) at the Sydney march, an Australian flag was set alight which led to a violent confrontation between police and protestors,
(vii) Australian Greens Senator Rhiannon herself acknowledged in a news report of 27 January 2017, that the Greens are radical and anti-establishment and she would like more people to see them that way;

(b) condemns any attempt to burn or otherwise desecrate the Australian flag; and

(c) confirms that Australia Day will continue to be celebrated on 26 January each year.

*177 Senators Bilyk, Polley, Urquhart, Brown, Duniam, Abetz, Singh, Lambie, McKim, Whish-Wilson, Bushby and Parry: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) yesterday marked the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Black Tuesday Tasmanian bushfires - the worst bushfires in Tasmania’s history,

(ii) the fires took the lives of 64 people, injured 900 people, destroyed approximately 1,400 buildings, including homes, schools, and businesses, and burned 653,000 acres of southern Tasmania,

(iii) the fires affected or destroyed towns from Hamilton and Bothwell in the Southern Midlands, to the Derwent Valley, to the edges of Hobart, and down to Channel and the Huon Valley, and

(iv) the total damage done by the fires was estimated to be $482 million in 2015 dollars;

(b) recognises the great trauma experienced by Tasmanians from the Black Tuesday fires and the tremendous effort by emergency services during the fires and by all Australians in the rebuilding process;

(c) further recognises this valiant Tasmanian community spirit has been crucial to fire-fighting efforts ever since; and

(d) wishes Tasmanian firefighters and volunteers a safe season for 2017 and hopes that the events of Black Tuesday are never repeated.

*178 Senators Xenophon and Carr: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 9 November 2016 the Senate agreed to an order for production of documents directed at the Minister for Defence for the Design and Mobilisation Contract signed between the Commonwealth of Australia and DCNS on 30 September 2016;

(ii) on 1 December 2016 the Minister for Defence tabled a redacted version of the Design and Mobilisation contract and asserted a public interest immunity claim over the redacted components, and in particular the intellectual property terms, on the basis that these terms were of significant commercial value and highly sensitive to DCNS,

(iii) poorly negotiated intellectual property rights in Defence contracts both here and overseas have caused significant problems for the ongoing sustainment and enhancement of critical defence equipment, including:

(A) the contracted intellectual property rights for the Collins Class submarine became a significant issue in the ongoing sustainment and enhancement submarines and also in
relation to the evolving of Collins as a potential solution for the future submarine project, and

(B) United States (US) Air Force Lieutenant General Christopher Bogdan, Head of the F-35 Fighter program, has publically expressed concern as to the adverse effect that not addressing intellectual property rights at the commencement of the Joint Strike Fighter program in the US is having on the ongoing sustainment and enhancement of the aircraft,

(iv) the future submarine program involves a projected spend of $50 billion of taxpayers’ money and the impact of the intellectual property rights on the entire program, including any potential follow-on submarine class, are significant,

(v) there is an overwhelming and overriding public interest in respect of parliamentary oversight and scrutiny on the intellectual property terms associated with the future submarine program;

(b) does not accept the public interest immunity claim in relation to the contracted intellectual property terms of the Design and Mobilisation Contract signed between the Commonwealth of Australia and DCNS on 30 September 2016 made by the Minister for Defence in relation to the order for production of documents of 9 November 2016; and

(c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, by the start of business on the next day of sitting, the intellectual property terms of the Design and Mobilisation Contract signed between the Commonwealth of Australia and DCNS on 30 September 2016.


*180 Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (Senator Smith): To move—That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 9.30 am, as follows:

(a) Wednesday, 22 March 2017; and

(b) Wednesday, 29 March 2017.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) since his inauguration, President Trump has:

(A) tried to enact racist policies which seek to ban entire Muslim-majority nationalities from entering the United States (US),

(B) vocally criticised the US judicial system when it blocked this ban in line with US and international law,

(C) threatened to send the American military into Mexico,

(D) accused Japan, China and Germany of currency manipulation,

(E) suggested that the US might once again have the opportunity to steal Iraq’s oil,
(F) said that torture “absolutely” works, and
(G) ordered the Department of Homeland Security to issue a weekly list of crimes (allegedly) committed by undocumented immigrants in sanctuary cities, amongst many other alarming actions,

(ii) the Trump Presidency is causing deep concern and unease in the Australian community,

(iii) President Trump’s discriminatory ban further unfairly demonises Muslim people, when there is not a shred of evidence that immigrants from the countries covered by the ban have killed people on US soil in a terrorist attack,

(iv) our Government’s deal to transfer our refugees to the US is causing untold human suffering and trauma, particularly in light of the Trump administration’s delays and prevarications, and

(v) our alliance with the US is making our country less safe, not more safe; and

(b) urges:

(i) the Australian Government to stand up for Australian values and hold President Trump to account, as leaders of other nations have done, and

(ii) the Australian Government to re-negotiate the terms of the US alliance and commit to an independent, non-aligned foreign policy, in the interests of a safer Australia.

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

(a) condemns the Government’s:

(i) harsh cut to dental services for children in lower income families, ripping away $300 per child from the Child Dental Benefits Schedule – the only Medicare-funded dental care program,

(ii) enacting of this cut through regulation during the extended summer break so that it was in place without this chamber being able to scrutinise or disallow it for six weeks, and

(iii) dramatic cut which was made at the same time as a further deep cut to Commonwealth funding to the states and territories for public dental services to under $100 million annually, which will drastically reduce dental services provided to approximately 400,000 Australians; and

(b) calls on the Government to end its attack on public dental services by:

(i) restoring the full funding to the Child Dental Benefits Schedule so that Australian children in need have access to the dental health care they require,

(ii) restoring appropriate funding to states and territories for delivery of public dental services, and

(iii) expanding funding to Medicare-funded dental services so that more Australians can access this crucial care.
*183 Senators Smith, Hanson, Fawcett, Bushby, Bernardi, Fifield, Fierravanti-Wells, Ryan, Macdonald, Back, Nash, Williams, Scullion, Canavan, Ruston, McKenzie, Duniam, Cormann, Paterson, McGrath, Hume, Seselja, Cash, Sinodinos, Burston, Brandis and Roberts: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) that 6 February 2017 marked 65 years since Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne,
   (ii) the important and enduring role that Her Majesty has played, and continues to play, in Australia’s remarkable democratic and constitutional stability during the years of her reign, and
   (iii) that Her Majesty has remained faithful to her vow made in 1947 – “I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.”; and

(b) extends to Her Majesty its continuing appreciation for the gracious manner in which she continues to fulfil her duties as Queen of Australia.

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

(a) acknowledges that 4,444 people made allegations of child sexual abuse by members of the Catholic Church, including the clergy, between January 1980 and February 2015;

(b) notes that allegations of criminal misconduct against Cardinal George Pell have been forwarded to the Victorian Office of Public Prosecutions by the Victorian Police; and

(c) calls on Cardinal George Pell to return to Australia to assist the Victorian Police and Office of Public Prosecutions with their investigations into these matters.

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

(a) notes:
   (i) the Abbott–Turnbull election commitment that infrastructure projects attracting more than $100 million of federal funding would require a full cost benefit analysis,
   (ii) the Abbott–Turnbull Government has committed funding now worth $1.2 billion to the Perth Freight Link for which no business case has ever been provided, for which Stages 2 and 3 have not even been planned or assessed, and which does not reach the Port;

(b) rejects the grounds for public interest immunity claimed on six previous Senate orders for production of documents relating to the project, specifically the orders made on 25 June 2014, 10 August 2015, 11 August 2015, 12 November 2015, 19 April 2016 and 1 September 2016;

(c) orders that the full business case and cost benefit analysis for the Perth Freight Link be laid on the table by the Minister for Finance by no later than midday on 9 February 2017;

(d) resolves that, if the documents specified in paragraph (c) are not laid on the table by 9 February 2017, the Minister for Finance be suspended from the sittings of the Senate except for attendance in divisions but not for any other purpose, until the documents are produced or by 9 May 2017, whichever occurs earlier; and
(e) calls on the Government not to effect any transfer of funds for the Perth Freight Link until such time as paragraph (c) is met.

**187 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong):** To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on a National Integrity Commission, be established to inquire into and report on the establishment of a national integrity commission, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy of the Australian Government’s legislative, institutional and policy framework in addressing all facets of institutional, organisational, political and electoral, and individual corruption and misconduct, with reference to:

(i) the effectiveness of the current federal and state/territory agencies and commissions in preventing, investigating and prosecuting corruption and misconduct,

(ii) the interrelation between federal and state/territory agencies and commissions, and

(iii) the nature and extent of coercive powers possessed by the various agencies and commissions, and whether those coercive powers are consistent with fundamental democratic principles;

(b) whether a federal integrity commission should be established to address institutional, organisational, political and electoral, and individual corruption and misconduct, with reference to:

(i) the scope of coverage by any national integrity commission,

(ii) the legislative and regulatory powers required by any national integrity commission to enable effective operation,

(iii) the advantages and disadvantages associated with domestic and international models of integrity and anti-corruption commissions/agencies,

(iv) whether any national integrity commission should have broader educational powers,

(v) the necessity of any privacy and/or secrecy provisions,

(vi) any budgetary and resourcing considerations, and

(vii) any reporting accountability considerations; and

(c) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 15 August 2017.

(3) That the committee have power to consider and use for its purposes the minutes of evidence and records of the previous Select Committee relating
to the establishment of a National Integrity Commission, appointed on 24 February 2016.

(4) That the committee consist of seven senators:

(a) two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;

(b) two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;

(c) one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens;

(d) one nominated by the Nick Xenophon Team; and

(e) one nominated by the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party.

(5) That:

(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator; and

(b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee.

(6) The presence of a quorum for the committee and any subcommittee be determined in accordance with the provisions of standing order 29.

(7) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

(8) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and as deputy chair the member nominated by the Nick Xenophon Team.

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

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

(11) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
(12) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

(13) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.

(14) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (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].

Two 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].

Two 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].

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

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 7 February 2017

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

(a) acknowledges:

(i) that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples of these lands and waters,

(ii) that 26 January is a day of mourning for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as it represents the beginning of colonisation, and

(iii) the call from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, local governments and community support to change the date; and

(b) calls on federal, state and territory governments to change the date of Australia Day so that all Australians can participate in celebrating this national day.

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

31 National Integrity Commission Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Rhiannon)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Pratt, in continuation, 10 November 2016).
10 Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)
Second reading (restored 31 August 2016).

On 13 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

2 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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—Orders 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.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Code of Procedure Harmonisation) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Digital Readiness and Other Measures) 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.)
General Business—Notice 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.

Four 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].

Five 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 16 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Cooperation and Other Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 24 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the operation of the Administrative Arrangements Order.
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.)

Six 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].
   Seven 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].
   Seven 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—Notice of Motion

Notice given 30 November 2016

1 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) the 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.

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 22 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the non-payment of the Superannuation Guarantee.
2 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.)

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 29 March 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.

Thirteen sitting days after today (30 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 1 December 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Army and Air Force (Canteen) Regulation 2016, made under the Defence Act 1903, be disallowed [F2016L01455].
   Fourteen 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 (Agriculture and Water Resources Measures No. 3) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01576].
   Fourteen 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 Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education and Training Measures No. 4) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01583].
   Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

4 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules 2016 (No. 3), made under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007, be disallowed [F2016L01596].
   Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
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.

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

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 10 May 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the complaints process under the Health Practitioners Regulation National Law.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the matters raised by New South Wales Police Strike Force CIVET.

   **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 31 May 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Government Procurement—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

   **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): 22 March 2017)

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 16 February 2017)

Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 13 February 2017)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Co-operation and Other Measures) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 16 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)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Code of Procedure Harmonisation) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 14 February 2017)

Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 14 February 2017)
Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Digital Readiness and Other Measures) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 14 February 2017)

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

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**BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED**

**Government bills**

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

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Questions remaining unanswered**


Question nos, as shown above, from 67 to 324 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.

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**ORDERS OF THE SENATE**

Administration—Former ministers—Meetings—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.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

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—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, 3 November 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)*

**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)

Privileges Committee—163rd report
That, in relation to the matter referred to the Privileges Committee on 31 August 2016, relating to the disposition of documents over which claims of parliamentary privilege have been made, the Senate:

(a)  empowers the committee to access and examine the material identified in paragraph (1) of the resolution referring the matter, which is in the custody of the Clerk of the Senate, for the purposes of its inquiry; and

(b)  empowers the committee to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the inquiry, with the approval of the President.

(Agreed to 1 December 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.

11 **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 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

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.

13 Senator Lambie  
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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Minister for Regional Communications  
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Minister for Finance  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate  
Minister for Sport |
| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne | Minister for Defence Industry  
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| Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash | Minister for Immigration and Border Protection  
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Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources |
| Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells | Minister for International Development and the Pacific |
| Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan | Special Minister of State  
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Minister for Social Services  
Minister for Human Services |

**ASSISTANT MINISTERS – DESIGNATED AS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES UNDER THE MINISTERS OF STATE ACT 1952**

**Senator the Honourable Anne Ruston**  
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**Senator the Honourable James McGrath**  
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