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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**
  - 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
BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

GENERAL BUSINESS—CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS

Orders of the Day

44 Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Take-Home Pay) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senators Cameron, Di Natale and Lambie)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Polley, in continuation, 23 March 2017).

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2017

1 Senator Rice: To move—that the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 8 August 2017:

The ownership and operations of existing and proposed toll roads in Australia, including:

(a) the economics of existing and proposed private toll roads, including assessment of financial arrangements with state governments;

(b) transparency and accountability measures, including:
   (i) mechanisms of transparency and accountability of public–private partnership toll road developments,
   (ii) the impact of ‘commercial-in-confidence’ provisions on transparency and public accountability, and
   (iii) assessment of, and transparency and accountability of, unsolicited bids;

(c) the interaction of toll roads with transport policy and implementation, including:
   (i) the efficacy of toll roads in meeting transport needs,
   (ii) the impact of toll road contracts with potentially competing roads and public transport initiatives,
   (iii) the influence of toll road developments on overall transport policy of state and federal governments,
   (iv) alternatives to private toll roads, including public road developments and demand management,
   (v) the interaction of tolls payable on private toll roads with other current and potential road pricing mechanisms, and
   (vi) the contribution that payment of tolls plays in overall cost of transport to the community, and equity considerations;

(d) the impact of concentration of ownership of private toll roads;

(e) the appropriateness of tolls payable over time, penalties for non-payment and debt recovery mechanisms; and
Orders of the Day

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson), in continuation, 29 March 2017).

2 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan) Bill 2016—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

3 Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

4 Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

5 Health Insurance Amendment (National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2017
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—
   That this bill be now read a second time.
   And on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate:
   (a) laments that health outcomes in rural and regional Australia continue to lag significantly behind the rest of the country, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
   (b) recognises that the establishment of a Rural Health Commissioner represents an opportunity to examine and address the significant workforce issues which contribute to this, as well as the range of other causes; and
(c) calls for the Commissioner to be free to examine and make recommendations relating to all areas of policy reform and funding that are relevant to urgently address this issue” (Senator Williams, in continuation, 27 March 2017).

*6 Biosecurity Amendment (Ballast Water and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
  (Bill exempted on 29 March 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

*7 Disability Services Amendment (Linking Upper Age Limits for Disability Employment Services to Pension Age) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
  (Bill exempted on 29 March 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

*8 Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Polar Code) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
  (Bill exempted on 29 March 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

*9 Crimes Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
  (Bill exempted on 29 March 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

*10 Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
  (Bill exempted on 29 March 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

*11 Personal Property Securities Amendment (PPS Leases) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
  (Bill exempted on 29 March 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

12 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire) Bill 2016
  Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath)—That this bill be now read a second time.
  And on the amendment moved by Senator Cameron—At the end of the motion, add “but that further consideration of this bill be made an order of the day for the first sitting day after the Government has tabled a statement outlining how it intends to ensure that, under Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire:
  (a) jobs will not be displaced by cheaper labour;
  (b) wages will not be undercut and participants will not be paid below minimum award wages;
participants’ safety will not be compromised and adequate insurance arrangements will be provided; and

(d) small to medium enterprises will be prioritised in ‘Prepare, Trial, Hire’ as they have a demonstrated track record of employing more job seekers through their jobactive program” (13 February 2017).

13 Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Representation) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2017).

14 Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

15 National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

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

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

18 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).

19 Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

20 Migration Amendment (Visa Revalidation and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

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

22 Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fieravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).

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

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

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

To His Excellence 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).

Notice of Motion

Notice given 29 March 2017

*1 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 10 May 2017, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Georgiou to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

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 29 March 2017

*300 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM):
(i) is the national peak body that represents, advocates and supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives at a national level,
(ii) represents the largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce, and
(iii) undertakes extensive activity to build the capacity of non-Aboriginal health professionals to provide culturally-safe work and health service environments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and service users across the nursing and midwifery profession; and
(b) calls on the Government to embed cultural safety in health practitioner legislation and fund CATSINaM beyond 30 June 2018.

*301 Senator O’Neill: To move—That the Senate condemns the Turnbull Government’s continuing mismanagement of the National Broadband Network (NBN), including cost
blowouts, second-rate service delivery, contempt towards Australian consumers, a lack of accountability to taxpayers, and NBN Co’s ‘improper interference’ with the Parliament.


*303 Senators Brown and Williams: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) 11 April 2017 is World Parkinson’s Day,
   (ii) 2017 marks 200 years since the disease was recognised by Dr James Parkinson in his publication, An Essay on the Shaking Palsy,
   (iii) conservative estimates indicate there are well over 70,000 people living with Parkinson’s in Australia, making it the most common major movement disorder,
   (iv) an estimated 700,000 people are directly impacted because they either have Parkinson’s, provide care to someone or have a family member or close friend with Parkinson’s, and
   (v) in 2014, the total cost to the Australian economy from Parkinson’s was $9.9 billion; and
(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) World Parkinson’s Day brings the community together as part of a global campaign,
   (ii) Australians with Parkinson’s should have access to specialist care, medications and therapies,
   (iii) investment in research is critical to finding better treatments, and ultimately a cure, for Parkinson’s disease,
   (iv) a skilled workforce is vital to ensuring a timely diagnosis and better care and support for people living with Parkinson’s,
   (v) there is a significant financial burden faced by people with the disease and their families, and
   (vi) the economic burden of Parkinson’s is set to rise as the number of people with Parkinson’s is set to increase by 4 per cent per year.

*304 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—
(a) is deeply concerned that the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is reportedly planning to purchase weaponised drones;
(b) notes that:
   (i) the Obama Administration is estimated to have killed at least 7 000 people with these lethal unpiloted aircraft during its term of government,
   (ii) the Bureau of Investigative Journalists estimates that up to 1 168 civilians have been killed in United States (US) drone strikes in Yemen, Pakistan and Somalia alone,
   (iii) due to the lack of transparency surrounding the US’s lethal drone program, and the practice of categorising unidentified people killed in strikes as enemies even if they were not the intended target, it is impossible to tally the exact number of civilian deaths, and
   (iv) weaponised drone strikes exacerbate the very threat that the ADF is seeking to confront; and
calls on the Australian Government not to purchase weaponised drones, and instead direct funding to strengthening Australia’s diplomatic network and increasing Australia’s aid budget from its current record low.

DOCUMENTS

Orders of the Day relating to 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 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).

4 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).

5 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).

6 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).

7 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).

8 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).

9 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).

10 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).

11 **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).

12 **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).

13 **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).

14 **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).

15 **Climate Change Authority—Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the documents (7 November 2016).

16 **Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)—Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

17 **Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)—Report for 2015-16**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

18 **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).

19 **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).

20 **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).

21 **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).

22 **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).
23 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).

24 National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 9 February 2017).

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

26 Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report no. 73—Frances Well Land Claim no. 64
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (7 February 2017).

27 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Social Justice and Native Title—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 7 February 2017).

28 Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (7 February 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (7 February 2017).

30 Primary industries—Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Relocation—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) responding to the order of the Senate of 29 November 2016, and attachment
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the documents (7 February 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 13 February 2017).

32 Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Report of case study no. 32—The response of Geelong Grammar School to allegations of child sexual abuse of former students
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 14 February 2017).

33 Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918—Redistribution into electoral divisions—Northern Territory—Report, together with composite map and compact disc of supporting information
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 14 February 2017).

34 Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Report of case study no. 34—The response of Brisbane Grammar School and St Paul’s School to allegations of child sexual abuse
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 15 February 2017).

35 Health—Dental services—Funding—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Health (Mr Hunt) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 30 November 2016
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

36 Law and justice—Catholic Church—Allegations of child sexual abuse—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Prefect, Secretariat for the Economy, Vatican City State (Cardinal Pell, AC) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 8 February 2017
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

37 Family and community services—Private rental housing market—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Social Services (Mr Porter) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 9 February 2017
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

38 National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2015-16

39 Murray-Darling Basin Authority—Basin Plan—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

40 Telecommunications Act 1997—Funding of telecommunications consumer representation grants—Report for 2015-16

41 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—Australia State of the Environment 2016: Overview

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Whish-Wilson)—
That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 29 March 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 29 March 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Smith)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Smith, in continuation, 29 March 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Pratt)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McKim, in continuation, 29 March 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Gallacher, in continuation, 27 March 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 23 March 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 23 March 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 23 March 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Urquhart)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 23 March 2017).
relation to the distribution of proceeds of the liquidation of, and litigation concerning, the Bell Group of companies (the proceeds)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Pratt)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 22 March 2017).


Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 22 March 2017).


Consideration (20 March 2017).

12 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Import of seafood and seafood products—Report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sterle—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Sterle, in continuation, 21 March 2017).


Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Paterson—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Brown, in continuation, 21 March 2017).


Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the reports (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 21 March 2017).


Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the documents (Senator Carr, in continuation, 21 March 2017).

16 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Violence, abuse and neglect against people with disability in institutional and residential settings, including the
gender and age related dimensions, and the particular situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, and culturally and linguistically diverse people with disability—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 21 March 2017).
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

26 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 (9 February 2017).

27 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 (9 February 2017).

28 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 (9 February 2017).

29 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 (9 February 2017).

30 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 (9 February 2017).

31 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 (9 February 2017).

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AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS

Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General’s reports
1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Offshore processing centres in Nauru and Papua New Guinea – Contract management of garrison support and welfare services: Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—that the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Indigenous Advancement Strategy: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—that the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Australian Taxation Office’s implementation of audit recommendations: Australian Taxation Office
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 13 February 2017).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2016-17—Performance audit—The approval and administration of Commonwealth funding for the WestConnex project: Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development; Infrastructure Australia
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 14 February 2017).

5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Australian Border Force’s use of statutory powers: Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator McKim, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

6 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2016-17—2015-16 major projects report: Department of Defence
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

7 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Management of selected fraud prevention and compliance budget measures: Department of Human Services; Department of Social Services
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

8 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Proceeds of crime: Australian Federal Police; Australian Financial Security Authority; Attorney-General’s Department
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O’Neill—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator O’Neill, in continuation, 22 March 2017).
ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

274 Attendance of the Attorney-General in the Senate—Explanation—Order for production of documents

The Attorney-General to be in attendance in the Senate at 9.30 am on 30 March 2017, so that a senator may ask the Attorney-General for an explanation in connection with his actions in relation to the inquiry of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee into the Bell Group. (Motion of Senator Pratt agreed to 28 March 2017.)

That—

(1) The Senate notes:

(a) the failure of the Attorney-General and officers of the Attorney-General’s Department to provide any responses to many of the questions asked in the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee inquiry into the nature and scope of any agreement reached by the Commonwealth and Western Australian governments in relation to the distribution of proceeds of the liquidation of, and litigation concerning, the Bell Group of companies (the proceeds);

(b) answers to these questions would enable clear facts to be established regarding the Commonwealth’s actions, and give the public confidence the Commonwealth is acting consistent with its constitutional responsibilities and protecting its position with the states; and

(c) the failure to provide answers has significantly compromised the ability of the committee to fulfil the terms of reference of the inquiry.

(2) The Senate requires the Attorney-General, by 12.45 pm on 29 March 2017, to provide answers to the committee to questions taken on notice by him or officers of the Attorney-General’s Department, listed in Appendix 1 of the committee’s interim report tabled in the Senate on 22 March 2017, or alternatively make a substantive claim of public interest immunity that is acceptable to the Senate.

(3) The committee report to the Senate on the Attorney-General’s compliance with this resolution on 29 March 2017.

(4) The Senate requires that the Attorney-General be in the Senate at 9.30 am on 30 March 2017, so that a senator may ask the Attorney-General for an explanation in connection with his actions on this matter, and at the conclusion of the explanation any senator may move a motion to take note of the explanation; or if the Attorney-General fails to provide an explanation, any senator may move to take note of his failure to do so.
Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility and the Export Finance and Investment Corporation—Order for production of documents

By the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, by no later than 3.30 pm on 30 March 2017, documents relating to the contract or memorandum of understanding between the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility and the Export Finance and Investment Corporation. (Motion of Senator Moore agreed to 29 March 2017.)

**Saudi Arabia and the Minister for Defence Industry—Order for production of documents**

By the Minister for Defence, by no later than 6 pm on 30 March 2017, the itinerary for the Minister for Defence Industry while in Saudi Arabia, and documents relating to approvals for military exports to Saudi Arabia since January 2016. (Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 29 March 2017.)

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**BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**On 31 March 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Economics References Committee**

   Report to be presented on carbon risk disclosure.

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 7 April 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World—Select Committee**

   Report to be presented.

Orders for Production of Documents

272 **Bell Group liquidation and the Bell Act—Order for production of documents**

   By the Attorney-General to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, by no later than noon on 7 April 2017, documents relating to the Bell Group liquidation and the Bell Act. (Motion of Senator Pratt agreed to 27 March 2017.)

273 **Bell Group liquidation—Order for production of documents**

   By the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, by no later than noon on 7 April 2017, a document relating to the Bell Group liquidation and the Bell Act. (Motion of Senator Pratt agreed to 27 March 2017.)

**On 10 April 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

   **On 12 April 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

   **On 13 April 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

   **On 20 April 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

   **On 21 April 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

   **On 28 April 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

   **On 4 May 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

   **On the next day of sitting (9 May 2017)**

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

   *Notice given 28 March 2017*
Senator Xenophon: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2017:

(a) claims that many employees working for large employers such as Coles, Woolworths, McDonald’s and KFC receive lower penalty rates under their enterprise agreements than those set by the relevant modern award, giving those employers a competitive advantage over smaller businesses that pay award rates;
(b) the operation, application and effectiveness of the Better Off Overall Test (BOOT) for enterprise agreements made under the Fair Work Act 2009;
(c) the desirability of amending the Fair Work Act 2009 to ensure that enterprise agreements do not contain terms that specify penalty rates which are lower than the respective modern award; and
(d) any other related matter.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016.

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 March 2017).
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.

3. Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

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

On 11 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2017

1. Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That items 1 and 4 of Schedule 1 of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Narcotic Drugs) Regulation 2016, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. and made under the Crimes Act 1914 and the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, be disallowed [F2016L01652].

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1. 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.

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

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

4. Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight.
General 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 22 March 2017

269 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—

(1) That a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Oversight of the Implementation of Recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse be established to inquire into and report upon:

(a) the response and implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission by the Australian Government, state and territory governments and relevant not-for-profit organisations;

(b) the Australian Government policy, program and legal response, including the establishment and operation of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme and ongoing support of survivors; and

(c) any matter in relation to the Royal Commission’s recommendations referred to the committee by a resolution of either House of the Parliament.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 1 December 2018.

(3) That the committee consist of 12 members – 7 senators, and 5 members as follows:

(a) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;

(b) 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the House of Representatives;

(c) 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;

(d) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives;

(e) 1 to be nominated by minority groups or independents in the Senate; and

(f) the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch).

(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 select committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.

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

(7) That Senator Hinch be appointed as chair of the committee and the committee elect as deputy chair a member or senator nominated by the Opposition.

(8) That the deputy chair 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.
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(9) That the committee 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.

(10) 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.

(11) 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.

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

(13) 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.

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

On 22 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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 13 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 February 2017

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

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 15 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Report to be presented on the effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector.

Eight sitting days after today (20 June 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Health Measures No. 4) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01751].

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 30 March 2017 (Notice given 29 March 2017)

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Jervis Bay Territory Marine Safety Ordinance 2016, made under the Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act 1915, be disallowed [F2016L01756].

Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 20 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 21 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2017

1 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Extradition (People’s Republic of China) Regulations 2017, made under the Extradition Act 1988, be disallowed [F2017L00185].
   Ten sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 Community Affairs References Committee

On 22 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products into Australia.

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on shark mitigation and deterrent measures.
4 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.

   **On 15 August 2017**

General Business—Order of the Day

1 National Integrity Commission—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

   **On 23 August 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects.

   **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.

   **Twelve sitting days after today (8 September 2017)**
Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 27 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):
To move—that the Export Control (Plants and Plant Products—Norfolk Island) Order 2016, made under the Export Control Act 1982, be disallowed [F2016L01796].

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

Thirteen sitting days after today (9 September 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):
To move—that the Migration Amendment (Review of the Regulations) Regulation 2016, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L01809].

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

On 13 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity.

On 14 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on Community Development Program.

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.

General Business—Order of the Day

1 Lending to Primary Production Customers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 31 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.

On 27 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs.

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 30 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities.

2 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on transvaginal mesh implants.

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 6 December 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 the first sitting day in March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Airports Amendment Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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.

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Airports Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date (final): first sitting day in March 2018)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 February 2017; reporting date: 10 May 2017)

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): 31 March 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 9 May 2017)
Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 9 May 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 22 May 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)

Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 9 May 2017)

Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 9 May 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.

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017
Discharged, 23 March 2017.
Questions on Notice

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

Orders of the Senate

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)
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, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)

Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (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, 27 October 2017, but not restricted to these days.

(2A) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 26 May 2017 and Friday, 27 October 2017.

(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; varied 8 February 2017; varied 29 March 2017 in respect of paragraph (2A))
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)

Exemption of bills from the cut-order
That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Biosecurity Amendment (Ballast Water and Other Measures) Bill 2017
Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill 2017
Crimes Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2017
Disability Services Amendment (Linking Upper Age Limits for Disability Employment Services to Pension Age) Bill 2017
Personal Property Securities Amendment (PPS Leases) Bill 2017
(Agreed to 29 March 2017)

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
Autumn sittings (2):
   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)

Meeting of Senate—Budget week—9 to 11 May 2017
That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 9 May 2017 be from 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 11 May 2017 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

(a) the routine of business from 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 9 May 2017 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents 2017-18, and
   (ii) adjournment; and
(b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 11 May 2017 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
   (ii) adjournment.
(Agreed to 29 March 2017)

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)
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 moved 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.
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

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.

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

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.

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

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)

Senator Leyonhjelm

Senator Xenophon

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Questions without notice

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Statements

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Tabling of documents

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