The Senate meets at 9.30 am

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1  Senator Siewert: To move—That the Social Security (Administration) (Trial Area) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 2017, made under the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999, be disallowed [F2017L01170].

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

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2  Senators Brown, Hinch and Rice: To move—That items 1, 3 to 8, 11 to 13, 16 to 19, 21 to 25, 28 to 30, and 33 to 36 of Schedule 1 of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Due Diligence Improvements) Regulations 2017, made under the Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012, be disallowed [F2017L01338].

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

O r d e r  o f  t h e  D a y

1  P u b l i c a t i o n s—J o i n t  S t a n d i n g  C o m m i t t e e—I n q u i r y  i n t o  t h e  p r i n t i n g  s t a n d a r d s  f o r  d o c u m e n t s  p r e s e n t e d  t o  P a r l i a m e n t—R e p o r t

Consideration (5 December 2017).

G O V E R N M E N T  B U S I N E S S

O r d e r s  o f  t h e  D a y

*1  T r e a s u r y  L a w s  A m e n d m e n t  (B a n k i n g  E x e c u t i v e  A c c o u n t a b i l i t y  a n d  R e l a t e d  M e a s u r e s)  B i l l  2 0 1 8

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham)—That this bill be now read a second time.

And on the amendment moved by Senator Whish-Wilson—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate calls on the Government to initiate a review by the Council of Financial Regulators, within two years of the commencement of the Act, in respect of whether the Act provides adequate regulation to directly protect consumer outcomes, and whether the scope of the Act should be expanded to cover the entire financial sector” (Senator O’Neill, in continuation, 6 February 2018).
2 Export Control Bill 2017  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That this bill be now read a second time.  
*And on the amendment moved by Senator Brown—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate notes that Australian exporters and agriculture industries are facing a number of challenges relating to trade” (5 February 2018).*

3 Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017  
Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2017—(Minister for Education and Training, Senator Birmingham)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 February 2018).

4 Enhancing Online Safety (Non-consensual Sharing of Intimate Images) Bill 2017—(Senator bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

5 Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 February 2018).

6 Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 August 2017).

7 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Authority Governance and Other Matters) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

8 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

9 Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

10 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKim, in continuation, 16 October 2017).

11 Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)  

12 Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Acting Special Minister of State, Senator Cormann)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

13 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 2) Bill 2017  
14 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).

15 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2017).

16 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017
In committee (7 December 2017).

17 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

18 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Foreign Media Ownership and Community Radio) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

19 National Broadcasters Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Transparency) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

20 Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

21 Security of Critical Infrastructure Bill 2017
Security of Critical Infrastructure (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017—(Senate bills)—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

22 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

23 Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

24 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).
25 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McGrath, in continuation, 4 December 2017).

26 Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
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Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
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Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
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Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Nation-building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

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

28 Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2016
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 149 from the House of Representatives (30 March 2017).

29 Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2017
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 268 from the House of Representatives (13 November 2017).

30 Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

31 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 1) Bill 2017—
(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).
32 **Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016**—(*Senate bill*)
   
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

33 **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).

34 **Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016**

   Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

35 **Migration Amendment (Visa Revalidation and Other Measures) Bill 2016**—

   (*Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield*)


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

   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).

37 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2016**—

   (*Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath*)

   Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 November 2016).

38 **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).

39 **Governor-General’s Opening Speech**

   Adjudourned 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*).

40 **Budget statement and documents 2017-18**

   Adjudourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (11 May 2017).
No. 81—7 February 2018

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 6 February 2018

*678 Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in a recent survey of voters, conducted by the Australian Population Research Institute, it was found that 74 per cent of respondents believed Australia does not need to increase its population, and

(ii) a Galaxy research poll, conducted by Mr Dick Smith in September 2017, indicated that 83 per cent of respondents believed major parties should have a population policy, and 82 per cent agreed population growth was an issue on which politicians needed to act; and

(b) calls upon the Government commit to a plebiscite, held in conjunction with the next federal election, asking voters to indicate their preferred stance on Australia adopting a more sustainable population target.

*679 Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Citizenship Act 2007 and other legislation, and for related purposes. Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018.

*680 Senator Bernardi: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes—

(a) the claims by academic Mr Clive Hamilton, author of the unpublished book, Silent Invasion, that he is experiencing difficulty proceeding with publishing his book critical of foreign influence in our institutions, including this Parliament;

(b) in particular, his publisher’s concern about being subject to significant court action financed by or at the behest of a foreign nation; and

(c) the report in The Sydney Morning Herald newspaper on 5 February 2018, that members of federal Parliament’s national security committee, namely the members for Canning and Holt, have expressed support for using parliamentary privilege to enable the publication of the book.

(2) That in the interests of free speech and Australian sovereignty, the Senate calls upon the Government to render such assistance to Mr Hamilton as to enable his claims to be considered or published.
*681 Senator O’Neill: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that:

(i) Liberal Governments across the country are causing inequality to increase in Australia by failing to deal with record low wage growth,
(ii) this has meant that the standard of living of workers and their families has been seriously eroded,
(iii) the capacity of hardworking men and women to protect and improve wages and working conditions is now diminished, and
(iv) the failure of the system has left unions, such as the NSW Rail, Tram and Bus Union, limited in their capacity to fight for their members and protect community safety, decent wages and fair working conditions; and

(b) calls on the Liberal Party of Australia to prioritise the wages and job security of hardworking Australians.

*682 Senator Smith: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that 27 January 2018 was International Holocaust Remembrance Day which remembers the atrocities committed by the Nazi regime and its collaborators;

(b) notes the remarks of former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Ban Ki-Moon, who remarked the day is one on which “we must reassert our commitment to human rights ... and go beyond remembrance, and make sure that new generations know this history. We must apply the lessons of the Holocaust to today’s world. And we must do our utmost so that all peoples may enjoy protection and rights for which the United Nations stands”;

(c) acknowledges the importance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day in honouring the memory of all Holocaust victims and encouraging the development of education programs about the history of the Holocaust and the stories of its victims in order to protect against future acts of genocide;

(d) acknowledges the 27 000 Holocaust survivors who migrated to Australia after the Second World War to seek new beginnings; and

(e) acknowledges the ongoing efforts of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance to strengthen, advance and promote Holocaust education, research and remembrance worldwide, and welcomes Australia’s recent acceptance by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance as a liaison country.

*683 Senator Griff: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that:

(i) access to appropriate pain and symptom management and being surrounded by family are most important to people who are dying,
(ii) palliative care is not just about pain and symptom management, it is about providing meaningful social, spiritual and emotional support for families and patients,
(iii) for many Australians, their end-of-life journey will likely be punctuated with avoidable, or unwanted admissions to hospital with the confusion, loss of dignity and loss of control that comes with it,
Australians need to be more engaged in conversations regarding their end-of-life care wishes, and palliative care is not just about dying, it is about living as well as you can for as long as you can;

(b) notes that Palliative Care Australia estimates that while 70 per cent of Australians wish to die at home, only around 14 per cent do so;

(c) acknowledges that the Productivity Commission’s draft report into human services, released in June 2017, argued that:

(i) there are just 213 palliative medical specialists across Australia, equating to one specialist for every 704 deaths each year,
(ii) more community-based palliative care services are needed to enable more people who wish to die at home to do so, and
(iii) end-of-life care in residential aged care needs to be better resourced and delivered by skilled staff;

(d) further notes Palliative Care Australia’s call for a national palliative care commissioner who would examine existing palliative care services and programs nationally, in order to assess their efficiency and effectiveness in supporting terminally ill individuals and their families to live as well as possible, right to the end of life;

(e) calls on all senators to have an end-of-life conversation with their loved ones; and

(f) calls on the Government to make palliative care a health priority and appoint a national palliative care commissioner.

*684 Senator Steele-John: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Internet access is now an essential service and has been declared as such in several countries, including Canada, Spain, and Finland,

(ii) regulation of telecommunication services, including fixed-line, mobile and broadband services, must treat telecommunications as an essential service,

(iii) the 2016-17 annual report of the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman reported 158,016 complaints, representing a 41 per cent increase in complaints, and

(iv) the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman received approximately double the number of complaints received by Ombudsman offices covering other essential services, including energy, water and financial services; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) bring forward the intended Review of the Telecommunications Consumer Safeguards Framework (Safeguards Review), including review of the industry self-regulatory arrangements set out in Part 6 of the Telecommunications Act 1997,

(ii) closely monitor the Telecommunications Consumer Protection Code reviews process and direct the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to make an industry standard to drive better customer service and industry practice if the process fails to deliver effectively, and
(iii) ensure that the direction to the AMCA to implement new broadband consumer protections, as announced by the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) on 21 December 2017, is enacted swiftly.

*685 Senator Patrick: To move—That—

(1) The Senate notes that:

(a) the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Assessment Committee (SDLAAC) plays an important role in assessing and advising the Basin Officials Committee (BOC) on proposed measures which may provide an opportunity to adjust Sustainable Diversion Limits (SDL);

(b) the SDLAAC also advises the BOC on constraint measures which remove or ease constraints on the capacity to deliver environmental water;

(c) in June 2017, the BOC endorsed a package of 36 measures to be included for modelling assessment of SDL adjustment contribution; and

(d) in order to make a considered decision on any changes to the SDL, the Senate requires access to the assessments of the 36 adjustment mechanism projects.

(2) There be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 3.30 pm on 15 February 2018, all assessments of the 36 adjustment mechanism projects completed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA), including all individual proposal assessment information given to SDLAAC or BOC by the MDBA to inform their decision to support or not support an SDL adjustment or constraints proposal.

*686 Senators Rhiannon, Hinch and Bartlett: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Australian Government management of kangaroos tends to be structured to service commercial shooting and farming industries,

(ii) in 2015, between 65 000 and 650 000 kangaroos suffered non-lethal body-shots and a further 110 000 joeys died from commercial shooting alone, with pouch joeys decapitated or their skulls crushed,

(iii) kangaroos are slow-growing and are shot beyond their low reproductive capacity, with long term government raw data illustrating kangaroo absence and decline, yet this is not reflected in the published population estimates from which an impossibly high commercial shooting quota is extracted, and

(iv) kangaroo is a wild-shot bushmeat and is butchered and transported on open unrefrigerated trucks in the field and, in 2014, Russia banned kangaroo meat imports for a third time due to contamination, with rapid food security alerts in the European Union about kangaroo meat since then; and

(b) calls on the Commonwealth and all states to make available all historical and current kangaroo survey data and methodologies, and commercial and non-commercial shooting and demographics data for all shooting zones across Australia.
*687 Senators Rhiannon and Carr: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the NSW government has awarded $4 billion in contracts to build the Intercity and Waratah train fleets overseas, and
(ii) this decision by the NSW government will impact local rail manufacturers and supply chain businesses, and puts up to 15 000 existing jobs across Australia at risk; and

(b) calls on the Commonwealth and all states to cooperate and strengthen rail manufacturing in Australia by:

(i) establishing a National Rail Manufacturing Industry Plan to maximise the benefits from the $46 billion investment expected over the next decade,
(ii) working together to achieve a long-term, sustainable and efficient rail industry that will provide job security for local rail manufacturers,
(iii) harmonising safety standards that would maximise manufacturing efficiencies, and
(iv) working with the rail industry to develop Rail Industry Skills Centres at local TAFE and colleges, and ensuring the use of local apprentices, trainees and engineering cadets for at least ten per cent of the total labour hours.

*688 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) access to affordable sexual and reproductive healthcare, including abortion and contraception, is part of every woman’s right to control her own body,
(ii) recently, the primary provider of surgical abortions in Tasmania closed their clinic, and the Tasmanian government has provided no guarantee that women will be able to access services in their home state, and would instead be forced to travel interstate for treatment, and
(iii) across Australia, inconsistent laws and service provision means access to abortion can be extremely difficult, and women face high out-of-pocket costs; in particular, women in remote, rural and regional areas are often forced to travel long distances to urban clinics; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) show leadership and work with states and territories to remove all barriers to Australians accessing abortion services, including decriminalisation of abortion in New South Wales and Queensland, and provision of surgical abortion services in public hospitals across the country, and
(ii) where state and territory health systems fail to provide abortion services, step in to ensure funding and provision of essential reproductive health services for all Australians.
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes with concern:

(i) recent revelations about Senator Molan’s personal views, particularly his support of racist material through social media,

(ii) allegations that Senator Molan, as Chief of Operations for Coalition Forces in Iraq, oversaw the deprivation of food, water and humanitarian supplies to civilians during the second coalition assault on the city of Fallujah, and

(iii) the failure of successive Australian Governments to initiate any inquiry into how and why the Howard Government decided to go to war in Iraq, and Australia’s actions in that war;

(b) further notes that such an inquiry has long been supported by eminent Australians, including a former Prime Minister, a former Secretary of the Department of Defence, and a former Chief of the Australian Defence Force; and

(c) calls on all parties to support a long overdue inquiry into Australia’s involvement in the Iraq war.

Senators Wong, Bilyk, Urquhart, Singh, Gallacher, Polley, Farrell and Brown: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that, on 3 January 2018, the Treasurer (Mr Morrison) announced that the final report of the Productivity Commission’s inquiry into the economic impact of horizontal fiscal equalisation would be delayed to 15 May 2018;

(b) notes that the Productivity Commission’s draft report revealed that under changes to the distribution of GST revenue Tasmania stands to lose $168 million in the first year alone, and South Australia stands to lose $557 million in the first year alone;

(c) notes that the Turnbull Government’s decision means the final report will not be delivered until after the South Australian and Tasmanian state elections, and after the next Federal budget is handed down;

(d) condemns the Turnbull Government for hiding its plans from the people of Australia; and

(e) calls on the Turnbull Government to make its planned changes to the distribution of the GST clear before South Australians and Tasmanians vote in upcoming state elections.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the 12th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species was held in Manila in October 2017,

(ii) a consensus agreement among 50 nations from Asia, Africa and Europe decided to add blue sharks, dusky whalers and white-spotted wedgefish to a list of species requiring additional protection, and

(iii) the Government subsequently submitted reservations to the listing of the three species, which applies exemptions of the agreed protections within Australian waters;
(b) notes, with concern, the increasing belligerence of the public statements of the Minister for the Environment (Mr Frydenberg) on matters relating to lethal measures to mitigate the risk of human encounters with protected Great White Sharks, including urging state governments to adopt nets and drum lines which have not proven to make beaches safe for humans, but are indiscriminate killers of protected marine life such as dolphins, whales, other endangered shark species and turtles; and

calls upon the Government to continue the pre-Coalition Government tradition of Australia being an international leader in shark conservation and meet international expectations and standards in the protection of the Great White Shark, blue shark, dusky whalers and white-spotted wedgefish in Australian waters.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (8 February 2018)

Order for Production of Documents

*667 Future Frigate tender documentation—Order for production of documents

The Minister for Defence be required to attend the Senate at 9.30 am on 8 February 2018 to make a statement why the Senate should accept the Minister’s explanation claiming public interest immunity for orders for the production of documents nos 432 and 449. (Motion of Senators Patrick and Carr agreed to 6 February 2018.)

On 9 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) 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 Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017 and the Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).
On 12 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Communications Legislation Amendment (Online Content Services and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Communications Legislation Amendment (Regional and Small Publishers Innovation Fund) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Communications Legislation Amendment (Online Content Services and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

2 Communications Legislation Amendment (Regional and Small Publishers Innovation Fund) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

Order for Production of Documents

*667 Future Frigate tender documentation—Order for production of documents
   By the Minister for Defence, by the commencement of business on 12 February 2018, documents in full compliance with orders for the production of documents nos 432 and 449 relating to the Future Frigate tender documentation. (Motion of Senators Patrick and Carr agreed to 6 February 2018.)

On the second sitting Tuesday in 2018 (13 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order 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.

On the second sitting Tuesday in February 2018 (13 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage.
Four sitting days after today (14 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 November 2017

1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Basin Plan Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 1), made under the Water Act 2007, be disallowed [F2017L01462].

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

On 14 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 16 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
    Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

On 18 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
    Report to be presented on aged care assessment and accreditation.

On 28 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
    Report to be presented on vocational education and training in South Australia.
On 7 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia.

On 13 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 and the Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the first sitting day in March 2018 (19 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 19 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2017. (Contingent upon introduction, referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).

2 Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).
Tuesday of the first sitting week in March 2018 (20 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.

   On 22 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on implications of climate change for Australia’s national security.

   On 26 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

   On the second last sitting day in March 2018 (27 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulatory framework governing water use.

   On the second last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018 (27 March 2018)

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.
Twelve sitting days after today (28 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 7 December 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Broadcasting Services (Technical Planning) Guidelines (Consequential Amendments) Instrument 2017 (No. 2), made under the Radiocommunications Act 1992, be disallowed [F2017L01302].

Thirteen 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 Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Allocation - Multi-band Auction) Determination 2017, made under the Radiocommunications Act 1992, be disallowed [F2017L01255].

Thirteen 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 Retirement Savings Accounts Tax File Number approval No. 1 of 2017, made under the Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997, be disallowed [F2017L01270].

Thirteen 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 Torres Strait Regional Authority Election Rules 2017, made under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005, be disallowed [F2017L01279].

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

5 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 3/04 – Seats and Seat Anchorages) 2017, made under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989, be disallowed [F2017L01344].

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

6 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 34/03 – Child Restraint Anchorages and Child Restraint Anchor Fittings) 2017, made under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989, be disallowed [F2017L01351].

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

7 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Migration Agents (IMMI 17/047: CPD Activities, Approval of CPD Providers and CPD Provider Standards) Instrument 2017, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2017L01236].

Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 28 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Final report to be presented on the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin.

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

On the last sitting day in March 2018 (28 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on cyberbullying.

2 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018 (28 March 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.

On 29 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order 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.

On 30 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities.

By 31 March 2018

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 20 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

2 Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

On 24 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

On 27 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa.

On 30 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 8 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 9 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services.

On 30 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 13 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the waste and recycling industry in Australia.

On 20 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on PFAS contamination.

On the first sitting Thursday in June 2018 (21 June 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Future of Work and Workers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 27 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

On 14 August 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on a national radioactive waste management facility at Kimba and Hawker, South Australia.
On 20 September 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of mobility scooters.

On the final sitting day of November 2018 (29 November 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint
   Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 29 November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

On 3 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

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 (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017 ‡
   Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred
   16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures)
   Bill 2017 ‡
   Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred
   16 November 2017; reporting date: 16 February 2018)

Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
   Contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, referred to the Legal and
   Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date:
   19 March 2018)
Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 November 2017; reporting date: 19 March 2018)

Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 [provisions]
Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 November 2017; reporting date: 13 March 2018)

Communications Legislation Amendment (Online Content Services and Other Measures) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 12 February 2018)

Communications Legislation Amendment (Regional and Small Publishers Innovation Fund) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 12 February 2018)

Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 19 March 2018)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 20 April 2018)

Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 20 April 2018)

Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 26 March 2018)

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 8 May 2018)

Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)
Proceeds of Crime Amendment (Proceeds and Other Matters) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: not specified)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 26 March 2018)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017
Discharged, 18 October 2017 (pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 September 2017).

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.

Private senators’ bills

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment (Make Electricity GST Free) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 7 September 2017.

Lands Acquisition Amendment (Public Purpose) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 September 2017.

Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 August 2017.
**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Questions remaining unanswered*

Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 446, 473, 493, 494, 498, 502, 503, 506, 524, 525, 533 to 537, 555, 557, 575, 577 to 586, 616, 620, 644, 650 to 652, 655, 656, 658, 659, 661 to 668, 670 to 692.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 658 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).


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**ORDERS OF THE SENATE**

**Adjournment debates—Temporary order**

[Amendment to standing order 54(5) to provide for 5-minute speeches, rather than 10-minute speeches on Wednesdays. Amendment to standing order 54(6) to remove the option for 20-minute speeches during the open ended adjournment on Tuesdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]

**54  Adjournment without motion**

(5) On Monday and Thursday debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 10 minutes.

On Wednesday debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 5 minutes.

On Tuesday at the conclusion of debate, and on other days at the expiration of 40 minutes, at the conclusion of debate, or at the time specified for adjournment, whichever is the earlier, or if there is no debate, the President shall adjourn the Senate without putting the question.

(6) On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator shall speak to that question for not more than 5 minutes, except that if no other senator wishes to speak for up to 5 minutes, a senator who has not already spoken may speak for up to 10 minutes.

*(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)*

**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*
Estimates hearings—2017-18 additional estimates; 2018-19 Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2018 be scheduled as follows:

**2017-18 additional estimates:**
Monday, 26 February and Tuesday, 27 February (*Group A*)
Wednesday, 28 February and Thursday, 1 March (*Group B*).

**2018-19 Budget estimates:**
Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May, and, if required, Friday, 25 May (*Group A*)
Tuesday, 29 May to Friday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 22 June (*Group B*)
Monday, 22 October and Tuesday, 23 October (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)
Wednesday, 24 October and Thursday, 25 October (*supplementary hearings—Group B*).

(2) That pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October 2018, but not restricted to these days.
(3) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October 2018, but not restricted to these days.

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

(5) 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.

(6) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:

- (a) Tuesday, 27 March 2018 in respect of the 2017-18 additional estimates; and
- (b) Tuesday, 26 June 2018 in respect of the 2018-19 Budget estimates.

(**Agreed to 15 November 2017; varied 16 November 2017 in respect of paragraph (1)**)

**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 31 August 2016**)

**Meeting of Senate—2018**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2018 be as follows:

**Autumn sittings:**
- Monday, 5 February to Thursday, 8 February
- Monday, 12 February to Thursday, 15 February

**Autumn sittings (2):**
- Monday, 19 March to Thursday, 22 March
- Monday, 26 March to Wednesday, 28 March

**Budget sittings:**
- Tuesday, 8 May to Thursday, 10 May
Winter sittings:
Monday, 18 June to Thursday, 21 June
Monday, 25 June to Thursday, 28 June

Spring sittings:
Monday, 13 August to Thursday, 16 August
Monday, 20 August to Thursday, 23 August
Monday, 10 September to Thursday, 13 September
Monday, 17 September to Thursday, 20 September

Spring sittings (2):
Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 18 October

Spring sittings (3):
Monday, 12 November to Thursday, 15 November
Monday, 26 November to Thursday, 29 November
Monday, 3 December to Thursday, 6 December.

(Agreed to 15 November 2017)

Meeting times—Temporary order
[Amendment to standing order 55 to add 30 minutes at the start of sittings on
Tuesdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]

(1) The days and times of meeting of the Senate in each sitting week shall be:
   Monday 10 am – 6.30 pm, 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm
   Tuesday 12 pm – adjournment
   Wednesday 9.30 am – 8 pm
   Thursday 9.30 am – 8.40 pm

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure
Committee’s first report of 2017)

Outstanding orders for the production of documents—Report—Continuing
order

(1) That there be laid on the table by the Leader of the Government in the
Senate, not later than 2 calendar months after the last day of each financial
year and calendar year, a list showing details of all orders for the production
of documents made during the current Parliament which have not been
complied with in full, together with a statement indicating whether
resistance to them is maintained and why, and detailing any changing
circumstances that might allow reconsideration of earlier refusals.

(2) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure
Committee’s first report of 2017)
Private senators’ bills—Temporary order

[Amendments to standing order 57 and 59 to move consideration of private senators’ bills general business from Thursday to Monday and provide for government business to occur at the start of the day on Thursdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]

57 Routine of business

(1) The routine of business shall be:
   (a) On Monday:
      (i) General business orders of the day for consideration of bills only
      (ia) At 12.20 pm, government business only
   …
   (d) On Thursday:
      (i) Government business only
      (ii) At 11.45 am, petitions
   …

59 Government and general business

Government business shall take precedence over general business, except that general business shall take precedence over government business as follows:

(a) On Mondays, from 10 am until 12.20 pm general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills shall be considered; and

(b) from not later than 4.30 pm, for a period not exceeding 2½ hours, general business orders of the day shall take precedence over general business notices of motion on alternate Thursdays.

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Standing order 24—Amendment

That:

(a) the Senate adopt the recommendation at paragraph 4.10 of Scrutiny Digest 13 of 2017 of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills, proposing an amendment to standing order 24; and

(b) the temporary order of the Senate of 29 November 2016, concerning an amendment to standing order 24, cease to have effect.

Accordingly, standing order 24 was amended, with immediate effect, as follows:

At the end of paragraph (1), add:

(d) The committee shall maintain on its website a list of bills in relation to which the committee has sought advice from the responsible minister and not yet received a response.

(e) Where the committee has not finally reported on a bill because a ministerial response has not been received, then:
      (i) immediately prior to the consideration of government business on any day; or
      (ii) immediately prior to the consideration of the bill,
any senator may ask the minister for an explanation of why the minister has not provided a response to the committee.

(f) Where an explanation is sought under paragraph (e) and a minister provides an explanation, then at the conclusion of the explanation the senator may move, without notice, a motion:
   (i) relating to the consideration of the bill; or
   (ii) that the Senate take note of the explanation.

(g) Where an explanation is sought under paragraph (e) and the minister does not provide an explanation, then the senator may, without notice, move a motion relating to:
   (i) the consideration of the bill; or
   (ii) the minister’s failure to provide an explanation.

(h) The procedures in paragraphs (e) to (g) may only be used once on any sitting day in respect of any bill or bills taken together.

(Agreed to 29 November 2017)

Valedictory and first speeches—Senator Brandis and Senator Molan
That consideration of the business before the Senate be interrupted at approximately 5.30 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, on:

(a) Wednesday, 7 February 2018, to enable valedictory statements to be made relating to Senator Brandis; and

(b) Wednesday, 14 February 2018, to enable Senator Molan to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

(Agreed to 6 February 2018)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

1 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): 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)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator O’Sullivan
   Senator Patrick
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)
   Senator O’Sullivan
   Senator Patrick
   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)
   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)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Patrick

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.

Matters of urgency

8 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): 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.
9 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
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   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Patrick

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

10 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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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.

Questions without notice

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   Senator Patrick

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

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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**Tabling of documents**

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 Minister for Women  
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