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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
BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 September 2016

1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That the Legal Services Amendment (Solicitor-General Opinions) Direction 2016, made under the Judiciary Act 1903, be disallowed [F2016L00645]. Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*2 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*3 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2016 and the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*4 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*5 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*6 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*7 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Income Tax Relief) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

*1 Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

*2 Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2016—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

3 Governor-General’s Opening Speech
Adjudged 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).

*4 Water Legislation Amendment (Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

*5 Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Bill 2016—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

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

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

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

Notices of Motion

Notice given 30 August 2016

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

(a) reaffirms its commitment to the right of all Australians to enjoy equal rights and be treated with equal respect, regardless of race, colour, creed or origin;
(b) reaffirms its commitment to maintaining an immigration policy wholly non-discriminatory on grounds of race, colour, creed or origin;
(c) reaffirms its commitment to the process of reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in the context of redressing their profound social and economic disadvantage;
(d) reaffirms its commitment to maintaining Australia as a culturally diverse, tolerant and open society, united by an overriding commitment to our nation, and its democratic institutions and values; and
(e) denounces racial intolerance in any form as incompatible with the kind of society we are and want to be.

Notice given 14 September 2016

52 Senator Polley: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that:
   (i) World Mental Health Day takes place on 10 October,
   (ii) Mental Health Week will take place in Australia from 9 to 15 October, and
   (iii) both World Mental Health Day and Mental Health Week seek to encourage help-seeking behaviour, reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues and foster connections through communities;
(b) acknowledges the importance of World Mental Health Day and other campaigns, including R U OK? Day in Australia and World Suicide Prevention Day, that:
   (i) help build community awareness about mental health issues, and
   (ii) help build community awareness around suicide prevention and encourage people to have regular and meaningful conversations with family, friends and colleagues;
(c) recognises the efforts of dedicated individuals and organisations working to address mental health issues and suicide prevention;
(d) notes with concern that suicide rates remain unacceptably high, and that in Australia:
   (i) suicide is the leading cause of death for men and women between the ages of 15 and 44,
   (ii) each day seven people die by suicide and 30 attempt suicide,
higher rates of suicide exist among vulnerable groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, young people and people from lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) communities,

(iv) the annual number of deaths by suicide is around 2,500,

(v) each year it is estimated that 65,000 people attempt suicide, and

(vi) the annual suicide toll is now twice the annual road toll; and

calls on the Government to show leadership around suicide prevention, including working in a bipartisan approach to adopt the National Mental Health Commission’s target to reduce suicide by 50 per cent over the next 10 years.

54 Senator Xenophon: To move—That—

(1) The Senate notes that:

(a) the Government is currently in negotiations with the 45 of 164 World Trade Organisation (WTO) member countries that have acceded to the WTO Government Procurement Agreement, and that Australia is negotiating to accede to the agreement; and

(b) these negotiations are being held in secret but could have profound effects on the ability of future Australian governments to use Government procurement for local industry development.

(2) There be laid on the table by no later than 3 pm on 10 October 2016, by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, the Australian offer made and responses to date to that offer.

56 Senator Rice: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, by no later than 10 am on 10 October 2016, the following documents relating to the final report commissioned by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and prepared by Ernst and Young, entitled Review of CSIRO’s Science Prioritisation and Implementation Process:

(a) the terms of reference for the review; and

(b) any documents, including correspondence, briefs or file notes, held by either CSIRO or the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

58 Senator Xenophon: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) the President’s report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2016, listed the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee on the Australian grape and wine industry as amongst the reports the Government had failed to respond to within the 3 month timeframe, and

(ii) the Government still has not provided a formal response to the committee’s report, although it has been 7 months since the report was tabled; and
(b) there be laid on the table by no later than 3.30 pm on 10 October 2016 by
the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources
the Government’s response to the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport References Committee on the Australian grape and wine
industry, dated 12 February 2016.

Notice given 15 September 2016

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

(a) notes that:

(i) all parties to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, including
Australia, have expressed their “deep concern at the catastrophic
humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons”,
(ii) nuclear weapons remain the only weapons of mass destruction not
yet prohibited under international law in a comprehensive and
universal manner, and 127 nations have pledged to fill this legal
gap,
(iii) the United Nations (UN) open-ended working group on nuclear
disarmament adopted its report on 19 August, which recommends
that the UN General Assembly convene a conference in 2017 “to
negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons,
leading towards their total elimination”, and
(iv) the Australian Red Cross and the International Campaign to Abolish
Nuclear Weapons have called for the adoption of a UN General
Assembly resolution this year to convene negotiations in 2017 on a
legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons; and

(b) urges:

(i) the Australian Government to support all efforts in the First
Committee of the UN General Assembly this October and
November to establish a mandate for negotiations to commence in
2017 on a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, and

(i) the Australian Government to participate constructively in
negotiations on such an instrument.

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

39 Relocation of Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority from
Canberra to Armidale—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by
no later than 4 pm on 10 October 2016, documents relating to the relocation from
Canberra to Armidale of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines
Authority. (Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 13 September 2016.)
40 Government response to committee report—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, no later than 3.30 pm on 10 October 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Environment and Communications References Committee on stormwater management, dated 2 December 2015. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 13 September 2016.)

41 Government response to committee report—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care, by no later than 3.30 pm on 10 October 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Community Affairs References Committee on the availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia, dated 17 September 2015. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 13 September 2016.)

45 Government response to committee report—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, by no later than 3.30 pm on 10 October 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Economics References Committee on the future of Australia’s automotive industry, dated 1 December 2015. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 14 September 2016.)

Business Listed for Future Consideration

On the next day of sitting (On 11 October 2016)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Cancer Screening Register Bill 2016 and the National Cancer Screening Register (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 September 2016

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

(a) notes that:

(i) in 1770, two members of the Gweagal people stood on the shore of the place now called Botany Bay, as a boat containing James Cook and some of his crew approached the shore,

(ii) the Gweagal men were holding spears and a shield and they attempted to warn off the interlopers, an action that was responded to with gunfire,

(iii) one of the men, Cooman, was shot in the leg and he ran for cover, dropping his shield,
(iv) this shield and a number of spears and other artefacts from their
camp were taken by James Cook and given to the British Museum
when he returned there, and the shield and a number of the spears
remain in the Museum’s collection, and

(v) a significant number of the spears taken are now also held by the
Cambridge Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology;

(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) it is a core part of Aboriginal belief that artefacts must be kept on
       the country they came from, as they form a part of the ongoing story
       of that place,
   (ii) laws covering Aboriginal cultural heritage in New South Wales
        recognise the strong connection between Aboriginal people, their
        land and their artefacts, and
   (iii) the Gweagal people and their descendants are the rightful and lawful
        owners of all artefacts produced on their territory, including the
        shield and spears held in the British Museum and the Cambridge
        Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology;

(c) recognises the work done by Cooman’s descendant Mr Rodney Kelly to
    push for the repatriation of these important artefacts;

(d) supports the repatriation of these important artefacts to the Gweagal people;
    and

(e) requests the Australian Government extend diplomatic assistance to Mr
    Rodney Kelly while he is in the United Kingdom seeking the return
    of the artefacts.

On 12 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 30 August 2016

1 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—That the Customs (Prohibited Imports)
   Amendment (Shotguns and Shotgun Magazines) Regulation 2016, made under the
   Customs Act 1901, be disallowed [F2016L01255].
   Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument
   will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 13 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting
   Reform) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the planned acquisition of the Joint Strike Fighter.

*3 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of
   law enforcement and justice services.
General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 September 2016

34 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—that the order of the Senate of 21 March 2002 restricting photography in the Senate chamber ceases to have effect on and from 10 October 2016.

On 14 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee

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

On 7 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 8 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Consultations prior to the making of directions concerning opinions of the Solicitor-General.

On 14 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 16 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the medical complaints process.

On 21 November 2016

Order for Production of Documents

1 Government response - Select Committee on Wind Turbines—Order for production of document
By the Minister representing the Minister for Environment and Energy, by 3.30 pm on 21 November 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines. (Motion of Senators Leyonhjelm, Day, Xenophon, Lambie, Griff, Kakoschke-Moore, Burston, Culleton and Roberts, the Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson) and Senator Hinch agreed to 1 September 2016.)

On 23 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on large capacity fishing vessels.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the access by children to internet pornography.

On 24 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on 2016 Census.

*2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on domestic violence and gender inequality.

On 29 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment.
On 30 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Lyme-like illness in Australia.

*2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   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 1 December 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

*3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future role and contribution of regional capitals.

On 7 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 24 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the second last sitting day in February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the second last sitting day in March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight.
On 30 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the last sitting day in March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 28 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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 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.
OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date: 30 November 2016)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 7 November 2016)

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [provisions]‡
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 October 2016)

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date: 10 October 2016)

Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 November 2016)

Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 10 October 2016)

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 October 2016)

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date: 10 October 2016)

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 13 October 2016)

Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date: 10 October 2016)
Questions on Notice

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 1, 3 to 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17 to 20, 24, 59 to 63, 66 to 72, 78, 79, 81 to 86, 88, 94, 95, 100, 101 and 103 to 171.

Question nos, as shown above, from 1 to 103 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

Orders of the Senate

Address-in-reply—Suspension of standing order 3(4)

That standing order 3(4) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider business other than that of a formal character before the address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s opening speech has been adopted.
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.

Committees—Determination of chair—Standing order 25(9)
That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:
(a) that the chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and
(b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).
Estimates hearings
(1) That the 2016-17 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
   Monday, 17 October and Tuesday, 18 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 19 October and Thursday, 20 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group B).
(2) That, pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008 and 23 June 2015, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 21 October 2016.
(3) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.
(4) That committees meet in the following groups:
   **Group A:**
   - Environment and Communications
   - Finance and Public Administration
   - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
   - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
   **Group B:**
   - Community Affairs
   - Economics
   - Education and Employment
   - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.
   (Agreed to 30 August 2016)

Estimates—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)

First speeches
That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:
   Wednesday, 31 August 2016—Senator Hume
   Thursday, 1 September 2016—Senators Dodson and Duniam
   Monday, 12 September 2016—Senator Hinch
Tuesday, 13 September 2016—Senators Roberts and Watt  
Wednesday, 14 September 2016—Senators Hanson and McCarthy  
Tuesday, 11 October 2016—Senator Kakoschke-Moore  
Wednesday, 12 October 2016—Senator Chisholm.  

(Agreed to 31 August, 1 September, 12 September and 15 September 2016)

**Legislation—Exemption of bills from the cut-off order**  
That the provisions of paragraph (6) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:  
- Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016  
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016  
- Corporations Amendment (Auditor Registration) Bill 2016  
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016  
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016  
- Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Bill 2016  
- Statute Update Bill 2016  

(Agreed to 13 September 2016)

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

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

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

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

**Ministerial statements—Consideration—Temporary order**  
That the following amendment to standing order 169 operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2017:  
At the end of standing order 169, add:  

(3) If a ministerial statement is presented to or tabled in the Senate other than in accordance with standing order 61, it shall be in order for a senator to move a motion without notice to take note of the statement. On any such motion, a senator may speak for not more than 10 minutes and paragraph (2) applies to the total time limit for individual or successive motions.  

(Agreed to 31 August 2016; originally agreed to 11 November 2015 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s third report of 2015)
Rotation of senators
That, pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, the senators chosen for each state be divided into two classes, as follows:

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

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

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

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

Formal business

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

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

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

Matters of urgency

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

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.
Order of business

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
   To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any
item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another
item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would
prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice
Paper.

Senator Lambie

13 To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any
day)—That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator
moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

Questions without notice

14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
   To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further
questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended
as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day,
questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary
questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

15 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the
Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that
senator making that statement.
Tabling of documents

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

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

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