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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 8 February 2018

1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Basin Plan Amendment (SDL Adjustments) Instrument 2017, made under the Water Act 2007, be disallowed [F2018L00040].

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

Notice given 8 May 2018


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

Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the 2017-18 additional estimates.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Family Assistance and Child Support Legislation Amendment (Protecting Children) Bill 2018

In committee (8 May 2018).

2 Investigation and Prosecution Measures Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

3 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).

4 Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (Student Loan Sustainability) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

5 Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Operational Efficiency) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

6 Criminal Code Amendment (Impersonating a Commonwealth Body) Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 February 2018).

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

8 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).

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

10 Imported Food Control Amendment Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2018).

11 Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding for Proprietary Companies) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

12 Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2018).

13 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan No. 2) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

14 Crimes Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme—Worker Screening) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Pratt, in continuation, 22 March 2018).

16 Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).
17 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).

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

19 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).

20 National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018

21 Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 May 2018).

Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

22 Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 2) Bill 2018
Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

23 Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

24 Treasury Laws Amendment (Illicit Tobacco Offences) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

25 Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

26 Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

27 Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).
28. Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

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

30. 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).

31. Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

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

33. 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).

34. Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan Base Rate Entities) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 February 2018).

35. 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).

36. 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).

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

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

39. 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).

40 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).

41 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).

42 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).

43 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).

44 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).

45 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).

46 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).

47 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 1) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

48 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

49 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).

50 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).
51 Migration Amendment (Visa Revalidation and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

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

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

54 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).

55 Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
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Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) 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)

56 National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)
57 Governor-General’s Opening Speech
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hume—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

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

58 Budget statement and documents 2018-19
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (8 May 2018).

59 Budget statement and documents 2017-18
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (11 May 2017).

Notices of Motion

Notice given 8 May 2018

*1 Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham): To move—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:

(a) Wednesday, 9 May 2018—Senator Storer; and  
(b) Wednesday, 20 June 2018—Senator Stoker.

*2 Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham): To move—That—

(1) To ensure appropriate consideration of time critical bills by Senate committees, the provisions of all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 10 May 2018 and up to and including 31 May 2018 that contain substantive provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2018 (together with the provisions of any related bill) are referred to committees for inquiry and report by 18 June 2018.

(2) The committee to which each bill is referred shall be determined in accordance with the order of 31 August 2016, as amended, allocating departments and agencies to standing committees.

(3) A committee to which a bill has been referred may determine, by unanimous decision, that there are no substantive matters that require examination and report that fact to the Senate.

(4) This order does not apply in relation to bills which contain:

(a) no provisions other than provisions appropriating revenue or moneys (appropriation bills); and  
(b) commencement clauses providing only for the legislation to commence on Royal Assent.
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

*792 Senator Bilyk: To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes the resolution of the 70th World Health Assembly on Cancer Prevention and Control in the context of an integrated approach;
(b) expresses its support for the resolution and for global co-operative efforts to reduce the incidence and mortality of cancer; and
(c) urges the Australian Government to:
   (i) consider and, where appropriate, implement the actions the resolution calls upon member states to implement, and
   (ii) where appropriate, support the Director-General of the World Health Organisation in implementing the actions the resolution calls upon him to implement.

*793 Senator Urquhart: To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) in its response to question on notice no. 197 from the October supplementary estimates, NBN Co provided breakdowns on the number of premises expected to be ready for service in each state by 2020, broken down by technology type, as well as the number of premises expected to be in design and construction in each state by 2020, broken down by technology type,
   (ii) the Senate asked for an update to this information as question on notice no. 145 at the 2018 additional estimates hearings,
   (iii) NBN Co responded to question on notice no. 145 with reference only to its response to question on notice no. 197 from the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates and to other public documents that do not contain the specific information sought,
   (iv) the Senate sought a clarification of NBN Co’s response to question on notice no. 145 on 24 April 2018 and requested a response by 4 May 2018, and
   (v) the NBN Co response has not been received; and
(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Communications, by 9.30 am on 10 May 2018, an updated response with information current to 13 March 2018.

Notice of motion altered on 8 May 2018 pursuant to standing order 77.

*794 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to remove Commonwealth restrictions on cannabis, and for related purposes. Criminal Code and Other Legislation Amendment (Removing Commonwealth Restrictions on Cannabis) Bill 2018.
*795 Senator Williams: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the passing of Mr Stuart Devlin, AO CMG on 12 April 2018,
(ii) that Mr Devlin was born in Geelong and designed Australia’s decimal coins that were released into circulation in February 1966,
(iii) that Mr Devlin designed coins for thirty other countries, as well as medals and coins for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, and the medals for the founding awards of the Australian Honours System,
(iv) that Mr Devlin also designed furniture, jewellery and tableware,
(v) that, in 1982, Mr Devlin was appointed goldsmith and jeweller to the Queen,
(vi) that, amongst his numerous awards and honours, in 1980, he was named a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and in 1988, Officer of the Order of Australia,
(vii) that, in 2011, Mr Devlin was named Australian of the Year in the United Kingdom, and
(viii) that the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, described Mr Devlin as “probably the most original and creative goldsmith and silversmith of his time, and one of the greats of all time; and

(b) extends its condolences to his family.

*796 Senator Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that Australia’s Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Awareness Week will be held from 6 May to 12 May 2018,
(ii) that MND describes a disease in which the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control walking, talking, eating, swallowing, and breathing progressively die – MND is also known as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or Lou Gehrig’s disease,
(iii) that life expectancy of a person diagnosed with MND is short, being less than 3 years,
(iv) that at present, two Australians are diagnosed with MND and two die from the disease every day – an estimated 420 000 are living with MND across the world,
(v) the importance in raising awareness that MND has no effective treatment and there is no cure, yet MND can strike anyone at any time,
(vi) the vital role the MND community plays in providing care that minimises the loss of dignity for those suffering from MND, and
(vii) that progress has definitely been made with MND research, and ongoing effort is needed to achieve breakthroughs that will lead to a cure; and

(b) acknowledges the collective effort of MND associations, families and friends in ensuring no one faces MND alone, and striving to raise awareness and engage with the community towards bettering our understanding of the causes of MND, finding effective treatments and discovering a cure.
Senator Patrick: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Defence Act 1903, and for related purposes. Defence Amendment (Sovereign Naval Shipbuilding) Bill 2018.

Senator Patrick: To move—That—

(1) The Senate notes that:

(a) on 7 February 2018, the Senate agreed to an order for the production of documents concerning all assessments of the 36 adjustment mechanism projects completed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA);

(b) on 22 March 2018, the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) tabled documents within the scope of the order in full; and

(c) on 23 March 2018, the MDBA wrote to Senator Patrick advising that the documents they had provided do not, in isolation, provide a good representation of how the final agreed package of projects was put together by jurisdictions, and the strength of the assessment process undergone by all proposals brought forward by Basin states, but advised that there was a final modelled notified package that included all issues raised by jurisdictions in their assessments.

(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 May 2018:

(a) the final modelled notified package for all adjustment mechanism projects; and

(b) the current project status of all adjustment mechanism projects.

Notice of motion altered on 8 May 2018 pursuant to standing order 77.

Senator O’Neill: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) MAYDAYS for Eating Disorders is the Butterfly Foundation’s annual awareness and advocacy campaign, which takes place nationally throughout the month of May,

(ii) this year, MAYDAYS is focussed on raising the alarm on the crippling cost of eating disorders – the Butterfly Foundation has conducted a survey asking Australians to share their experiences on the cost of treating eating disorders and has found that:

(A) 1 in 3 people had to go into debt in order to treat their eating disorder,

(B) 40 per cent of individuals could not complete studies or qualifications,

(C) 78 per cent of carers lost work or study hours in order to provide support, and

(D) 1 in 4 people had to delay or stop treatment;

(b) calls on all levels of Government and the community to work together to help ensure those with, or at risk of, an eating disorder are able to access evidence-based early interventions and treatments;

(c) acknowledges the amazing and tireless work undertaken by eating disorder professionals across the country; and
(d) encourages anyone needing support with eating disorders or body image issues to contact Butterfly’s National Helpline on 1800 ED HOPE (334673).

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) 28 April 2018 commemorated World Day for Safety and Health at Work and Workers’ Memorial Day, and
   (ii) World Day for Safety and Health at Work and Workers’ Memorial Day is a day for promoting safety and health in the workplace and to honour those who have died from work-related injury or illness;

(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) Ms Gayle Woodford was a remote area nurse in South Australia who was attacked and killed while on call in South Australia’s Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in March 2016,
   (ii) the maliciousness of the attack, the isolation of the work-setting and the dedication to her patients and their families drew collective shock and grief from around the country,
   (iii) in November 2017, the South Australian Parliament passed a law that now requires remote area nurses, like Ms Gayle Woodford, to work in pairs, known as ‘Gayle’s Law’—the law came into effect in South Australia on 12 December 2017,
   (iv) ‘Gayle’s Law’ is only effective in South Australia, despite the Northern Territory implementing a second responder call-out policy since March 2017,
   (v) in November 2017, at the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting, federal and state health ministers discussed adopting similar safety measures within their jurisdictions,
   (vi) with the Minister for Health’s endorsement, health ministers agreed to investigate how these guidelines could be implemented under their own relevant state or territory legislation, and
   (vii) whilst the matter was considered at COAG and a commitment to better protection for nurses is welcome, there needs to be action in the form of legislation;

(c) recognises that:
   (i) Australia might be a federation but there is no reason nurses should be afforded different safety and security rights depending on what side of our state and territory borders they carry out their vital work, and
   (ii) there are about 1,000 remote area nurses in Australia, mostly women, and their work is challenging where they can be called upon for everything from a toothache or a wound needing stitches, to medical evacuation, childbirth or domestic violence-related injuries;

(d) further recognises the efforts of Ms Woodford’s family and RAN Core to ensure that ‘Gayle’s Law’ is introduced and passed into every Parliament in Australia; and
(e) requests the Minister for Health to urge his state and territory counterparts to adopt similar legislative safety measures within their jurisdictions without delay.

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

(a) notes that the Government intends to charge interest on income support debts;
(b) recognises that income support recipients often accrue debts through no fault of their own;
(c) considers this is a sledge-hammer approach and will disproportionately hurt Australians who have made a mistake or do not owe a debt at all; and
(d) urges the Federal Government to abandon this punitive approach and instead focus on measures that will decrease inequality and poverty.

*802 Senators Polley and Griff: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) 12 May 2018 is International Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) Awareness Day,
   (ii) ME and CFS is a debilitating neurological illness that affects the brain, endocrine system and muscles in adults and children,
   (iii) ME and CFS affects between 94,000 and 242,000 Australians, with around 25 per cent of people with ME and CFS unable to leave their house or bed,
   (iv) the lack of a current diagnostic test for ME and CFS is a barrier to people receiving timely and accurate diagnosis,
   (v) there is no current cure or effective treatment for ME and CFS and more biomedical research needs to be done to better understand this medical condition, and
   (vi) there are actions and activities across Australia this week to mark Awareness Day, including Millions Missing events;
(b) acknowledges:
   (i) the positive development of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) establishing a ME/CFS advisory committee to advise if new guidelines are needed in Australia, and
   (ii) the important role of families and carers of people living with ME/CFS; and
(c) urges:
   (i) the NHMRC to ensure the ME/CFS advisory committee runs an open and transparent process that includes advice from leading scientists and clinicians, and
   (ii) federal, state, territory and local governments to take leadership, and work with people who have ME/CFS to help them get the support they need.

Notice of motion altered on 8 May 2018 pursuant to standing order 77.
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That there be laid on the table, by no later than 11.45 am on 10 May 2018, outstanding answers to the questions on notice listed, relating to department or agency staff based overseas, asked of the following ministers:

(a) Senator Cormann, Minister representing the Prime Minister, question on notice no. 698;

(b) Senator Fifield:
   (i) Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, question on notice no. 712,
   (ii) Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, question on notice no. 734,
   (iii) Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Transformation, question on notice no. 735,
   (iv) Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, question on notice no. 736, and
   (v) Minister representing the Minister for Law Enforcement and Cyber Security, question on notice no. 737;

(c) Senator Payne:
   (i) Minister for Defence, question on notice no. 710,
   (ii) Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, question on notice no. 716,
   (iii) Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry, question on notice no. 723, and
   (iv) Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, question on notice no. 728; and

(d) Senator Cash, Minister representing the Attorney-General, question on notice no. 702.

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That there be laid on the table, by no later than 11.45 am on 10 May 2018, outstanding answers to the 23 questions on notice listed, asked of the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Cormann):

(a) nos 358, 359, 360, 361, 362 and 363 (asked on 10 February 2017);

(b) no. 473 (asked on 5 May 2017);

(c) nos 502, 503 and 506 (asked on 17 July 2017);

(d) nos 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585 and 586 (asked on 30 October 2017); and

(e) nos 690, 691 and 692 (asked on 5 February 2018).


Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) according to the Anglicare Australia 2018 Rental Affordability Snapshot, only 6 per cent of surveyed rental properties nationwide were affordable and appropriate for households on government income support payments,
(ii) the same research showed that for households on the minimum wage only 28 per cent of surveyed rental properties nationwide were suitable, and

(iii) the 2016 Census data revealed that more than 116 000 people were experiencing homelessness on Census night; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) provide real support for people who are homeless by increasing the real level of funding for homelessness services and social housing, and

(ii) work with the states, territories and relevant non-government organisations to set national minimum tenancy standards to ensure that tenants’ rights are protected in relation to matters including fairer processes around lease terminations and evictions, fair standards to govern the amounts by which rents can be increased, and provide for long-term residential leases that enable households the full enjoyment of a secure home.

Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Senator Fawcett): To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade on its inquiry into PFAS contamination be extended to the last sitting day in March 2019.

Senator Singh: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 8 May 2018 was World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day and its theme in 2018 was ‘Everywhere for everyone, with a smile’,

(ii) this date is a global celebration of the work and bravery of Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers around the world, and the diverse humanitarian services they offer in communities everywhere,

(iii) it also commemorates the birth, 190 years ago of Henri Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize,

(iv) the activities of the Red Cross are without question a major achievement of human civilisation, both multidimensional and internationally recognised,

(v) in 1864, the First Geneva Convention was signed, establishing the International Red Cross Movement,

(vi) since then, the Red Cross has played a decisive role in dealing with numerous humanitarian crises, and

(vii) the International Red Cross Movement has evolved into the largest humanitarian network in the world, including the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the National Societies active in about 190 countries; and
(b) further notes that:

(i) every year, around the world, the Movement supports many millions of people affected by conflict, natural disasters and other emergencies, through its network of around 14 million volunteers and 450,000 staff.

(ii) the current global refugee crisis is an international challenge that calls for solidarity with the afflicted populations, and Australia’s constant presence with the help of organisations and movements, such as the Red Cross, and

(iii) World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is not just a reminder of the principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, but also a starting point for our commitment to alleviating human suffering and protecting human life and dignity in Australia and around the world.

*810 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in his address on 30 April 2018 to the Palestinian National Council in Ramallah, the Chairman of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, included the following statements:

“The Jews who moved from Eastern and Western Europe had been subjected to a massacre by one country or another every 10-15 years, since the 11th century and until the Holocaust in Germany. Okay? But why was this happening?

...the reason for the hatred of the Jews is not their religion but their function in society. That is a different issue.

So the Jewish question, which was prevalent in all European countries, the anti-Jewish (sentiment) was not because of their religion, but because of their function in society, which had to do with usury, banks, and so on.

You may or may not know this, in 1933, one month after Hitler’s rise to power, there was an agreement between the German Ministry of Economics and the Jewish Anglo-Palestinian Bank in Jerusalem. They agreed that any German Jew who wants to emigrate to Palestine could have his movable and immovable property transferred to Palestine.

Did Hitler love the Jews to such a degree? Any Jew who wanted to emigrate to Palestine was entitled to receive all his property, both moveable and immovable.

... So their narrative about coming to this country because of their longing for Zion, or whatever - we’re tired of hearing this. The truth is that this is a colonialist enterprise, aimed at planting a foreign body in this region...”.

(ii) these statements by Mahmoud Abbas, which relied upon quotes from Karl Marx, Josef Stalin and Isaac Deutcher, are historically incorrect, and
(iii) the Holocaust resulted from the Nazi belief that Jewish existence must be totally eliminated everywhere – in May 1941, Hitler said, “Germany’s goal will be the extermination of the Jews who reside in Arab territories under British rule”;

(b) condemns this anti-Semitic speech as historically inaccurate and incompatible with the aims of the peace process and two-state solution between Israel and Palestinians; and

(c) calls on the Government to support the State of Israel as a democratic nation governed by the rule of law having a legitimate right to exist.

*811 Senator Collins: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann), by no later than 11.45 am on 10 May 2018, all outstanding answers to questions on notice as at 26 April 2018 from the 2017-18 additional estimates hearings in the following portfolios:

(a) Health (141 answers);
(b) Human Services (16 answers);
(c) Jobs and Innovation (Industry, Innovation and Science), in which no questions have been answered (91 answers);
(d) Treasury (48 answers);
(e) Education and Training (118 answers);
(f) Jobs and Innovation (Jobs and Small Business) (73 answers);
(g) Environment and Energy (126 answers);
(h) Prime Minister and Cabinet (including cross portfolio Indigenous matters and agencies) (74 answers);
(i) Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs (60 answers);
(j) Agriculture and Water Resources (including cross portfolio Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters), in which no questions have been answered (212 answers); and
(k) Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities, in which no questions have been answered (128 answers).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (10 May 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 May 2018

*808 Chair of the Select Committee into the Political Influence of Donations
(Senator Di Natale): To move—that the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee into the Political Influence of Donations be extended to 15 May 2018.

Order for Production of Documents

775 Future Submarine project—Australian Industry Capability Plan—
Attendance by minister—Order for production of documents
The Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry is required to attend the Senate at the conclusion of question time on 10 May 2018 to explain why an order for the production of documents concerning the Australian Industry Capability Plan submitted by DCNS (now Naval Group) had not been complied with. (Motion of Senator Patrick agreed to 27 March 2018.)

On 17 May 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 18 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 28 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Mandatory Comprehensive Credit Reporting) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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 31 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the ‘Commitment to the Senate’ issued by the Business Council of Australia.

On 5 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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.

Two sitting days after today (18 June 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 February 2018

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) (Individual Transmitter Amounts) Determination 2017, made under the Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Act 2017, be disallowed [F2017L01375].

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

On 18 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 May 2018


Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 19 June 2018
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on mitochondrial donation.
2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.

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 21 June 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 25 June 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Air Services Amendment Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 26 June 2018
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2018-19 Budget estimates.
2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.
On 27 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

On 28 June 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 6 July 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

On or before 30 July 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
   Interim report to be presented.

On 31 July 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 remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.
On 14 August 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on the work health and safety of workers in the offshore petroleum industry.

On 15 August 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.

Thirteen sitting days after today (16 August 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2018

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

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On 16 August 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 22 August 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.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2018 (11 September 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2018.

On 18 September 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the last sitting day of September 2018 (20 September 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
Report to be presented on industrial deaths in Australia.

On 20 September 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 mobility scooters.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities.
On 30 September 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the Franchise Code of Conduct and Oil Code of Conduct.

On 17 October 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on mental health services in rural and remote Australia.

On 28 November 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 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 or before 29 November 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
   Final report to be presented.

On 29 November 2018
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
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.
On 3 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 4 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment
   (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures)
   Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 5 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on the mental health of first responders, emergency
   workers and volunteers.

On or before the second sitting Thursday of 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Stillbirth Research and Education—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day in June 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on regional inequality in Australia.

As soon as practicable after the High Court makes a declaration
following a special count from the 2016 Senate election

Order for Production of Documents

1 Rotation of senators—Section 13 of the Constitution—Order for production
   of documents
   That—
   (a) as soon as practicable, after the High Court orders a special count of the
   ballots from the 2016 Senate election for any state and makes an order
   declaring that a person identified by that count is duly elected as a senator for
   that state, there be laid on the table a copy of the statement of results report
   for that count; and
(b) if such a report is tabled, in relation to any state, then the order of the Senate of 31 August 2016, made pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, have effect in relation to senators from that state as if a reference to the certificate of election were a reference to the most recent statement of results report. (Motion of the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) agreed to 13 February 2018.)

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Air Services Amendment Bill 2018 ‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 28 March 2018; reporting date: 25 June 2018)

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 4 December 2018)

Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 28 June 2018)

Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 5 June 2018)

National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Mandatory Comprehensive Credit Reporting) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 28 March 2018; reporting date: 28 May 2018)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 March 2018; reporting date: 18 May 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, 620, 644, 650, 652, 688 to 692, 698, 702, 710, 712, 716, 723, 728, 734 to 737, 758, 760, 761, 763, 765 to 772, 774 to 787.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 763 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

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.]

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
- Human Services
- Social Services

**Economics**
- Jobs and Innovation (Industry, Innovation and Science)
- Treasury

**Education and Employment**
- Education and Training
- Jobs and Innovation (Jobs and Small Business)

**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
- Home Affairs

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**
- Agriculture and Water Resources
- Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016; varied 12 February and 15 February 2018)
Budget week 2018—Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation
That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 8 May 2018 be from midday to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 10 May 2018 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

(a) the routine of business from 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents 2018-19, and
   (ii) adjournment; and

(b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 10 May 2018 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
   (ii) adjournment.

(Agreed to 22 March 2018)

Environment and Communications References Committee—Determination of committee chair—Standing order 25(9)
That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:

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

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

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

Estimates hearings—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.

(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

(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
(ii) At 12.20 pm, government business only

... (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.)

(d) On Thursday:

(i) Government business only
(ii) At 11.45 am, petitions

...
- budget papers and ministerial statements presented following the presentation of the appropriation bills.

(Agreed to 8 February 2018)

**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)

That—

(a) as soon as practicable, after the High Court orders a special count of the ballots from the 2016 Senate election for any state and makes an order declaring that a person identified by that count is duly elected as a senator for that state, there be laid on the table a copy of the statement of results report for that count; and

(b) if such a report is tabled, in relation to any state, then the order of the Senate of 31 August 2016, made pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, have effect in relation to senators from that state as if a reference to the certificate of election were a reference to the most recent statement of results report.

(Agreed to 13 February 2018)

**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)

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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)
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Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Leyonhjelm
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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)
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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

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

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