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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
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Notice of Motion

Notice given 14 February 2017

*1 Senators Hinch, Leyonhjelm, Lambie and Griff: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2017:

(1) The number of women in Australia:
   (a) who have had transvaginal mesh implants;
   (b) who have had transvaginal mesh implants who have experienced adverse side effects; and
   (c) who have made attempts to have the mesh removed in Australia or elsewhere.

(2) Information provided to women prior to surgery about possible complications and side effects.

(3) Information provided to doctors regarding transvaginal mesh implants and possible complications and side effects.

(4) Any financial or other incentives provided to medical practitioners to use or promote transvaginal mesh implants.

(5) The types and incidence of health problems experienced by women with transvaginal mesh implants and the impact these health problems have had on women’s lives.

(6) The Therapeutic Goods Association’s:
   (a) role in investigating the suitability of the implants for use in Australia;
   (b) role in ongoing monitoring of the suitability of the implants; and
   (c) knowledge of women suffering with health problems after having transvaginal mesh implants.

(7) Options available to women to have transvaginal mesh removed.

(8) Any other related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Amendment Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
3 Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Transport Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Sterle, in continuation, 14 February 2017).
(Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

2 Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2017).

3 Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2016—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

4 Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)
(Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

*5 Treasury Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).
(Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

*6 Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).
(Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

*7 Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).
(Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)
*8 Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
  Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).
  (Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8)
  of standing order 111)

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

*10 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).
  (Bills exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8)
  of standing order 111)

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

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

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

14 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Transition Mobility Allowance to the
  National Disability Insurance Scheme) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister for
  Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
  Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2016).

15 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial,
  Hire) Bill 2016
  Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister
  (Senator McGrath)—That this bill be now read a second time.
  And on the amendment moved by Senator Cameron—At the end of the motion,
  add “but that further consideration of this bill be made an order of the day for the
  first sitting day after the Government has tabled a statement outlining how it
  intends to ensure that, under Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire:
  (a) jobs will not be displaced by cheaper labour;
  (b) wages will not be undercut and participants will not be paid below
     minimum award wages;
  (c) participants’ safety will not be compromised and adequate insurance
     arrangements will be provided; and
  (d) small to medium enterprises will be prioritised in ‘Prepare, Trial, Hire’ as
     they have a demonstrated track record of employing more job seekers
     through their jobactive program” (13 February 2017).
16 **Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016**—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).

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

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

19 **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).

20 **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).

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**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](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business)

**Notices of Motion**

*Notice given 24 November 2016*

127 **Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch):** To move—That the Senate notes the wide ranging problems with Australia’s justice system, including access to justice.

*Notice given 14 February 2017*

*218 Senators Bushby and McGrath:** To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes that 15 February 2017 marks the 75th anniversary of the fall of Singapore;
(b) acknowledges the significant contribution made by Australian forces in the defence of Singapore and in the Malaya Campaign, particularly:
   (i) the Australian 8th Division’s efforts at the Battle of Muar, which saw a successful ambush of Japanese forces,
   (ii) the Australian forces who saw the first and fiercest attacks of the Battle of Singapore, and
(iii) the 1,800 Australians who died during the Malayan Campaign and the Battle for Singapore;

(c) notes that the fall of Singapore saw over 15,000 Australians become prisoners of war and that many of these prisoners would die in captivity; and

(d) acknowledges that for many Australians, their experience as prisoners of war during the Second World War impacted thousands of families.

*219 Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the 2/10th Field Regiment was an artillery regiment within the 8th Division 2nd Australian Imperial Force, composed almost entirely of Queenslanders from across the state, and

(ii) the Regiment:

(A) formed and trained at Redbank in Queensland in July 1940,
(B) boarded the Queen Mary at Circular Quay in Sydney and embarked for Malaya on 4 February 1941,
(C) disembarked at Malacca in Johore on 19 February 1941 and played a vital role in the Malayan campaign and in the defence of Singapore,
(D) was among the 15,000 Australians who were surrendered to the Japanese at the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942,
(E) was dispersed to camps across South East Asia and Japan after being transferred to the Changi prisoner of war camp, and
(F) suffered, for the remainder of the war, cruel and inhuman conditions as prisoners of war, with 286 of the 846 men dying;

(b) further notes that today marks the 75th anniversary of the fall of Singapore;

(c) further notes that:

(i) the 2/10th Field Regiment Association was formed in 1947,
(ii) since then, the Association has held an annual public remembrance service to commemorate all of the Australian servicemen and women who fought and gave their lives during the Malayan Campaign, as Singapore fell, and as Japanese prisoners of war, as well as those who have since passed on,
(iii) this annual service brings together friends and family of those who served, as well as representatives from the army, navy and air force, the nurses, the widows, the prisoners of war, the Government of Singapore, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, and the Returned and Services League, and
(iv) to commemorate the 75th anniversary, the Association will be holding a service on 19 February 2017 at the Shrine of Remembrance in Brisbane; and

(d) commends the Association for its dedication to:

(i) maintaining contact between the remaining men and women who served in Malaya and Singapore and their families, and
(ii) keeping alive the memory and sacrifices of those who have fallen.

**220 Senators Brown, Bilyk, Duniam, Polley, Urquhart, Abetz, Bushby and Singh:**

To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges Tasmania has the defence knowledge, capabilities and capacities to participate in the defence industries sector;

(b) notes that:

(i) the University of Tasmania, through its world leading marine research, engineering and training facility the Australian Maritime College (AMC), is the acknowledged Australian leader in maritime education in both technical skills and research,

(ii) the AMC has developed a range of Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUV) which are suited for defence purposes and provide the opportunity for:

(A) increased consolidation of research and innovation at the University of Tasmania Inveresk site,

(B) the redevelopment of the University of Tasmania, AMC Newnham site, and

(C) associated local advanced manufacturing, particularly in North and North West Tasmania,

(iii) the state-of-the-art AUVs enable a broad range of scientific, industry and defence-related projects by facilitating exploration and data collection in remote and inhospitable locations,

(iv) the AMC has the capability to lead or play a key role in any necessary training associated with significant defence projects, such as the Future Submarines Program,

(v) in addition to the defence opportunity that the AUVs represent, Tasmania already has a number of industries with the capability to participate in defence-related industries supporting, for example, combat reconnaissance vehicles, shield and antenna protection and marine survival,

(vi) defence industry opportunities for Tasmania will deliver a range of significant social and economic benefits across the state, including a growth in industry research and increased employment through advanced manufacturing, and

(vii) there is unequivocal and mutual support from both Labor and Liberal parties at a state and federal level for Tasmania as a key centre for defence research, development and industry; and

(c) calls on:

(i) the Department of Defence to continue to work with industry with the goal of ensuring Tasmania is as integrated as possible in Australia’s defence capability, including defence research, associated education, training and manufacturing, and

(ii) the Government to continue working collaboratively with the Tasmanian Government so Tasmania can play its role in the defence research and manufacturing industries sector.
Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) the Australian National Audit Office has undertaken an audit to assess whether appropriate steps were taken to protect the Australian Government’s interests and obtain value for money in respect to the $3.5 billion in funding committed to the WestConnex project,
   (ii) the report concludes that the May 2014 decision to make the $500 million advance payment led to the project being approved without there being any documented analysis and advice to ministers that the statutory criteria for giving such approvals had been met, and
   (iii) funds have been paid in advance of project needs and the payment method did not adequately protect the Government’s financial interests; and
(b) condemns the Government for contributing federal funds to this poorly executed project and neglecting public transport solutions for Sydney.

Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the Redfern Statement Parliamentary Event that took place in the Great Hall on 14 February 2017;
(b) acknowledges the Redfern Statement, which was presented to the Prime Minister at the parliamentary event, sets out a plan for addressing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ disadvantage and progressing reconciliation with our First Peoples;
(c) notes the Redfern Statement Engagement Approach for 2017, including a forum, workshops and a national summit; and
(d) calls on the Government to commit to this Engagement Approach and ensure that a National Enduring Agreement or Framework is produced prior to the 2018 Budget, following the national summit.

Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that the Turnbull Government’s plan to reduce schools funding will result in a $335 million cut from the following South Australian schools:
   Unley High School: $1,551,000
   Elizabeth North Primary School: $627,000
   Blackwood High School: $1,072,000
   Blair Athol North School: $513,000
   Brighton Secondary School: $1,849,000
   Nuriootpa Primary School: $388,000
   Port Augusta Secondary School: $757,000
   Mount Barker Primary School: $504,000
   Mount Barker High School: $662,000
   Goodwood Primary School: $440,000
   Goolwa Primary School: $431,000
   Cowandilla Primary School: $470,000
   Salisbury Downs Primary School: $408,000
   Happy Valley Primary School: $403,000
   Riverdale Primary School: $434,000
   Berri Primary School: $403,000
Mount Gambier North Primary School: $428,000
Modbury High School: $1,159,000
Giles St Primary School: $131,000
Glenunga International High School: $2,000,000
Woodville Gardens School: $763,000
Adelaide High School: $1,624,000; and

(b) calls on the Minister for Education and Training to inform the Parliament which classes, programs and students will suffer as a result of the schools funding cuts.

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

169 Immigration—Refugees—Resettlement to United States of America—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, on 15 February 2017, the agreement between Australia and the United States of America announced on 13 November 2016 regarding the potential resettlement to the United States of refugees on Manus Island and Nauru. (Motion of Senator McKim agreed to 8 February 2017.)

*214 Transport—Western Australia—Perth Freight Link ‘Roe 8’ Highway—Order for production of documents
By the Minister for the Environment and Energy, by no later than 12.45 pm on 15 February 2017, documents evidencing compliance breaches with approval conditions since construction of the highway commenced. (Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 14 February 2017.)

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (16 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Cooperation and Other Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
General Business—Order of the Day relating to Private Senators’ Bills

38 Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Preliminary Assessment Process) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Burston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Burston, in continuation, 7 February 2017).

Order for Production of Documents

*216 Unanswered questions on notice—Responses to orders for the production of documents—Order for production of documents
By the Leader of the Government in the Senate, by no later than 9.30 am on 16 February 2017, answers to questions on notice, answers to estimates questions on notice and responses to orders for the production of documents. (Motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 14 February 2017.)

On 20 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Digital Readiness and Other Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 28 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the penalties for white collar crime or misconduct.

Two sitting days after today (20 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 November 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/049, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00679].
Three sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Industry, Innovation and Science Measures No. 2) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L00672].
Three sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 20 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 30 November 2016

1 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2017:

The tax and royalties collected from the extraction and sale of Australia’s oil and gas resources, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and integrity of the existing Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(b) compliance with the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(c) responsibilities and effectiveness of state and Federal Government departments in administering the existing PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(d) the suitability of the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime in the modern global economy;
(e) the comparison of tax and royalty regimes with other oil and gas producing countries that export to the Asia-Pacific region;
(f) principles for modification of the PRRT as it applies to gas;
(g) principles for an extended Commonwealth royalty regime covering offshore oil and gas projects in Commonwealth waters; and
(h) any other related matters.

Notice given 13 February 2017

2 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the paragraph 23(b) of the Superannuation (prudential standard) determination No. 1 of 2016 - Prudential Standard SPS 510 - Governance, made under the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993, be disallowed [F2016L01707].

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

3 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the paragraphs 23(b) and 23(g) of the Superannuation (prudential standard) determination No. 1 of 2016 – Prudential Standard SPS 510 – Governance, made under the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993, be disallowed [F2016L01707].

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Report to be presented on the ADF’s resistance to interrogation training.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Defence Force) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

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

On 21 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 22 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Final report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the tenth sitting day of 2017 (22 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2016.

On 23 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2017

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

Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 24 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 27 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 28 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

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

On the second last sitting day in March 2017 (29 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 29 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Final report to be presented on closures of electricity generators.

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
Nine sitting days after today (30 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 1 December 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Army and Air Force (Canteen) Regulation 2016, made under the Defence Act 1903, be disallowed [F2016L01455].

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

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Agriculture and Water Resources Measures No. 3) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01576].

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

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education and Training Measures No. 4) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01583].

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

On 30 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

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

On the last sitting day in March 2017 (30 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector.
3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 31 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on carbon risk disclosure.

On 27 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and associated systems.

On 28 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the future of Australia’s aged care sector workforce.
2 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on asbestos.

On 9 May 2017

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

On 10 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the complaints process under the Health Practitioners Regulation National Law.
2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on the matters raised by New South Wales Police Strike Force CIVET.
3 Community Affairs References Committee
On 11 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the management of credit and other transaction cards by the Department of Defence.

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

On 25 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 31 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 13 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 20 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 22 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.
2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity.

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

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

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

General Business—Order of the Day
1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on whistleblower protections.

On 19 July 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the use of Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia.

On 7 August 2017

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1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on corporate avoidance of the Fair Work Act 2009.

On 14 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Privileges—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on the implications for the use of intrusive powers by law enforcement and intelligence agencies on the privileges and immunities of members of Parliament.

2 Strengthening Multiculturalism—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
   (select committee to be established on 27 March 2017)

On 15 August 2017

General Business—Order of the Day
1 National Integrity Commission—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
On 23 August 2017

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

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2017 (6 September 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2017.

On 13 September 2017

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1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020.

On 30 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 18 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on aspects of road safety in Australia.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the state of Australia’s rail industry.

On 28 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 30 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities.
On 1 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s steel industry.

2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

3 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Airports Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 28 March 2017)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date (final): 22 March 2017)

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Amendment Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 15 February 2017)

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

Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Cooperation and Other Measures) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 16 February 2017)

Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 15 February 2017)
Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 13 October 2016; reporting date: the last sitting day in March 2017)

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 29 March 2017)

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Defence Force) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 20 March 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 20 March 2017)

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 27 March 2017)

Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Digital Readiness and Other Measures) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 20 February 2017)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered


Question nos, as shown above, from 67 to 342 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).
ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Administration—Former ministers—Meetings—Order for production of documents

That—

(1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each Commonwealth Department or Agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings, a statement in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this order:

A statement, covering the period since the previous statement was tabled, in respect of each former minister, listing:

(a) all meetings, including teleconferences, at which lobbying, advocacy or the consideration of business took place, including date, location and duration, between current ministers, secretaries or deputy secretaries (or equivalent), of any Commonwealth Department or Agency and former ministers;

(b) how many people attended or participated and the capacities in which people attended or participated; and

(c) what topics were considered at each of the meetings.

(2) This order has immediate effect with the first statement for 2016-17 additional estimates covering all meetings from the date of commencement of this order to 7 days prior to additional estimates.

(3) In this order:

(a) “Commonwealth Department or Agency” means a Commonwealth entity, other than the Parliamentary Departments and the Office of the Official Secretary of the Governor-General, within the meaning of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013;

(b) “former minister” means a person who is no longer a member of the Australian Parliament and who has been a minister in the 18 months prior to the estimates hearing at which the statement is due.

(4) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.

(5) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 23 November 2016)
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 Water Resources

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2017 be scheduled as follows:

2016-17 additional estimates:
- Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)
- Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B)

2017-18 Budget estimates:
- Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)
- Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)
Monday, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the orders of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 3 March, Friday, 26 May and Friday, 27 October 2017, but not restricted to these days.

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications
- Finance and Public Administration
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs
- Economics
- Education and Employment
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

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

(a) Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates;

(b) Tuesday, 20 June 2017 in respect of the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016; varied 8 February 2017)

**Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice**

That:

(a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and

(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.

(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

**Exemption of bills from cut-off order**

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:
- Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
- Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Amendment Bill 2017
- Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
- Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2016
Indigenous Australians—Closing the Gap

(1) That the Senate—

(a) notes the national framework agreed to by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in 2008 to tackle Indigenous disadvantage and the six priority areas for change identified by COAG;

(b) further notes that reports are presented by the Prime Minister to the Australian Parliament annually on progress in meeting these ‘Closing the Gap’ targets, along with a response by the Leader of the Opposition;

(c) is of the view that the presentation of these annual reports should be marked by a special parliamentary procedure in recognition of the significance of these initiatives to all Australians;

(d) therefore proposes to the House of Representatives that it consider marking the presentation of the Prime Minister’s annual report on ‘Closing the Gap’ by:

(i) hosting a meeting of the House to which senators are invited, and

(ii) inviting senior Indigenous leaders to be present when the Prime Minister’s annual report is presented; and

(e) resolves that, on its presentation to the Senate, the Prime Minister’s annual report on ‘Closing the Gap’ and accompanying ministerial statement be listed for consideration as a government business order of the day, and that the Government undertake to provide for at least 2 hours consideration of the statement during government business time, not more than eight sitting days following the presentation of the report to the Senate.

(2) This order have continuing effect.

(Agreed to 9 February 2017)
Meeting of Senate—2017
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2017 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
- Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
- Monday, 13 February to Thursday, 16 February
- Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
- Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

Budget sittings:
- Tuesday, 9 May to Thursday, 11 May

Winter sittings:
- Tuesday, 13 June to Thursday, 15 June
- Monday, 19 June to Thursday, 22 June

Spring sittings:
- Tuesday, 8 August to Thursday, 10 August
- Monday, 14 August to Thursday, 17 August
- Monday, 4 September to Thursday, 7 September
- Monday, 11 September to Thursday, 14 September

Spring sittings (2):
- Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October

Spring sittings (3):
- Monday, 13 November to Thursday, 16 November
- Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
- Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Day
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Robert John Day was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, Mr Day was at any time incapable of sitting as a Senator prior to the dissolution of the 44th Parliament and, if so, on what date he became so incapable;

(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(e) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 7 November 2016)
Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Amendment to standing order 24—Temporary order

That:

(a) where the Scrutiny of Bills Committee writes to a minister it expects a response to be received in time to be considered by the committee and reported on while the bill is still before the Parliament;

(b) if the committee has not completed its inquiry due to the failure of a minister to respond to the committee’s concerns, senators should have the right to ask the responsible minister why the Scrutiny of Bills Committee has not received a response; and therefore:

(c) the following amendment to standing order 24 operate as a temporary order from the first sitting day of 2017 to the last sitting day of March 2018:

Add the following paragraph:

“(1)(d) If the committee has not finally reported on a bill due to the failure of a minister to respond to its concerns then, immediately prior to the consideration of government business on any day or immediately prior to the consideration of the bill:

(i) any senator may ask the minister for an explanation as to why the minister has not provided a response to the committee, and

(ii) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice either a motion relating to the consideration of the bill or - That the Senate take note of the explanation; or

(iii) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the minister’s failure to provide an explanation.”

(Agreed to 29 November 2016)

Standing orders—Amendments to standing order 169 and standing order 175

Standing order 169—Motions after tabling

At the end of standing order 169, add:

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

(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016)
Standing order 175—Conduct of visitors
Paragraph (3) be amended in the following terms with immediate effect:
(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply in respect of a senator breastfeeding an infant or, at the discretion of the President, a senator caring for an infant briefly, provided the business of the Senate is not disrupted.
(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Formal business
3 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being put immediately and determined without amendment or debate.
4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.
Limitation of time

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

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

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

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

Matters of urgency

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

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

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

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

   To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any
   item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another
   item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would
   prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice
   Paper.

   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)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon

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

RICHARD PYE
Acting Clerk

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- Ø = Cross portfolio estimates
- hearings on Indigenous matters