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GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

**Notices of motion**
A proposed resolution that a senator intends to put to the Senate for debate and/or a vote. Notice is given so others have time to consider the proposal.

**Orders of the day**
Items of business the Senate has scheduled to carry out or consider on a particular day. These can include continued debate on a bill or motion, or the presentation of a report or other document.

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**Business listed for today**

- **Matters of privilege**
  - Proposed references to the Privileges Committee

- **Business of the Senate**
  - Dissallowance motions
  - References to standing committees
  - Committee reports to be presented

- **Government business**
  - Initiated by ministers
  - Government bills
  - Proposed changes to the order of business

- **General business**
  - Initiated by senators who are not ministers
  - Notices of motion
  - Continued debate on previous motions

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**Available for debate on Thursdays**

- Private senators' business
- Documents
- Committee reports and government responses
- Auditor-General's reports

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**Business listed for future consideration**
Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered at a specific time in the future. For example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, dates on which ministers have been ordered to produce documents are included here.

Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, will be placed at the end of the section.

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**Other information**

- **Questions on notice**
  - Numbers of all unanswered questions on notice

- **Orders of the Senate**
  - An action the Senate requires to take place
  - New or amendments of standing orders
  - Temporary orders of the Senate

- **Contingent notices**
  - Motions to suspend standing orders that can be called upon when a specific event occurs

- **Ministerial representation**
  - Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent
BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 9 May 2017


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

Notice of motion altered on 9 May 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 8 August 2017

*2 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the following matters be referred to the Court of Disputed Returns under section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918:

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Roberts was returned;

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

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

*3 Senators Di Natale, Hinch and Lambie: To move—

(1) The following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 14 September 2017:

(a) the eligibility of senators in the 45th Parliament under section 44 of the Constitution, in so far as it relates to being ‘a subject or a citizen or entitled to the rights or privileges of a subject or a citizen of a foreign power’;

(b) the legal liability of senators who know, or have grounds to suspect, that they are ineligible for office but do not come forward with that information, and whether they are defrauding the Commonwealth; and

(c) any other related matters.

(2) For the purposes of carrying out the inquiry, the committee must, as soon as practicable, with the approval of the President, appoint an independent auditor, or auditors, with expertise in migration, citizenship and constitutional law to assist the committee.

(3) The independent auditor or auditors will be able to request the committee to use its powers to order the production of documents from senators and order them to appear as witnesses and answer questions.

(4) On behalf of the committee, the independent auditor or auditors may present to representatives of foreign governments in Australia and seek information.
*4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 13 September 2017:

Circumstances in which Australians’ personal Medicare information has been compromised and made available for sale illegally on the ‘dark web’, including:

(a) any failures in security and data protection which allowed this breach to occur;

(b) any systemic security concerns with the Department of Human Services’ (DHS) Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) system;

(c) the implications of this breach for the roll out of the opt-out My Health Record system;

(d) Australian government data protection practices as compared to international best practice;

(e) the response to this incident from government – both ministerial and departmental;

(f) the practices, procedures, and systems involved in collection, use, disclosure, storage, destruction, and de-identification of personal Medicare information;

(g) the practices, procedures, and systems used for protecting personal Medicare information from misuse, interference, and loss from unauthorized access, modification, or disclosure; and

(h) any related matters.

Orders of the Day

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

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017. (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 (Ending Carbon Tax Compensation) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 August 2017

*1 Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann): To move—That the second reading of the Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016 be restored to the Notice Paper and be made an order of the day for a later hour.

Orders of the Day

1 Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2016
   Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 192 from the House of Representatives (23 June 2017 am).

2 Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Bill 2017
   In committee (8 August 2017).

3 Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 June 2017).

4 Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 June 2017).

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

6 Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)

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

8 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Broadcasting Reform) Bill 2017
   Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Bill 2017
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

*9 Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco Duty Harmonisation) Bill 2017
   Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco Duty Harmonisation) Bill 2017—(Minister for Education and Training, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 August 2017).

10 Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Representation) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2017).
*11 Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Commonwealth Entities) Bill 2017—(Minister for Education and Training, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 August 2017).

12 Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (20 June 2017).

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

14 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 2) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

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

16 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).

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

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

19 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).

20 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).

21 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

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

23 Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).
24 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2016**—
   (Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 November 2016).

25 **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).

26 **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).

27 **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).

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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

**Notices of Motion**

*Notice given 8 August 2017*

*395 Senators O’Sullivan and Macdonald: To move—That the Senate acknowledges that—
   (a) on 5 July 2017, the World Heritage Committee unanimously endorsed
      Australia’s Reef 2050 Plan and the progress made to implement this plan;
   (b) the decision recognises Australia’s significant efforts and investment in the
      early and effective implementation of the Reef 2050 Plan; and
   (c) the World Heritage Committee has not put the Great Barrier Reef on its in-
      danger ‘watchlist’.*

*396 Senators O’Sullivan and Macdonald: To move—That the Senate notes that
   Australian Governments should not force early retirement of coal-fired power
   stations in order to meet renewable energy targets.

*397 Senator Burston: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an
   Act to amend the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983*, and for related
   purposes. *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Regional
   Australia) Bill 2017.*
**Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong):** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the unresolved bargaining dispute between cleaners at Parliament House and their employer Limro Pty Ltd means the cleaners have not had a wage increase since 2012;

(b) affirms its support for the men and women who clean the offices of parliamentarians and staff at Parliament House;

(c) urges Limro to quickly resolve this dispute;

(d) recognises the current contract between the Department of Parliamentary Services and Limro will finish on 30 June 2018;

(e) notes that the Department of Parliamentary Services will conduct a review of current cleaning requirements and conduct an approach to market within the 2017 calendar year; and

(f) acknowledges the President has agreed to convene a meeting of the Standing Committee on Appropriations, Staffing and Security and has arranged for the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services to attend in order for the policy parameters for the approach to market and the future contract to be discussed.

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**Senators Wong, Bernardi, Gichuhi, Hanson-Young and Xenophon: To move—**

(1) That the Senate—

(a) affirms its support for the Murray-Darling Basin Plan;

(b) expresses deep concerns about allegations of theft and corruption in management of water resources in the Barwon-Darling Basin raised by the *Four Corners* report on 24 July 2017;

(c) notes the matter has been referred to the Australian National Audit Office and New South Wales authorities for investigation;

(d) considers a state-based inquiry into allegations, revealed in the report, to be insufficient and that the only way to ensure confidence in states’ commitment to achieve the Murray-Darling Basin Plan is through a national investigation;

(e) calls for the establishment of an independent national judicial inquiry through the Council of Australian Governments; and

(f) calls on all governments to commit to achieving a healthy, sustainable Murray-Darling Basin which supports the future prosperity of the communities which rely upon it.

(2) This resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

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**Senator Kakoschke-Moore: To move—That the Senate—**

(a) notes:

(i) the inaugural Tournament of Nations (the Tournament), an international women’s football tournament, was held in the United States of America (USA) from 27 July to 3 August 2017,

(ii) the Tournament was won by Australia’s Matildas,

(iii) the Matildas are ranked 7th on the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) women’s world ranking.
(iv) in the Tournament, the Matildas beat the number one ranked USA on American soil, in their first-ever win over the reigning World Cup champions,
(v) the Matildas also beat Japan and Brazil, who are ranked 6th and 8th, respectively,
(vi) the Matildas played Brazil in the final, winning 6 - 1,
(vii) the unbeaten performance by the Matildas positions them well for qualification to the 2019 FIFA Women’s World Cup in France,
(viii) more than 270 000 women and girls play football in Australia and the sport is growing rapidly, and
(ix) the Matildas are an inspiration to young players and their win will encourage even more children to play football; and

(b) congratulates the Matildas on their impressive win and acknowledges the importance of investing in women’s football, including coaching and facilities and pay and conditions for professional players.

*401 Senator Kakoschke-Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) 7 to 13 August 2017 is Homelessness Week,
   (ii) the theme of this year’s week is ‘Action and Innovation’ which aims to highlight the many effective approaches specialist homelessness services have implemented to prevent and respond to homelessness,
   (iii) Australians of all ages and backgrounds become homeless, however, some people are more vulnerable to homelessness than others,
   (iv) along with domestic violence, poverty, drug and alcohol use, mental health is a key cause of homelessness,
   (v) homelessness services which provide mental health support have expressed concern that many clients will not qualify for a package under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and, as a result, will be left without adequate support as funds are withdrawn from psychosocial support services and into the NDIS,
   (vi) the Productivity Commission’s NDIS costs position paper, released in June 2017, stated that about 700 000 Australians experience a severe mental illness in any one year, however, according to the National Disability Insurance Agency, only around 64 000 people with psychosocial disability are expected to be eligible for individual packages in the NDIS, and
   (vii) the Productivity Commission also stated that ‘it is unclear what supports will be available for people with a mental illness who do not meet the NDIS eligibility criteria and this should be clarified as a matter of urgency’; and

(b) calls on the Government to adequately fund services and programs which provide psychosocial support to ensure no one falls through the emerging gap between these services and the NDIS.
*402 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) claims by AUSTRAC that the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) handled over 53,000 transactions through so-called Intelligent Deposit Machines (IDM) that were in breach of Australia’s anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws,

(ii) claims that the CBA repeatedly failed to meet its reporting obligations despite being aware of patterns of activity in some accounts that were suspicious and indicative of money laundering,

(iii) claims that the CBA appears to have allowed those undertaking suspicious activity to keep their accounts open and to continue to make transactions using IDMs, and

(iv) the CBA’s ongoing failure to restore public trust in addressing cultural shortcomings; and

(b) calls on the board of the CBA to withhold all bonuses for the CEO, Mr Ian Narev, and all other executives with responsibility for the bank’s IDMs and money deposited through IDMs.

*403 Chair of the Select Committee on a National Integrity Commission (Senator Collins): To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on a National Integrity Commission be extended to 13 September 2017.

*404 Senators Cameron and Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the most recent statistics from 2015-16 show that 275 requests for homelessness assistance were unable to be met each day,

(ii) an estimated 1.3 million households are unable to access private market housing or require financial assistance to avoid rental stress, and

(iii) the use of punitive powers against people sleeping rough costs taxpayers more in the long-run than providing long-term accommodation for homeless people; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to work with states and territories to:

(i) facilitate moves away from punitive approaches to dealing with homelessness, and

(ii) put increased emphasis in project plans under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness on the provision of safe, stable, long-term accommodation for people experiencing homelessness.

*405 Senator Rice: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Finance, by no later than 11.50 am on 10 August 2017, the following documents held, commissioned or requested by the Department of Finance: any advice on the conduct or constitutionality of a postal plebiscite or postal ballot received by the Department of Finance from:

(a) the Solicitor-General;

(b) the Attorney-General’s Department;
(c) the Australian Electoral Commission;
(d) the Australian Bureau of Statistics;
(e) the Australian Statistician; and
(f) any other legal, constitutional or electoral experts.

*406 Senators Chisholm, Watt, Ketter and Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
(i) the enduring and lasting impact that Tropical Cyclone Debbie has had on communities in Queensland and northern New South Wales,
(ii) that the cost of recovery for families, businesses and communities is a shared responsibility of local, state and federal governments and the insurance industry, and that each has an important role to play,
(iii) that the Queensland Government has proposed $110 million in additional funding to support projects which will boost economic growth, help communities get back on their feet and assist in preventing further damage from future extreme weather events, including, South Rockhampton Flood Levee, the Whitsunday Coast Airport and the Shute Harbour Revitalisation, and
(iv) that the Federal Government has chosen not to match this funding through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) Category D; and

(b) calls on the Prime Minister to review these decisions, and provide matched funding from either the NDRRA or from other appropriate sources to ensure these vital projects are supported.


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BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (10 August 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on toll roads.

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

3 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Australian dairy industry.
General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 August 2017

*394 Senator Kakoschke-Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 12 August 2017 is World Elephant Day,
(ii) World Elephant Day was launched in 2012 to bring attention to the urgent plight of Asian and African elephants,
(iii) the escalation of poaching, habitat loss, human-elephant conflict and mistreatment in captivity threaten both African and Asian elephants,
(iv) there are fewer than 40,000 Asian elephants left in the wild,
(v) according to the Great Elephant Census, African Savanna elephant populations declined by 30 per cent (equal to 144,000 elephants) between 2007 and 2014,
(vi) the current annual rate of decline is 8 per cent or about 27,000 elephants die each year, primarily due to poaching,
(vii) Australia is a signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora,
(viii) the Australian Government supports the efforts of other nations to protect their wildlife, by implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; and

(b) recognises that Australians should #BeElephantEthical by experiencing elephants in non-exploitative and sustainable environments where elephants can thrive under care and protection.

General Business—Orders of the Day relating to Private Senators’ Bills

42 Competition and Consumer Legislation Amendment (Small Business Access to Justice) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Gallagher)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hume, in continuation, 11 May 2017).

49 Productivity Commission Amendment (Addressing Inequality) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator McAllister)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Roberts, in continuation, 22 June 2017).

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.
3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Three sitting days after today (15 August 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 31 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Legislation (Exemptions and Other Matters) Amendment (Sunsetting and Disallowance Exemptions) Regulation 2016, made under the Legislation Act 2003, be disallowed [F2016L01897].
Four sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 15 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

General Business—Notice 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.

On 17 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
Report to be presented on whistleblower protections.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 June 2017

371 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that the Select Committee on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill tabled its report on 15 February 2017; and
(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, by no later than 9.30 am on 4 September 2017, a statement outlining the Government’s intentions in relation to the findings of the report.

Notice of motion altered on 20 June and 21 June 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

On 31 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

On 4 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 5 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).
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 6 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2017 and Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 7 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 11 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Corporations Amendment (Modernisation of Members Registration) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 August 2017

*393 Senator Roberts: To move—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017 to provide for members of the Parliament to voluntarily opt-out of payment of certain remuneration and allowances, and for related purposes. Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (Voluntary Opt-out) Bill 2017.
On 13 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

On 14 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on online poker.

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 16 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on penalty rates and the provisions of the Fair Work (Pay Protection) Bill 2017.

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

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

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

   **On 31 October 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 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on non-conforming building products.

   **On 23 November 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

   **On 27 November 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

   **On 28 November 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

   **On 29 November 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity.
On 30 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 1 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 4 December 2017

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 6 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 7 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

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

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

On 14 February 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 18 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on aged care assessment and accreditation.

On the first sitting day in March 2018

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

On 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.

On the final sitting day of 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.
OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

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

**Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017 ‡**
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 February 2017; reporting date: 9 August 2017)

**Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡**
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 4 September 2017)

**Corporations Amendment (Modernisation of Members Registration) Bill 2017 ‡**
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 11 September 2017)

**Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017 ‡**
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 13 September 2017)

**Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017**
- Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 4 September 2017) ‡
- Provisions of the bill referred to the Education and Employment References Committee as part of the committee’s inquiry into penalty rates (referred 19 June 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 11 May 2017; reporting date: 9 August 2017)

**National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡**
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 June 2017; reporting date: 5 September 2017)

**Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡**
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 14 August 2017)

**Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡**
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 7 September 2017)
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending Carbon Tax Compensation) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 June 2017; reporting date: 9 August 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 7 September 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 4 September 2017)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 6 September 2017)

Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 13 September 2017)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 395, 427 to 429, 442, 443, 446, 473 to 475, 477, 481, 482, 484, 488 to 503, 505 to 511.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 490 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

Allocation of departments/agencies
That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs
   Health
   Social Services, including Human Services

Economics
   Industry, Innovation and Science
   Treasury

Education and Employment
   Education and Training
   Employment

Environment and Communications
   Communications and the Arts
   Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
   Finance
   Parliament
   Prime Minister and Cabinet

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
   Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs
   Foreign Affairs and Trade

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
   Attorney-General
   Immigration and Border Protection

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
   Agriculture and Water Resources
   Infrastructure and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)
Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

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

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

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

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

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

(Agreed to 8 November 2016; varied 8 February 2017; varied 29 March 2017 in respect of paragraph (2A))
Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice
That:

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

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

(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

First speech—Senator Georgiou
That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 16 August 2017, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Georgiou to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

(Agreed to 9 May 2017, varied 13 June 2017)

Meeting of Senate—2017
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2017 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
  Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
  Monday, 13 February to Thursday, 16 February

Autumn sittings (2):
  Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
  Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

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

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

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

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

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

(Agreed to 8 November 2016)
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Ludlam

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(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Ludlam was returned;

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

(c) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘no’, is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and

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

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Ms Waters

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(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Waters was returned;

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

(c) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘no’, is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and

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

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Canavan

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(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Matthew Canavan was returned;

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

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

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

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)
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)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon

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

Formal business

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

4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie

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

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
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.
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Order of business

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

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)
     Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
     Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
     Senator Bernardi
     Senator Lambie
     Senator Leyonhjelm
     Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Tabling of documents

16 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
     Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
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     Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
     Senator Bernardi
     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.

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives
Senator Moore (appointed 12 February 2015, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
Senator Moore (appointed 10 November 2016, for a period of 3 years).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust
Senators Macdonald and Marshall (appointed 23 June 2011; with effect on and from 1 July 2011, and 7 July 2011, respectively).

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate

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**Key**
- X = Date of Senate ⅓ Cut-Off
- B = Budget
- S = Senate sitting week only
- † = Additional estimates
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- ± = Supplementary Budget estimates
- Ω = Cross portfolio estimates
- hearings on Indigenous matters, and Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters