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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.

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PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS

Orders of the Day

42 Competition and Consumer Legislation Amendment (Small Business Access to Justice) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Gallagher)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Gallagher, in continuation, 16 February 2017).

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2017

1 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That items 1 and 4 of Schedule 1 of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Narcotic Drugs) Regulation 2016 and made under the Crimes Act 1914 and the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, be disallowed [F2016L01652].

Last day for resolving**

**Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Regulation will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Notice given 28 March 2017

2 Senator Xenophon: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2017:
(a) claims that many employees working for large employers such as Coles, Woolworths, McDonald’s and KFC receive lower penalty rates under their enterprise agreements than those set by the relevant modern award, giving those employers a competitive advantage over smaller businesses that pay award rates;
(b) the operation, application and effectiveness of the Better Off Overall Test (BOOT) for enterprise agreements made under the Fair Work Act 2009;
(c) the desirability of amending the Fair Work Act 2009 to ensure that enterprise agreements do not contain terms that specify penalty rates which are lower than the respective modern award; and
(d) any other related matter.
Notice given 30 March 2017


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

Notice given 10 May 2017

*4 Senators Leyonhjelm and Bernardi: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 14 September 2017:

(a) the participation of Australians in online poker;
(b) the nature and extent of any personal or social harms and benefits arising from participating in online poker; and
(c) whether the current regulatory approach, in particular, the recently amended Interactive Gambling Act 2001, is a reasonable and proportionate response to those harms and benefits.

*5 Senators Xenophon, Griff and Kakoschke-Moore: To move—That, in response to the neglect and abuse at the Makk and McLeay Aged Mental Health Care Service at Oakden in South Australia, which has led to its closure, the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 7 December 2017:

(a) the effectiveness of the Aged Care Quality Assessment and accreditation framework for protecting residents from abuse and poor practices, and ensuring proper clinical and medical care standards are maintained;
(b) complaints and concerns raised and reported, including by staff and contract workers, volunteers and family members, response and feedback arrangements;
(c) intra-facility notification handling, response and feedback arrangements;
(d) the division of responsibility and accountability between the residents and their families, care providers, the state and the Federal governments; and
(e) any related matters.

*6 Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 14 February 2018:

Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa, with particular reference to:

(a) existing trade and investment relationships;
(b) emerging and possible future trends;
(c) barriers and impediments to trade and investment;
(d) opportunities to expand trade and investment;
(e) the role of government in identifying opportunities and assisting Australian companies to access existing and new markets; and
(f) any related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
NO. 40—11 MAY 2017

Report to be presented on the management of credit and other transaction cards by the Department of Defence.

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 10 May 2017).

2 Disability Services Amendment (Linking Upper Age Limits for Disability Employment Services to Pension Age) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)

3 Crimes Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)

4 Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Polar Code) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)

5 Personal Property Securities Amendment (PPS Leases) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)

6 Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)

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

8 Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

9 Health Insurance Amendment (National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2017
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—
   That this bill be now read a second time.
   And on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate:
(a) laments that health outcomes in rural and regional Australia continue to lag significantly behind the rest of the country, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;

(b) recognises that the establishment of a Rural Health Commissioner represents an opportunity to examine and address the significant work force issues which contribute to this, as well as the range of other causes; and

(c) calls for the Commissioner to be free to examine and make recommendations relating to all areas of policy reform and funding that are relevant to urgently address this issue” (Senator Williams, in continuation, 27 March 2017).

10 Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

11 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Seasonal Worker Incentives for Jobseekers) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

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

13 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).

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

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

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

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

18 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).

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

20 Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
21 Migration Amendment (Visa Revalidation and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

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

23 Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
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).

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).
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 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 9 May 2017

306 Senator McAllister: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, by close of business on 17 May 2017, the document created by Chief Judge Pascoe at the request of Ms Sharon Claydon, MP and sent to the Attorney-General’s office on 5 April 2017 relating to resourcing, caseloads and timeframes in Newcastle’s Federal Circuit Court.

Notice of motion altered on 10 May 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 10 May 2017

*323 Senator Gallagher: To move—That the Senate condemns the Turnbull Government’s unfair Budget that delivers tax handouts for multinationals and millionaires while hurting every Australian family.

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

(a) congratulates Professor David Cooper on being awarded the James Cook Medal in recognition of his outstanding contribution to both science and human welfare;

(b) notes that the James Cook Medal is awarded periodically by the Royal Society of New South Wales for outstanding contributions to science and human welfare in and for the southern hemisphere;

(c) acknowledges the significant contribution Professor Cooper has made over many years in the research and treatment of HIV and AIDS, including in the areas of antiretroviral therapy, HIV pathogenesis and complications of HIV treatment;

(d) notes the important role that Professor Cooper continues to play in the fight against HIV and AIDS in the developing world, in particular, his work in co-founding HIV-NAT, a clinical research and trials collaboration based at the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre in Bangkok; and

(e) notes that Professor Cooper joins other respected recipients of the James Cook Medal, including Sir Frank M Burnet, Sir Ian Clunies Ross, Sir Marcus Oliphant, Sir Gustav Nossal and Professor Brien Holden.
*325 Senator Xenophon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 21 April 2017, The Daily Telegraph published an article entitled, Riding on the Gravy Train, which made reference to a $75,000 contract for the services of former public servant, Mr David Gould, for one month’s consultancy work,

(ii) on 21 April 2017, the Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade (FADT) secretariat made an informal request for the official who signed the contract, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to appear before the Budget estimates hearings,

(iii) on 5 May 2017, the Department of Defence responded to the FADT secretariat with a list of Defence officials who would be attending the Budget estimates hearings, but did not indicate if the signatory was in the list,

(iv) on 8 May 2017, the chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee formally wrote to the Secretary of Defence requesting confirmation that the signatory would be appearing, and also reminded the Department of Defence that it is within the power of the committee, and ultimately the Senate, to require specific officials to appear before the committee,

(v) on 9 May 2017, the Department of Defence responded to the chair of the committee advising that the signatory was an Executive Level 2 officer and that it would not be normal practice or appropriate for a non-Senior Executive Service officer to be a witness at an estimates hearing and that a more senior officer would instead answer questions in relation to the contract, and

(vi) it is not for the Department of Defence to decide which officials are appropriate to appear before a Senate committee - this is a matter for the Senate alone to determine; and

(b) orders that the Executive Level 2 officer, who signed the contract for the services of former public servant, Mr David Gould, appear before the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee at the Budget estimates hearings on 29 and 30 May 2017.

*326 Senators Hanson-Young and Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises the infrastructure projects, including Inland Rail construction, that the Federal Government committed to delivering in the 2017 Federal Budget;

(b) acknowledges that the steel producing communities of Whyalla in regional South Australia and the Illawarra in New South Wales are struggling with high unemployment and low job security; and

(c) calls on the Turnbull Government to guarantee that they will support Australian jobs by committing to a local procurement policy, mandating the use Australian steel in infrastructure projects committed to in the 2017 Federal Budget.
*327 Senator Smith: To move—That the Senate—

(a) congratulates the Honourable Michael Kirby, AC CMG on receiving the high honour of being awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, by the Emperor of Japan in recognition of his contribution to promoting international understanding of the situation of human rights in North Korea, including the issue of the abduction of Japanese nationals;

(b) notes the outstanding contribution Mr Kirby has made in promoting the significance of human rights worldwide through his work, including but not limited to his appointments as UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia and a member of the High Commissioner for Human Rights’ Judicial Reference Group; and

(c) notes the exceptional effort Mr Kirby has made to address the HIV and AIDS epidemic globally, through his service on international bodies, including the World Health Organisation’s Global Commission on AIDS, UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights, and UNDP Global Commission of HIV and the Law.

*328 Senator Waters: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and for other purposes. Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017.

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

(a) notes:

(i) the return of 82 young women held captive for three years by Islamist militants in Nigeria, and

(ii) that in April 2014, as part of a world-wide campaign calling for the release of the group of 270 schoolgirls captured from their high school, women from across the Australian Parliament, gathered in the forecourt to show their support for the ‘Bring Them Home’ project;

(b) acknowledges the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Swiss and Nigerian Governments to negotiate appropriate settlement to ensure the safety and the return of these young women;

(c) supports continuing efforts to complete the return of the many young women still believed held by Boko Haram; and

(d) condemns the actions of the militants in the region.

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

(a) congratulates Indigenous Australian Mr Isaiah Firebrace on winning a place in the final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2017;

(b) wishes Mr Firebrace every success in the final of the Eurovision Song Contest; and

(c) notes:

(i) the theme of this year’s contest is ‘Celebrate Diversity’,

(ii) Australia is a culturally-rich diverse nation, and

(iii) Mr Firebrace’s inclusion as a young Indigenous Australian is also a celebration of Australia’s cultural diversity.

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

(a) notes:
(i) the unanimous findings of the Environment and Communications References Committee report, *Game on: more than playing around – The future of Australia’s video game development industry*, received on 29 April 2016, and

(ii) the absence of any Government response to the findings of this inquiry; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Communications, by no later than 3.30 pm on 11 May 2017, a copy of the Government’s response to this report.

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

(a) notes:

(i) the Government’s deeply disappointing decision to once again cut funding to aid in the 2017-18 Federal Budget by $300.3 million across the forward estimates,

(ii) Australia’s Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) is currently at a record low as a proportion of Gross National Income (GNI), and will now plunge even further to 0.2 per cent of GNI by 2020, and

(iii) this decision comes as there are 60 million displaced people in the world, famines in parts of Africa and the Middle East, and increasing threats to prosperity as a result of climate change, amongst other global concerns; and

(b) calls on the Government to reverse these cuts, and as soon as possible identify a year by which Australia’s ODA will reach the target of 0.7 per cent of GNI, as is our commitment to the United Nations, and as other comparable nations such as the United Kingdom have already achieved.

DOCUMENTS

1 Australian Hearing—Report for 2015-16

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (10 October 2016).

2 NBN Group—Report for 2015-16

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (10 October 2016).

3 Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2015-16

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

4 Department of Communications and the Arts—Report for 2015-16

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

5 Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate (Fair Work Building and Construction)—Report for 2015-16

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).
6 Department of Social Services—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

7 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)—Report for 2015-16, including report of the Australian Energy Regulator (AER)
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

8 Clean Energy Regulator—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

9 Department of Health—Report for 2015-16, including the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee report on processes, financial statements for the Australian National Preventive Health Agency, and the report of the Australian Digital Health Agency
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

10 Department of Human Services—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

11 Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

12 Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

13 Central Land Council—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

14 Department of Finance—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

15 Climate Change Authority—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the documents (7 November 2016).

16 Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

17 Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).
18 National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency (National Disability Insurance Agency)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

19 Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

20 Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dodson—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

21 Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

22 Outback Stores Pty Ltd—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

23 Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

24 National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 9 February 2017).

25 Workplace Gender Equality Agency—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (30 November 2016).

26 Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report no. 73—Frances Well Land Claim no. 64
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (7 February 2017).

27 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Social Justice and Native Title—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 7 February 2017).

28 Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (7 February 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (7 February 2017).

30 Primary industries—Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Relocation—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and
Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) responding to the order of the Senate of 29 November 2016, and attachment
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the documents (7 February 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 13 February 2017).

32 Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Report of case study no. 32—The response of Geelong Grammar School to allegations of child sexual abuse of former students
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 14 February 2017).

33 Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918—Redistribution into electoral divisions—Northern Territory—Report, together with composite map and compact disc of supporting information
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 14 February 2017).

34 Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Report of case study no. 34—The response of Brisbane Grammar School and St Paul’s School to allegations of child sexual abuse
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 15 February 2017).

35 Health—Dental services—Funding—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Health (Mr Hunt) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 30 November 2016
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

36 Law and justice—Catholic Church—Allegations of child sexual abuse—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Prefect, Secretariat for the Economy, Vatican City State (Cardinal Pell, AC) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 8 February 2017
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

37 Family and community services—Private rental housing market—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Social Services (Mr Porter) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 9 February 2017
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

38 National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2015-16

39 Murray-Darling Basin Authority—Basin Plan—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

40 Telecommunications Act 1997—Funding of telecommunications consumer representation grants—Report for 2015-16

41 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—Australia State of the Environment 2016: Overview

42 Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory—Royal Commission—Interim report
Consideration (31 March 2017).

43 Indigenous Australians—Closing the Gap report—Parliamentary consideration—Resolution agreed to on 9 February 2017—Letter to the President of the Senate from the South Australian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (Mr Maher)
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McCarthy—That the Senate take note of the document (9 May 2017).

44 National Wind Farm Commissioner—Report for the period November 2015 to December 2016
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (9 May 2017).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Serious allegations of abuse, self-harm and neglect of asylum seekers in relation to the Nauru Regional Processing Centre, and any like allegations in relation to the Manus Regional Processing Centre—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKim—That the Senate take note of the report (9 May 2017).

2 Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World—Select Committee—Stability and Affordability: Forging a path to Australia’s renewable energy future—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the report (9 May 2017).

*3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Second interim report—Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sterle—That the Senate take note of the document (10 May 2017).
4 Community Affairs References Committee—Complaints mechanism administered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (10 May 2017).

5 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Airport and aviation security—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 30 March 2017).

6 Environment and Communications References Committee—Retirement of coal fired power stations—Final report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Whish-Wilson)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 29 March 2017).

7 Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on the sale, supply and taxation of alcohol—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 29 March 2017).

8 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Parliamentary Budget Office Review 2015-16—Report of the independent panel
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Smith)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Smith, in continuation, 29 March 2017).

9 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Nature and scope of any agreement reached by the Commonwealth and Western Australian governments in relation to the distribution of proceeds of the liquidation of, and litigation concerning, the Bell Group of companies (the proceeds)—Report to the Senate on compliance with motion no. 274
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Pratt)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McKim, in continuation, 29 March 2017).

10 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Operation of the Australian Defence Force’s resistance to interrogation training—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Gallacher, in continuation, 27 March 2017).

11 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Operation of the Administrative Arrangements Order, the effectiveness of the division and performance of responsibilities under it, and any other related matters—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 23 March 2017).
12 Economics References Committee—‘Lifting the fear and suppressing the greed’: Penalties for white-collar crime and corporate and financial misconduct in Australia—Report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 23 March 2017).

13 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Nature and scope of any agreement reached by the Commonwealth and Western Australian governments in relation to the distribution of proceeds of the liquidation of, and litigation concerning, the Bell Group of companies (the proceeds)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Pratt)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 22 March 2017).


Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 22 March 2017).


16 Murray-Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee—Report—Refreshing the Plan—Government response

Consideration (20 March 2017).

17 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Import of seafood and seafood products—Report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sterle—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Sterle, in continuation, 21 March 2017).


Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Paterson—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Brown, in continuation, 21 March 2017).


Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the reports (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 21 March 2017).
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the documents (Senator Carr, in continuation, 21 March 2017).

21 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Violence, abuse and neglect against people with disability in institutional and residential settings, including the gender and age related dimensions, and the particular situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, and culturally and linguistically diverse people with disability—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 21 March 2017).

22 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—167th report—Nuclear Cooperation-Ukraine; Extradition-China
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 9 February 2017).

23 Wind Turbines—Select Committee—Report—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Smith—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Leyonhjelm, in continuation, 9 February 2017).

24 Economics References Committee—Report—Australia’s innovation system—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

25 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Extent of income inequality in Australia – Bridging our growing divide: inequality in Australia—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

26 Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s steel industry—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

27 Economics References Committee—2016 Census: issues of trust—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

28 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Delivery and effectiveness of Australia’s bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion)—That the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

29 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

30  Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Bicycle helmet laws (term of reference d)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

31  Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Sale and use of marijuana and associated products (term of reference c)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

32  Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Western Sydney Wanderers supporters (term of reference f)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

33  Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—The classification of publications, films and computer games (term of reference e)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

34  Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—The sale and use of tobacco, tobacco products, nicotine products and e-cigarettes (term of reference a)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

35  Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Sale and service of alcohol (term of reference b)—Interim report

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

36  Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Palliative care in Australia—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

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AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS
1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Offshore processing centres in Nauru and Papua New Guinea – Contract management of garrison support and welfare services: Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Indigenous Advancement Strategy: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Australian Taxation Office’s implementation of audit recommendations: Australian Taxation Office
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 13 February 2017).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2016-17—Performance audit—The approval and administration of Commonwealth funding for the WestConnex project: Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development; Infrastructure Australia
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 14 February 2017).

5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Australian Border Force’s use of statutory powers: Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McKim, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

6 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2016-17—2015-16 major projects report: Department of Defence
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

7 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Management of selected fraud prevention and compliance budget measures: Department of Human Services; Department of Social Services
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 20 March 2017).

8 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Proceeds of crime: Australian Federal Police; Australian Financial Security Authority; Attorney-General’s Department

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

*307 Castalia report into parallel import laws—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Urban Infrastructure, by no later than 9.30 am on 11 May 2017, the Castalia Report into parallel import laws. (Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 10 May 2017.)

*320 Aged care services at Oakden, South Australia—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care, by no later than 5 pm on 11 May 2017, documents relating to the accreditation of the Makk and McLeay Aged Mental Health Care Service at Oaken, South Australia. (Motion of Senators Xenophon, Griff and Kakoschke-Moore agreed to 10 May 2017.)

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 22 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 7 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on gender segregation in the workplace.

On 9 June 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 the next day of sitting (13 June 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 February 2017


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

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Minors Online) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 29 March 2017


On 14 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2017

1 Senator Rice: To move—that the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 8 August 2017:
   The ownership and operations of existing and proposed toll roads in Australia, including:
   (a) the economics of existing and proposed private toll roads, including assessment of financial arrangements with state governments;
   (b) transparency and accountability measures, including:
      (i) mechanisms of transparency and accountability of public–private partnership toll road developments,
      (ii) the impact of ‘commercial-in-confidence’ provisions on transparency and public accountability, and
      (iii) assessment of, and transparency and accountability of, unsolicited bids;
   (c) the interaction of toll roads with transport policy and implementation, including:
      (i) the efficacy of toll roads in meeting transport needs,
(ii) the impact of toll road contracts with potentially competing roads and public transport initiatives,
(iii) the influence of toll road developments on overall transport policy of state and federal governments,
(iv) alternatives to private toll roads, including public road developments and demand management,
(v) the interaction of tolls payable on private toll roads with other current and potential road pricing mechanisms, and
(vi) the contribution that payment of tolls plays in overall cost of transport to the community, and equity considerations;
(d) the impact of concentration of ownership of private toll roads;
(e) the appropriateness of tolls payable over time, penalties for non-payment and debt recovery mechanisms; and
(f) any other related matter.

Notice given 30 March 2017

2 Senator Siewert: To move—That the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Specialist Disability Accommodation) Rules 2016, made under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013, be disallowed [F2017L00209].

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

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 22 March 2017

269 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—

(1) That a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Oversight of the Implementation of Recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse be established to inquire into and report upon:
(a) the response and implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission by the Australian Government, state and territory governments and relevant not-for-profit organisations;
(b) the Australian Government policy, program and legal response, including the establishment and operation of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme and ongoing support of survivors; and
(c) any matter in relation to the Royal Commission’s recommendations referred to the committee by a resolution of either House of the Parliament.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 1 December 2018.

(3) That the committee consist of 12 members – 7 senators, and 5 members as follows:
(a) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
(b) 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the House of Representatives;
(c) 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
(d) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives;
(e) 1 to be nominated by minority groups or independents in the Senate; and
(f) the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch).

(4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the
President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint select committee until the
House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.

(6) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all
members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any
vacancy.

(7) That Senator Hinch be appointed as chair of the committee and the committee elect
as deputy chair a member or senator nominated by the Opposition.

(8) That the deputy chair shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair
is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and
deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present
shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.

(9) That the committee have power to send for and examine persons and documents,
to
move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any
prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and
have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and
such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(10) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and
be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the
committee with the approval of the President.

(11) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and
evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such
proceedings as take place in public.

(12) That the committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any
adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(13) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the
standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing
orders.

(14) That a message be sent to the House of Representatives seeking its concurrence in
this resolution.

On 15 June 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 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.)
   
Four sitting days after today (19 June 2017)
Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2017

1 **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):**
   To move—That the Jervis Bay Territory Marine Safety Ordinance 2016, made under the *Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act 1915*, be disallowed [F2016L01756].

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

**On 20 June 2017**

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2017

1 **Senator Bernardi:** To move—That the Extradition (People’s Republic of China) Regulations 2017, made under the *Extradition Act 1988*, be disallowed [F2017L00185].

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

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

**On 21 June 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 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Bell Group litigation.

3 **Community Affairs References Committee**

**On 22 June 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 **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.

3 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**
Report to be presented on the matters raised by New South Wales Police Strike Force CIVET.

**On 29 June 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**On 30 June 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2. **Economics References Committee**  
   Report to be presented on foreign bribery.

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

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

5. **Government Procurement—Joint Select Committee**  
   Report to be presented.

**On 12 July 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**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**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**Eight sitting days after today (8 August 2017)**

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion
Notice given 27 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):
   To move—That the Export Control (Plants and Plant Products—Norfolk Island) Order 2016, made under the Export Control Act 1982, be disallowed [F2016L01796].

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 11 May 2017
(Notice given 10 May 2017)

Nine sitting days after today (9 August 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):
   To move—That the Migration Amendment (Review of the Regulations) Regulation 2016, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L01809].

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

On 9 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 May 2017


Fourteen 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.

Business of the Senate—Order 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.)

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.
Twelve sitting days after today (15 August 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 31 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):
   To move—that the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Social Services Measures No. 4) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01922].
   Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

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

On 15 August 2017

General Business—Order of the Day

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

On 23 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 31 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

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

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

**On 14 September 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**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.

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

**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 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 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 use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and associated systems.

On 7 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the first sitting day in March 2018
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

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 (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)

Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Minors Online) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 13 June 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 15 June 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 22 May 2017)

Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 13 June 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.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Questions remaining unanswered*

Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 342, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 373 to 376, 395, 406, 407, 410, 411, 416, 418, 423, 424, 427 to 429, 432, 434, 437, 439, 442 to 444, 446, 449 to 465, 467 to 473.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 446 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.

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**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**
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*

**Exemption of bills**

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Parliamentary Business Resources Bill 2017 and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings.

*Agreed to 10 May 2017*

**First speech—Senator Georgiou**

That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 14 June 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*

**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)

Meeting of Senate—Budget week—9 to 11 May 2017
That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 9 May 2017 be from 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 11 May 2017 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

(a) the routine of business from 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 9 May 2017 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents 2017-18, and
   (ii) adjournment; and

(b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 11 May 2017 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
   (ii) adjournment.

(Agreed to 29 March 2017)

Referral of time critical bills
That—

(1) To ensure appropriate consideration of time critical bills by Senate committees, the provisions of all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after
11 May 2017 and up to and including 1 June 2017 that contain substantive provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2017 (together with the provisions of any related bill) are referred to committees for inquiry and report by 13 June 2017.

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

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

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

(a) no provisions other than provisions appropriating revenue or moneys (appropriation bills); and

(b) commencement clauses providing only for the legislation to commence on Royal Assent.

(Agreed to 10 May 2017)

Routine of business—Consideration of disallowance motion

That—

(a) so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the succeeding provisions of this resolution having effect;

(b) on Thursday, 11 May 2017, the business of the Senate notice of motion proposing the disallowance of items 1 and 4 of Schedule 1 of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Narcotic Drugs) Regulation 2016, standing in the name of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), for that day be called on no later than 4 pm; and

if consideration of the motion listed in paragraph (b) is not concluded at 4.15 pm, the questions on the unresolved motion shall then be put.

(Agreed to 10 May 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)

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)

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

APPPOINTMENTS 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).

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