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### Notices of motion
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### Orders of the day
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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Order of the Day

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

BUSINESS GIVEN PRECEDENCE

General business—Order of the Day

71 Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Bill 2017
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders 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).

2 Statute Update (Smaller Government) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

3 Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
   First Home Super Saver Tax Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

4 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKim, in continuation, 16 October 2017).

5 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
   Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Paterson, in continuation, 16 November 2017).
6 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 2) Bill 2017

7 Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Consumers First—Establishment of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

8 Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017
In committee (18 October 2017).

9 Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).

10 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs, Senator Seselja)
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11 Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

12 Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 August 2017).

13 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).

14 Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
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   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

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

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

19 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).

20 Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2017
   Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 268 from the House of Representatives (13 November 2017).

   Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

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

23 Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017

24 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 1) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).
25 **Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016**—*(Senate bill)*—
(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

26 **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).

27 **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).

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

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

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

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

32 **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).

33 **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)*.

34 **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)*.
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 16 November 2017

587 **Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Polley):** To move—That—

(a) the Senate adopt the recommendation at paragraph 4.10 of Scrutiny Digest 13 of 2017 of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills, proposing an amendment to standing order 24; and

(b) the temporary order of the Senate of 29 November 2016, concerning an amendment to standing order 24, cease to have effect.

590 **Senator Patrick:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the **Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010** (AIC Act) establishes three independent statutory office holders:

(A) the Information Commissioner,

(B) the Freedom of Information (FOI) Commissioner, and

(C) the Privacy Commissioner,

(ii) paragraphs 11(5)(a) and (b) and paragraphs 12(5)(a) and (b) of the AIC Act describe the independence of each Commissioner,

(iii) in the six months following the Royal Assent to the AIC Act, three commissioners were appointed to the three office holder’s positions,

(iv) since the unsuccessful attempt by the Abbott Government to abolish the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, two commissioners have left office and have not been replaced,

(v) currently Mr Timothy Pilgrim fills the statutory position of the Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner, and the position of FOI Commissioner is vacant on account of Mr Pilgrim not holding the legal qualifications required in section 14 of the AIC Act, and

(vi) the AIC Act requires the appointment of three independent statutory office holders and the Government is constitutionally bound to maintain and execute the laws of the land and uphold the will of the Parliament; and

(b) calls on the Government to immediately commence the process of appointing an independent Privacy Commissioner and an independent FOI Commissioner, in accordance with the AIC Act.
Senators Hinch, Singh and Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 7.30 recently aired footage of hens having their feet torn off and being boiled alive at the Star Poultry Supply slaughterhouse in the suburb of Keysborough, Victoria, in early 2017,

(ii) this footage was secretly recorded by animal rights campaigners, and showed practices which regulator PrimeSafe had failed to identify in regular audits, and

(iii) a number of cases of cruelty to animals in Australian abattoirs have been identified in Australia through covert recording;

(b) acknowledges that:

(i) this year, both the United Kingdom and France have adopted policies to implement CCTV in all abattoirs to deter animal cruelty in abattoirs and support regulators to audit effectively,

(ii) New South Wales (NSW) has mandated the appointment of animal welfare officers in all abattoirs to lift the standard of care for animals, and

(iii) all Australian consumers have an interest in animal welfare, and are entitled to feel confident that meat and poultry on Australian supermarket shelves has not arrived there by way of torture and abuse; and

(c) calls on the Government to:

(i) urgently advocate for CCTV use in all abattoirs at the next Agricultural Ministers’ meeting and at the Council of Australian Governments,

(ii) urgently advocate for the national adoption of NSW’s policy of appointing animal welfare officers in all Australian abattoirs,

(iii) strengthen the proposed draft Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry to safeguard poultry welfare at abattoirs and on-farm, and

(iv) strongly encourage state governments to respond to evidence of animal cruelty with strong sanctions and prosecution.

Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes claims, published in Newsweek on 26 November 2017, that Tesla, a US-listed company with Mr Elon Musk as its CEO, has sacked 700 workers and stands accused of “trying to force them to avoid criticizing the company and its famous CEO”, and that “the mass firings targeted pro-union, LGBT and black employees”;

(b) further notes claims, published in Fortune magazine on 1 November 2017, noting that “United Auto Workers filed a complaint against Tesla on 25 October 2017, claiming the company fired workers who were trying to unionize”;

(c) observes that the South Australian Premier (Mr Weatherill) has indicated he plans to travel to Jamestown, South Australia, this week to celebrate switching on Mr Musk’s Tesla-provided battery before 1 December 2017; and
(d) calls upon the Commonwealth and all state and territory governments to cease any involvement with Mr Musk and his companies until the claims of targeting union members, LGBT and African-American employees are resolved.

*606 Senator Bilyk: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that commemorations are underway for the eighty-fifth anniversary of Holodomor, to mark an enforced famine in Ukraine caused by the deliberate actions of Stalin’s Communist Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR);

(b) recalls that it is estimated that up to seven million Ukrainians starved to death, as a result of Stalin’s policies in 1932 to 1933 alone;

(c) condemns these acts aimed at destroying the national, cultural, religious and democratic aspirations of the Ukrainian people;

(d) condemns all similar acts during the twentieth century as the ultimate manifestations of racial, ethnic or religious hatred and violence;

(e) honours the memory of those who lost their lives during Holodomor;

(f) joins the Ukrainian Australian community and the international community in commemorating this tragic milestone under the motto, Ukraine Remembers - The World Acknowledges;

(g) recognises the importance of remembering and learning from such dark chapters in human history to ensure that such crimes against humanity are not allowed to be repeated; and

(h) pays its respects to the Australian Ukrainians who lived through this tragedy and have told their horrific stories.

*607 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the latest publicity stunt from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, also known as PETA, who have called for taxpayers to build a memorial to 6,000 chickens killed in a truck crash near Lismore, New South Wales on 27 November 2017;

(b) further notes PETA’s history of stunts and attacks on Australia’s livestock farming, meat manufacturing, meat retail, hunting and racing sectors, putting regional jobs and economies at risk; and

(c) calls upon the Commonwealth Government and all state and territory governments to resist all attempts by PETA to:
   (i) further jeopardise Australia’s economy and way of life, and
   (ii) make demands upon Australian taxpayers.

*608 Senator Singh: To move—That the Senate—

(a) condemns the appalling and cowardly attack on worshippers in the al Rawdah Mosque in Egypt’s Northern Sinai region;

(b) extends its sympathy and support to the families of the 305 victims, including 27 children, who were killed in the attack while they were attending prayers, the 128 people who were wounded, and the Egyptian people; and

(c) stands with all people of goodwill in complete rejection of those who try to use terror and violence to destroy peace.
*609 Senator Watt: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) figures released by the Department of Health this week show that people living in regional Australia are less likely to be bulk-billed for a GP visit, compared with those living in metropolitan cities,
(ii) people living in regional Australia pay more to access a GP, and that their out-of-pocket costs have increased since the 2016 election,
(iii) people living in regional Australia are around 20 per cent more likely to skip or delay seeing a GP because of the cost,
(iv) electorates held by The Nationals have some of the lowest bulk-billing rates in the country, including the electorates of Page ranked 104th, Flynn ranked 111th, Capricornia ranked 112th, and Dawson ranked 115th,
(v) more than 550 000 Australians living in electorates held by The Nationals will pay more tax under The Nationals’ plan to unfairly increase the Medicare levy on low-income earners,
(vi) the Government is yet to lift any part of their Medicare freeze – rebates for GPs, specialists and allied health services all remain frozen, and
(vii) the Government’s freeze is doing $2.2 billion in damage to Medicare – a cut to the pockets of patients every time they visit a GP, every time they visit a specialist, and every time they receive a Medicare allied health service;

(b) calls on the Government to guarantee:

(i) immediate and annual indexation of Medicare rebates that have been frozen by this Government,
(ii) proper Commonwealth investment in public hospitals, so that all Australians can access acute care without financial or other barriers, and
(iii) that savings from the Medicare Benefits Schedule Review and agreements with stakeholders will be reinvested in Medicare, and not used as an excuse for further cuts; and

(c) condemns the Government for neglecting vital Medicare services in rural and regional Australia.

*610 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 3 July 2017, The Guardian Australia broke the story that private Medicare numbers were being illegally sold on the dark web,
(ii) the Minister for Human Services stated that both he and his department had only been made aware of the breach when The Guardian contacted them on 3 July 2017,
(iii) on 15 September 2017, the Finance and Public Administration References Committee questioned the Department of Human Services during the inquiry into this breach, at which time the department failed to mention any early knowledge about the breach, and
(iv) on 21 November 2017, it was revealed by *The New Daily* that heavily redacted FOI documents show that officers of the Department of Human Services were aware of the breach 11 days prior to *The Guardian* story’s publication; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services, by no later than 6.30 pm on 4 December 2017:
   (i) any advice provided to the Minister by the Department of Human Services relating to the breach, prior to 3 July 2017,
   (ii) any documents relating to the breach from the Department of Human Services, prior to 3 July 2017, and
   (iii) any related documents.

*611 Senators Siewert and Rice: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) that the vast majority of Australians voted for marriage equality in the recent postal survey,
   (ii) that the postal survey had a negative impact on the mental health of many LGBTIQ Australians and their families, demonstrated by examples such as Reachout which saw a 40 per cent, and Switchboard which saw a 35 per cent, increase in people accessing their services between August and October 2017,
   (iii) that 40 per cent of young LGBTIQ people seeking help are at a higher risk of suicide — almost double the rate for their heterosexual peers,
   (iv) that many LGBTIQ people will remain scarred by the traumatic ordeal the Government has put them through by putting their rights to a public popular vote,
   (v) the urgent need to address this issue and offer support to the LGBTIQ community, and
   (vi) that the marriage equality postal survey came in approximately $20 million under budget; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to show leadership and spend this unspent postal survey funding on mental health services for LGBTIQ people.

*612 Senator McKim: To move—

(1) That the Senate:

(a) notes that:
   (i) the New Zealand Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern, has continued to pressure Australia to accept New Zealand’s offer to resettle 150 refugees who are currently in offshore detention,
   (ii) New Zealand will begin work to expedite processing refugees if, and when, the offer is accepted, and
   (iii) Prime Minister Ardern stated “We made the offer because we saw a great need. No matter what label you put on it there is absolute need and there is harm being done”; and

(b) calls on the Government to accept New Zealand’s offer to resettle 150 refugees.
(2) That a message be sent to the House of Representatives seeking its concurrence in this resolution.

*613 Senators Siewert and Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes Triple J’s decision to move its iconic Hottest 100 from 26 January to the fourth weekend in January;

(b) acknowledges the consultation process undertaken, in which almost 65 000 people participated in a questionnaire about the Hottest 100 date, with 60 per cent in favour of moving the date;

(c) notes the Triple J Hottest 100 debuted on 5 March 1989;

(d) reminds the Minister for the Arts and the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), of the importance of the independence of the ABC, and calls on him not to interfere with decisions of the broadcaster; and

(e) urges other organisations and community groups to consult their communities about celebrations and events held on 26 January.

*614 Senators Canavan, Macdonald, McKenzie, Seselja, Williams, McGrath, Paterson, Duniam, Reynolds, Fifield, Abetz, Bushby and Brockman: To move—

(1) That the Senate:

(a) notes that Australia Day is on 26 January and should remain so; and

(b) recognises that Triple J’s Hottest 100 has become an iconic event since it was first proposed during Australia’s bicentennial year in 1988.

(2) The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Charter states a function of the Corporation is to broadcast programs that contribute to a sense of national identity.

(3) The ABC should restore the Hottest 100 to Australia Day, 26 January.

*615 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the growing public and industry concern relating to the allegations of sexism, sexual harassment and assault within the Australian media and arts industry, following the Mr Harvey Weinstein scandals in Hollywood;

(b) calls on broadcasters to outline their plan to stamp out the insidious culture of enabling sexual harassers, abusers and misogynistic bullies in their industry by not making a stand or holding perpetrators accountable, highlighted by the horrific accounts come to light this week;

(c) asks broadcasters to consider the corporate reputational damage for inaction on sexual harassment in the workplace;

(d) calls on all broadcasters to commit to ending the culture of sexual harassment and assault in the workplace;

(e) acknowledges the brave people, mostly women, who were victim to despicable behaviour from their colleagues and superiors; and

(f) encourages diversity and inclusion across race, gender, sexuality, ability and region in broadcasting, in an effort to foster respectful and considerate workplaces.
*617 Senator Birmingham: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the South Australian Labor Government provided $757 000 of taxpayer funding to One Community for advocacy purposes during the 2016 federal election;

(b) notes that the South Australian Auditor-General investigated the allocation of $757 000 by the South Australian Labor Government to One Community;

(c) notes that the South Australian Auditor-General found this funding supported activity which “included messages a reasonable person could interpret as being designed to influence support for a political party”; and

(d) calls on the South Australian branch of the Australian Labor Party to refund to South Australian taxpayers the monies that were clearly allocated for a political purpose.

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ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

585 Joint training exercise between the Royal Australian Navy and its Saudi Arabian counterparts—Order for production of documents

By the Minister for Defence, by later than 12.45 pm on 29 November 2017, any documents relating to the joint training exercise between the Royal Australian Navy and its Saudi Arabian counterpart on 14 August 2017. (Motion of Senator Whish-Wilson agreed to 27 November 2017.)

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BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (30 November 2017)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 28 November 2017

*616 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that the Federal Government is continuing to advance plans to locate a federal radioactive waste facility in regional South Australia;

(b) notes that all three sites under consideration are actively contested by community members, and that the project in its current configuration is inconsistent with South Australian law;

(c) notes that around 95 per cent of the waste planned for any future federal facility is currently in secure storage at two existing federal sites; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to advance responsible radioactive waste management by committing not to impose any federal facility on an unwilling community, acting in a manner consistent with state laws and leading practice, and facilitating an open review process to explore the range of long-term future management options.
On 1 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 4 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 November 2017

1 Senator Siewert: To move—that the Social Security (Administration) (Trial Area) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 2017, made under the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999, be disallowed [F2017L01170].

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

Notice given 14 November 2017

2 Senator McKim: To move—that the Migration Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 4) Regulations 2017, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2017L01425].

Eleven 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 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Amendment Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the conduct of a minister.

3 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the 1800RESPECT Domestic and Sexual Violence National Counselling Service.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 October 2017

545 Senator Dodson: To move—

(1) That a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Progress Towards Indigenous Recognition, be established to inquire into and report on pathways to constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians, with particular reference to:

(a) consulting further with Indigenous Australians, academics and the broader community on the details of any proposal to go to referendum, including any design issues that might need clarification prior to a proposal being put to the people;
(b) working with constitutional experts to develop an appropriate question that genuinely reflects the recommendations of the Referendum Council;

c) advising the Parliament on the necessary steps to be taken towards a referendum, including a proposed timeline;

d) advising the Parliament on the appropriate steps that could be taken to ensure the referendum has the best possible chance of success, including proposals for a constitutional convention or other mechanisms for increasing the awareness of the proposal amongst the broader community; and

e) advising the Parliament on any other matters in relation to constitutional recognition.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the first Tuesday in June 2018, on which both the Senate and the House of Representatives are sitting.

(3) That the committee consist of 11 members, as follows:

(a) two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;

(b) two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;

(c) two nominated by the Government Whip in the House of Representatives;

(d) two nominated by the Opposition Whip in the House of Representatives;

(e) one senator or member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens;

(f) one senator nominated by minor party and independent senators; and

(g) one member of the House of Representatives nominated by minor party and independent members.

(4) That:

(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, the Government Whip in the House of Representatives, the Opposition Whip in the House of Representatives, or any minority party or independent senator or member of the House of Representatives; and

(b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) That Senate standing order 29 applies in determining a quorum in the committee and any subcommittees.
(8) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business, notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

(9) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and as deputy chair one of the members nominated by the Government Whip in the House of Representatives.

(10) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.

(11) That Senate standing order 31 applies to voting in the committee and any subcommittees.

(12) That the committee and any subcommittee 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, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(13) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

(14) 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 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(15) 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.

(16) 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.

(17) 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.

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

On 5 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 integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin.
On 6 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 October 2017

1 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of May 2018:

Fraudulent, misleading and exploitative practices within the Australian casino industry, and reforms to regulatory frameworks for casinos to ensure:

(a) that suitable and fit and proper persons are operating or providing services to a casino;
(b) that consumer harm is minimised and responsible gambling is promoted;
(c) the integrity of the gambling systems operated;
(d) public confidence and trust in the casino industry;
(e) best practice standards of transparency, probity, whistleblowing protections and anti-corruption practices are met;
(f) that casinos are contributing a net economic benefit to regional and national economies;
(g) that Australia’s national security interests are protected and not compromised by the commercial objectives of casino operators;
(h) that casinos are meeting international best practice regulatory benchmarks; and
(i) any other related matters.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Housing Affordability) 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 (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

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

6 Lending to Primary Production Customers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
7 Environment and Communications References Committee

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

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 27 November 2017

599 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the results of the Queensland state election, held on 25 November 2017, during which there was at least a seven per cent swing against the Liberal National Party (LNP),

(ii) that the LNP was the only political party in the Queensland state election to support the Adani Group’s bid for a $1 billion taxpayer-funded federal loan through the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) for its Carmichael coal mine rail line;

(b) confirms that a Labor State Government in Queensland committed during the election to veto any NAIF loan to the Adani Group for its Carmichael coal mine or associated infrastructure;

(c) acknowledges widespread community concern expressed by Queenslanders during the election campaign regarding the environmental, agricultural and climate impacts of the Carmichael mine; and

(d) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, by no later than 12.45 pm on 7 December 2017, a copy of the letter, should one be received from the incoming Queensland Government, confirming its stated intention to veto any potential NAIF loan to the Adani Group’s coal rail line project.

Five sitting days after today (7 December 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 October 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2017 (No. 6), made under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007, be disallowed [F2017L00894].

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

On 7 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Procedure—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on a proposal for a Parliamentary Code for Respecting Cultural Diversity.
2 Procedure—Standing Committee
Report to be presented on a proposal to amend standing order 193.

On 12 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on shark mitigation and deterrent measures.

On 15 December 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 the first day of sitting in 2018 (5 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

On 5 February 2018

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 27 November 2017
595 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for and regulate access to voluntary assisted dying, to establish the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board, and for related purposes. Voluntary Assisted Dying Framework Bill 2018.

On 6 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 7 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on foreign bribery.
On 9 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017 and the Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

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

On the second sitting Tuesday in 2018 (13 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order 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.

On the second sitting Tuesday in February 2018 (13 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage.

Twelve sitting days after today (14 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 November 2017

1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Basin Plan Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 1), made under the Water Act 2007, be disallowed [F2017L01462].

Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 14 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 16 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Government Business—Order of the Day

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

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 7 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia.

On the first sitting day in March 2018 (19 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.)

Tuesday of the first sitting week in March 2018 (20 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.
On 22 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on implications of climate change for Australia’s national security.

On 26 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On the second last sitting day in March 2018 (27 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On the second last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018 (27 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the last sitting day in March 2018 (28 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on cyberbullying.

2 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018 (28 March 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 29 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities.

By 31 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 24 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 27 April 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 30 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Final report to be presented on non-conforming building products.
On 9 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services.

On 13 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the waste and recycling industry in Australia.

On the first sitting Thursday in June 2018 (21 June 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Future of Work and Workers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 27 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the final sitting day of November 2018 (29 November 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 3 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Red Tape—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 (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 16 February 2018)

Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Amendment Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 19 October 2017; reporting date: 4 December 2017)

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017 [provisions] and the Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Proceeds of Crime Amendment (Proceeds and Other Matters) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: not specified)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 26 March 2018)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 6 December 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Housing Affordability) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 19 October 2017; reporting date: 6 December 2017)
Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 6 February 2018)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017
Discharged, 18 October 2017 (pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 September 2017).

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

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

Private senators’ bills

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment (Make Electricity GST Free) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 7 September 2017.

Lands Acquisition Amendment (Public Purpose) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 September 2017.

Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 August 2017.

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 446, 473, 493, 494, 498, 502, 503, 506, 514, 524, 525, 533 to 537, 555, 557, 571, 575, 577 to 626, 628 to 649.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 575 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**
  - 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)*

**Citizenship register—Establishment of**

(1) That not later than 5 pm Friday, 1 December 2017 (and within 21 days of making and subscribing an oath or affirmation as a Senator) each Senator shall provide to the Registrar of Senators’ Interests a statement containing the following:
(a) a declaration by the Senator that, at the time the Senator nominated for
election to the Senate in this 45th Parliament he or she was an
Australian citizen;

(b) a declaration that the Senator is not a citizen of any country other than
Australia;

(c) a declaration stating:
   • the place and date of the Senator’s birth;
   • the citizenship that the Senator held at the time of birth; and
   • if he or she did not obtain Australian citizenship at birth, the date he
     or she was naturalised as an Australian citizen;

(d) so far as the Senator is aware:
   • the place and date of birth of the Senator’s parents and
     grandparents;

(e) whether the Senator has ever been a citizen of another country and if so
   which country or countries;

(f) what steps the Senator has taken to assure him or herself that they have
   not inherited citizenship of another country from a parent or
   grandparent;

(g) if the Senator has answered the question in e) in the affirmative, then
   provide details and evidence of the date and manner in which the
   Senator’s citizenship of that other country was renounced (if it was
   renounced) or the date and manner in which it came to an end in
   accordance with the laws of that other country;

(h) if the Senator’s citizenship of that other country had not come to an end
   at the date of his or her nomination for the Senate, detail and provide
   evidence of any steps the Senator has taken to renounce the citizenship
   of that other country prior to the date of nomination; and

(i) if the Senator has declared that he or she was at the time of nomination
   or is now a citizen of a country other than Australia, on what basis the
   Senator contends that he or she is, nonetheless, not disqualified under
   section 44(i).

(2) If at any time the Senator becomes aware that information provided in their
   statement is no longer accurate they shall update their statement as soon as
   practicable but not later than 21 days of being so aware.

(3) Statements shall be made in accordance with this resolution and in a form
   determined by the Committee of Senators’ Interests. The Registrar shall, in
   accordance with procedures determined by the committee, maintain a
   Citizenship Register comprising statements provided under this resolution.
   Other than as specifically provided for in this resolution, the committee has
   the same powers and functions in relation to the citizenship register as it does
   in relation to the Register of Senator’s Interests.

(4) The Registrar shall, upon the expiry of the time for providing statements
   under this resolution, and at other times determined by the committee, publish
   the register and any alterations or additions to the register on the Parliament’s
   website.

(5) Any Senator who:
   (a) knowingly fails to provide the statement required by this resolution to
       the Registrar of Senators’ Interests by the due date; or
(b) knowingly fails to correct an inaccuracy in his or her statement within the required timeframe; or

(c) knowingly provides false or misleading information to the Registrar of Senators’ Interests;

shall be guilty of a serious contempt of the Senate and shall be dealt with by the Senate accordingly, but the question whether any senator has committed such a serious contempt shall first be referred to the Privileges Committee for inquiry and report.

(Agreed to 13 November 2017)

**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 hearings—2017-18 additional estimates; 2018-19 Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2018 be scheduled as follows:

**2017-18 additional estimates:**
Monday, 26 February and Tuesday, 27 February (Group A)
Wednesday, 28 February and Thursday, 1 March (Group B).

**2018-19 Budget estimates:**
Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May, and, if required, Friday, 25 May (Group A)
Tuesday, 29 May to Friday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 22 June (Group B)
Monday, 22 October and Tuesday, 23 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 24 October and Thursday, 25 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October, but not restricted to these days.

(3) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October 2018, but not restricted to these days.

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

(5) That committees meet in the following groups:

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

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

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

(a) Tuesday, 27 March 2018 in respect of the 2017-18 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 26 June 2018 in respect of the 2018-19 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 15 November 2017; varied 16 November 2017 in respect of paragraph (1))
Estimates—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Further hearing

To move—That the Education and Employment Legislation Committee meet on 1 December 2017 to consider the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates, in Canberra, from 9 am to 3 pm, to further examine the Employment portfolio, in respect of the Registered Organisations Commission, the Australian Building and Construction Commission and the Fair Work Ombudsman (Ms Natalie James), and that the Minister for Employment (Senator Cash) appear before the committee at that time to answer questions.

(Agreed to 16 November 2017)

Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice

That:

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

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

First speeches—Senators Bartlett, Patrick and Steele-John

That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:

(a) Tuesday, 5 December 2017—Senator Bartlett; and

(b) Wednesday, 29 November 2017—Senator Steele-John.

(Agreed to 15 November 2017)

That consideration of the business before the Senate on Monday, 4 December 2017, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Patrick to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

(Agreed to 16 November 2017)

Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Bill 2017—Consideration—Hours of meeting and routine of business

(1) The following bill be introduced immediately: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the definition of marriage and protect religious freedoms, and for related purposes. [Short title: Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Bill 2017].

(2) On Thursday, 16 November 2017, the second reading debate on the bill shall have precedence over all general business until not later than 6 pm.
(3) In the week commencing 27 November 2017, the bill shall have precedence over all government and general business and, until proceedings on the bill are concluded, the hours of meeting and routine of business shall be varied as follows:

(a) proposals under standing order 75 not be proceeded with;
(b) on Tuesday, 28 November 2017:
   (i) the hours of meeting shall be 10.30 am to 11 pm,
   (ii) the routine of business from 10.35 am to 2 pm and from not later than 7.20 pm, shall be consideration of the bill only, and
   (iii) the Senate shall adjourn without debate at 11 pm; and
(c) on Thursday, 30 November 2017:
   (i) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment,
   (ii) the routine of business from not later than 4.30 pm shall be consideration of the bill only,
   (iii) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm, and
   (iv) the Senate shall adjourn without debate after proceedings on the bill are concluded.

(Agreed to 15 November 2017; amended 27 November 2017 in respect of paragraph (3)(b))

Meeting of Senate—2017

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 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.
(Agreeed to 8 November 2016)

Meeting of Senate—2018
That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2018 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
Monday, 5 February to Thursday, 8 February
Monday, 12 February to Thursday, 15 February

Autumn sittings (2):
Monday, 19 March to Thursday, 22 March
Monday, 26 March to Wednesday, 28 March

Budget sittings:
Tuesday, 8 May to Thursday, 10 May

Winter sittings:
Monday, 18 June to Thursday, 21 June
Monday, 25 June to Thursday, 28 June

Spring sittings:
Monday, 13 August to Thursday, 16 August
Monday, 20 August to Thursday, 23 August
Monday, 10 September to Thursday, 13 September
Monday, 17 September to Thursday, 20 September

Spring sittings (2):
Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 18 October

Spring sittings (3):
Monday, 12 November to Thursday, 15 November
Monday, 26 November to Thursday, 29 November
Monday, 3 December to Thursday, 6 December.
(Agreeed to 15 November 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Ms Kakoschke-Moore
That 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 South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Skye Kakoschke-Moore 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 27 November 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Ms Lambie
That 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 Tasmania in the Senate for the place for which Jacqui Lambie 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 14 November 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Parry
That 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 Tasmania in the Senate for the place for which Stephen Parry 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 13 November 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 Leyonhjelm
Senator O’Sullivan
To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

Formal business

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

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

Limitation of time

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

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

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

8 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator 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.

9 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017

10 Senator Siewert: To move (contingent on the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 being read a second time)—That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole to divide the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 to:

(a) incorporate Schedule 2 in a separate bill; and
(b) add to that bill enacting words, provisions for titles and commencement, and a provision giving effect to amending schedules.

Order of business

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.
Questions without notice

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

Statements

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

Tabling of documents

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