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PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS

Orders of the Day

*71 Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Smith)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Smith, in continuation, 15 November 2017).

57 Taxation Administration Amendment (Corporate Tax Entity Information) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Gallagher)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Gallagher, in continuation, 14 August 2017).


BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 November 2017

*1 Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle) and the Deputy Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator O’Sullivan): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 March 2018:

The operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities, with particular reference to:

(a) social and economic impacts of air route supply and airfare pricing;
(b) different legal, regulatory, policy and pricing frameworks and practices across the Commonwealth, states and territories;
(c) how airlines determine fare pricing;
(d) the determination of airport charges for landing and security fees, aircraft type and customer demand;
(e) pricing determination, subsidisation and equity of airfares;
(f) determination of regulated routes and distribution of residents’ fares across regulated routes;
(g) airline competition within rural and regional routes;
(h) consistency of aircraft supply and retrieval of passengers by airlines during aircraft maintenance and breakdown;
(i) all related costs and charges imposed by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority; and
(j) any related matters.

Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 15 November 2017

*1 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That the order of the Senate of 15 November 2017, relating to the 2018 estimates hearings, be amended as follows:

Paragraph (1), after “Tuesday, 29 May to Friday, 1 June”, insert “, and, if required, Friday, 22 June”.

*2 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—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. Notice of motion altered on 15 November 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

Orders of the Day

1 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 Dastyari, in continuation, 15 November 2017).

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


3 Defence Legislation Amendment (Instrument Making) Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

(Bill exempted on 18 October 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)
4 Statute Update (Smaller Government) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).
(Bill exempted on 7 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

5 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).

6 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).

7 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).

8 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).

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

10 Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).
(Bills exempted on 18 October 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

11 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017—
(Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs, Senator Seselja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Cameron, in continuation, 19 October 2017).
(Bill exempted on 7 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)
12 Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Nation-building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 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).
20 **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).

21 **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).

22 **Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017**—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).
(Bill exempted on 7 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 **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).

30 **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).

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

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

34 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).

36 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).

37 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 15 November 2017

*576 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate notes—
(a) that 24 November 2017 marks the 10 year anniversary of the death of good
government in Australia;
(b) that the standards of government and political debate have declined since
the days of Menzies, Hawke, Keating and Howard; and
(c) the urgent need for senators, members and the government to return to a
focus on the principles exemplified by governments before 24 November
2007, specifically:
   (i) stable government,
(ii) ministerial standards, and
(iii) fiscal responsibility.

*577 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the Trump administration in the United States of America has declared 7 November to be the National Day for Victims of Communism;
(b) further notes the Senate motion passed on 18 October 2017 rejecting any assertion that the teachings of Lenin or Marx should be celebrated in a liberal democracy;
(c) recalls the number of refugees who came to Australia fleeing communist regimes; and
(d) calls upon the Government to organise a similar annual commemoration remembering the victims of communism from 7 November onwards.

*578 Senators Fierravanti-Wells, Moore and Rice: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) on 19 November 2017, the world will observe World Toilet Day, an opportunity to reflect on the importance of safe sanitation for everyone,
   (ii) in Australia, access to safe and hygienic toilets that discreetly manage human waste is a given, yet 2.3 billion people around the world lack access to even basic sanitation services,
   (iii) providing universal access to safe sanitation is an ongoing challenge with nearly 900 million of the world’s poorest people still practising open defecation,
   (iv) poor sanitation undermines advances in education and healthcare and diminishes the dignity of those already disadvantaged and vulnerable,
   (v) poor sanitation is a particular problem for women and girls – the Australian Government commissioned research in the Pacific which confirmed that lack of access to safe and functional toilets, as well as other aspects of menstrual hygiene, including washing facilities and products, such as pads, contribute to absenteeism at school and at work,
   (vi) findings also show that women and girls can be subject to social stigma during menstruation, which leads to further shame and isolation,
   (vii) the theme of this year’s World Toilet Day is wastewater – driven by population growth, urbanisation and a changing climate, water scarcity is rapidly emerging as a global issue, and wastewater is increasingly seen as a valuable resource rather than a waste product,
   (viii) wastewater poses many challenges – all over the world communities are grappling with the day-to-day dangers of polluted water, degraded environments and communities living alongside untreated or poorly treated sewage,
   (ix) Australians play an important role in addressing the global sanitation problem – the Australian Government’s Civil Society Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Fund is projected to provide improved sanitation to over 2.8 million people in 19 countries over the years 2013 to 2018, 60 per cent more than originally estimated,
Australia will continue to support global action to address sanitation – the new Water for Women Fund will deliver community water and sanitation projects in poor countries with a focus on projects that directly benefit women and girls, and

the Prime Minister is a member of the High Level Panel on Water with ten other world leaders, which has a core focus on achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG6), ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; and

(b) recognises:

(i) universal access to safe sanitation is critical to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 by 2030,

(ii) Australia has much to offer in this space – ours is the driest inhabited continent and we have a long history of sound, evidence-based water management and far-sighted reform, and

(iii) the strong commitment from the non-government sector, including WaterAid and Plan International, in their advocacy for safe sanitation.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Murray-Darling river system is a national resource,

(ii) the aim of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, agreed to in 2012, is to ensure that water is shared between all users, including the environment, in a sustainable way,

(iii) it is important that the plan is executed effectively and with financial responsibility,

(iv) on 26 October 2017, the *Guardian* revealed that the Government had purchased 22 mega litres of water at a price of $78M in circumstances where there were independent valuations for the same water of $24.8 million (an Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences valuation) and $38 million (Herron Todd White valuation), and

(v) the Senate has an obligation to inform itself as to whether taxpayers’ money being spent on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan is being spent efficiently and effectively; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by the start of business on 28 November 2017:

(i) all decisions and associated decision reasoning for all purchases of water across the Basin from 1 January 2017, and

(ii) all valuations/assessments in the Government’s possession related to each of these purchases, including independent valuations/assessments.
Senator Cameron: To move—That the Education and Employment Legislation Committee meet on 21 November 2017 to consider the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates, in Canberra, from 9 am to 3 pm, or for a further period on that day as is necessary to further examine the Employment portfolio, in respect of the Registered Organisations Commission and the Australian Building and Construction Commission, and that the Minister for Employment (Senator Cash) appear before the committee at that time to answer questions.

Notice of motion altered on 15 November 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that a number of senators support a minority view in the community that gender is merely a social construct, and that gender is not determined by chromosomes or biology;

(b) questions how someone can logically, or in good conscience, also support Medicare funding of termination of pregnancy on gender grounds if that is their view;

(c) finds termination of pregnancy on gender grounds reprehensible, particularly for the value of girls and boys; and

(d) opposes Medicare funding for termination of pregnancy, where it occurs on gender grounds.

Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that political activist organisation GetUp!:

(i) was seed-funded by organisations closely connected with Mr George Soros, a renowned globalist and funder of socialist politicians and causes,

(ii) has provided and received support for left-of-centre political parties, trade unions and other organisations, and

(iii) has actively campaigned like a political party, and in every such instance, against right-of-centre politicians during election periods; and

(b) affirms that GetUp! is deserving of greater electoral regulation or scrutiny, given its impact upon our political process, economic development, support for litigation against major job-creating projects, border protection policies, national security, sovereignty and our institutions.

Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) reports that the New South Wales Government has determined that it will abandon the ‘Crossroads’ program in school Years 11 and 12, due to its radical theories about gender and sexuality, and

(ii) the program will be replaced by teaching those students life skills, such as driving a car, managing their finances and improving their mental health; and

(b) commends the New South Wales Government for taking these steps.

Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate notes that—

(a) a number of senators are White Ribbon Ambassadors, or have tabled motions supporting campaigns to stop violence against women and domestic violence; and
(b) a statement on the White Ribbon Australia website states they advocate for “nationally consistent access to safe and legal abortion, including late-term abortion in all states and territories”, and if senators have a concern about that stance, they ought to take it up with White Ribbon Australia.

*585 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes ABC media reports on 15 November 2017, referring to Operation Manitou and the fact that, on 14 August 2017, the Royal Australian Navy conducted a training exercise with its Saudi Arabian counterpart in the Red Sea;

(b) further notes that Saudi Arabia is currently enforcing a naval blockade of Yemen, which has led to widespread food shortages; and

(c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, by no 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.

*586 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the New South Wales (NSW) Department of Finance, Services and Innovation has stated that it will not be extending employment guarantees for cleaners, which have been in place since 1994, in the new contracts in 2018,

(ii) the Fair Work Act 2009 allows employers, such as the NSW government, to take this action,

(iii) 7,000 school cleaners in NSW will need to reapply for their jobs for the first time in 24 years,

(iv) many of these already precarious and underpaid workers will be placed under unnecessary financial stress, including housing stress,

(v) regional school cleaners will face the brunt of this announcement, as many of these workers will be unable to find another job in their area if their contracts are not renewed, and

(vi) United Voice NSW, the union for cleaners, is doing an excellent job advocating for these workers; and

(b) calls on:

(i) the Federal Government to amend the Fair Work Act 2009 so previous employment guarantees are retained when new contracts are drawn up, and

(ii) the NSW Government to ensure jobs are guaranteed to all cleaners who want to continue employment under the new agreement.
DOCUMENTS
Orders of the Day relating to Documents

1. Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)—Report for 2016-17
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 13 November 2017).

2. Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)—Federal election 2016—Funding and disclosure report
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 13 November 2017).

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

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

5. Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)—Report for 2016-17
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 November 2017).

6. Climate Change Authority—Report for 2016-17
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Rice—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Rice, in continuation, 13 November 2017).

7. Department of Immigration and Border Protection—Report for 2016-17
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKim—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McKim, in continuation, 13 November 2017).

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

9. Moorebank Intermodal Company Limited—Report for 2016-17
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 13 November 2017).

10. Removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children—Resolution agreed to on 10 May 2017—Letter to the President of the Senate from the South Australian Minister for Education and Child Development (Dr Close)
    Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 13 November 2017).
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products (including uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat) into Australia—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the deputy chair of the committee (Senator O’Sullivan)—That the Senate take note of the report (Chair (Senator Sterle), in continuation, 14 November 2017).

2 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Moore, in continuation, 14 November 2017).

3 Economics References Committee—Report—Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ketter)—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Ketter, in continuation, 14 November 2017).


Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kitching—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Kitching, in continuation, 14 November 2017).

*6 Community Affairs References Committee—Future of rugby union in Australia—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Reynolds, in continuation, 15 November 2017).

*7 Community Affairs References Committee—Final report—Growing evidence of an emerging tick-borne disease that causes a Lyme-like illness for many Australian patients—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 15 November 2017).

8 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Design, scope, cost benefit analysis, contracts awarded and implementation associated with the Better Management of the Social Welfare System initiative—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (19 October 2017).
9 Environment and Communications References Committee—Participation of Australians in online poker—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Rice)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Leyonhjelm, in continuation, 19 October 2017).

10 Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on environmental assessment and approvals—Third interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Leyonhjelm, in continuation, 19 October 2017).

11 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Inquiry into Australia’s trade and investment relationship with the United Kingdom—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 19 October 2017).

12 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities—Third interim 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, 19 October 2017).

13 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Whistleblower protections—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (19 October 2017).

14 National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Provision of hearing services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (19 October 2017).

15 National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Progress report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (19 October 2017).

16 National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the deputy chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher)—That the Senate take note of the report (19 October 2017).

17 Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on tobacco retail—Second interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Leyonhjelm, in continuation, 19 October 2017).
18 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 Leyonhjelm, in continuation, 19 October 2017).

19 Murray-Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee—Report—Refreshing the Plan—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Leyonhjelm, in continuation, 19 October 2017).

AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS

Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General’s reports

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 13 of 2017-18—Performance audit—Decision-making controls for sustainability—National Disability Insurance Scheme Access: National Disability Insurance Agency; Department of Human Services
Adjourned debate on the motion—that the Senate take note of the document (13 November 2017).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 14 of 2017-18—Performance audit—Design and implementation of the Community Development Programme: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; Department of Employment; Department of Human Services
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—that the Senate take note of the document (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 13 November 2017).

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

554 Registered Organisation Commission investigation of the Australian Workers’ Union—Order for production of documents
By the Minister for Employment, by no later than 3.30 pm on 16 November 2017, emails, messages, file notes, memos and forms, question time briefs, including draft briefs, relating to the execution of a search warrant on AWU premises in relation to the ROC investigation. (Motion of Senator Cameron agreed to 14 November 2017.)

*564 Master Facility Agreements—Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility—Order for production of documents
By the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, by no later than 12.45 pm on 16 November 2017, copies of Master Facility Agreements agreed between the Federal Government and the Governments of Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. (Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 15 November 2017.)
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 22 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

On 24 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Banking Executive Accountability and Related Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the next day of sitting (27 November 2017)

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

Notice given 15 November 2017

*3 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Direction — operation of certain unmanned aircraft, made under the Civil Aviation Act 1988, be disallowed [F2017L01370].
Fifteen 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 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs.

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 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.

Order for Production of Documents

553 Registered Organisation Commission investigation of the Australian Workers’ Union—Order for production of documents

By the Minister for Employment, by no later than 3.30 pm on 27 November 2017, emails and messages, correspondence and phone records, relating to the execution of a search warrant on AWU premises in relation to the ROC investigation. (Motion of Senator Cameron agreed to 14 November 2017.)

On 28 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice 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].

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

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the law of contempt.

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

4 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.)*

On 29 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

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

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

On 30 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 1 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.
3 Red Tape—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

On 4 December 2017

Business of the Senate—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.

On 5 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia.

2 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—Orders 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.

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

Eight 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].

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

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

3 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

4 Procedure—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on a proposal for a Parliamentary Code for Respecting Cultural Diversity.

5 Procedure—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on a proposal to amend standing order 193.

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 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.

On 14 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa.
On 18 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on aged care assessment and accreditation.

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1. Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on cyberbullying.

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.

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 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 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.

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)

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)

Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 September 2017; reporting date: 16 November 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 28 November 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Housing Affordability) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 19 October 2017; reporting date: 27 November 2017)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Banking Executive Accountability and Related Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 19 October 2017; reporting date: 24 November 2017)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.
BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

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

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

Private senators’ bills

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

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

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 428, 429, 442, 443, 446, 473, 493, 494, 498, 502, 503, 506, 514, 524, 525, 530, 533 to 537, 542 to 544, 546 to 548, 555, 557 to 560, 571, 573, 575 to 637.

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.
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.
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 (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)
Estimates—Direction to meet—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

That:

(a) the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee meet to consider 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 November 2017, from 3 pm to 6 pm, to further examine the NBN Co Limited; and

(b) the following NBN Co Limited officials appear before the committee at that time to answer questions: the Chief Executive Officer, the Chairman, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Network Engineering Officer.

(Agreed to 14 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 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)

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 12.30 pm to 11 pm,
   (ii) the routine of business 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)

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.

(Agreed 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.

(Agreed to 15 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.

( Agree to 13 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)*

**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

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)

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

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

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

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

Matters of urgency

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

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APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

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

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

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