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Senators Askew, Bernardi, Brockman, Brown, Faruqi, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Gallacher, Griff, Kitching, Sterle and Stoker

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GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

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

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

Business listed for today

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

- **Business of the Senate**
  - Includes:
    - disallowance motions
    - references to standing committees
    - committee reports to be presented

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

- **General business**
  - Initiated by senators who are not ministers
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Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered at a specific time in the future. For example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date. Dates on which ministers have been ordered to produce documents are included here.

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

Other information

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

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

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

- **Ministerial representation**
  - Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent


**BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY**

**BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**

**Notices of Motion**

*Notice given 23 July 2019*

1 Senator Waters: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that—

(a) the Statement of Ministerial Standards clearly provides that Ministers must act with honesty and integrity in all their activities, in particular, Ministers must:

(i) make arrangements to avoid conflicts arising from their private interests, also having regard to interests held by family members (paragraphs 2.9 and 2.17), and

(ii) not use public office for private purposes (paragraph 2.2),

(b) on 19 June 2019, the Guardian reported that, while a company part-owned by the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, Mr Angus Taylor MP, and his brother was under investigation by the Department of the Environment and Energy for alleged unlawful clearing of a critically-endangered grassland species, the Minister met with departmental staff; the Guardian further reported, on 27 June 2019, that an investigator from the office responsible for investigating the clearing allegations was present at a meeting;

(c) on 20 June 2019, the Guardian reported that former Minister for the Environment and Energy, Mr Josh Frydenberg MP, was approached by Mr Taylor in relation to the listing of the grassland species; according to the report, Mr Frydenberg subsequently sought advice about his powers to amend the critically-endangered listing; and

(d) these meetings raise serious questions about whether such conduct complies with the Ministerial Standards — the statement provided by Senator Cormann to the Senate on 23 July 2019, failed to satisfactorily address these questions.

(2) That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 September 2019:

(a) compliance by the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, Mr Taylor, and the Treasurer, Mr Frydenberg, with the Prime Minister’s Statement of Ministerial Standards;

(b) enforcement of the Ministerial Standards including, but not limited to:

(i) actions taken in response to allegations of improper conduct or other non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards,

(ii) investigation of allegations of improper conduct or other non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet,

(iii) investigation of allegations of misconduct or other non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards by an independent authority,
(iv) penalties for non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards, and
(v) any policies developed to guide implementation of the Ministerial Standards;
(c) appointment of a Parliamentary Integrity Commissioner tasked with enforcing compliance with the Ministerial Standards; and
(d) any related matters.

(3) That the Senate requests that the Finance and Public Administration References Committee, as far as practicable, conduct this inquiry in conjunction with the committee’s inquiry into compliance by former Ministers of State with Ministerial Standards, referred on 22 July 2019.

*2 Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 November 2019:

The adequacy of Australia’s income support payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments in Australia, with specific reference to:

(a) consideration of what constitutes an acceptable standard of living in Australia;
(b) the labour market, unemployment and under-employment in Australia;
(c) the changing nature of work in Australia;
(d) the appropriateness of current arrangements for supporting those experiencing insecure employment, inconsistent employment and precarious hours in the workforce;
(e) the current approach to setting income support payments in Australia;
(f) the impact of the current approach to setting income support payments on the aged, families, single parents, people with disability, jobseekers, students, First Nations peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people living in regional and remote areas, and any others affected by the process;
(g) the adequacy of income support payments in Australia and whether they allow people to maintain an acceptable standard of living in line with community expectations and support job search activities (where relevant);
(h) the impact on local and domestic economies of inadequate income support payments and any potential increases to income support payments;
(i) the relationship between income support payment levels, minimum wages and wage stagnation in Australia and other comparable economies;
(j) other countries’ approaches to setting income support payments, minimum wages and awards;
(k) other bodies that set payments, minimum wages and awards in Australia;
(l) the role of independent and expert decision–making in setting payments; and
(m) any other related matters.
Orders of the Day

*1 Future Drought Fund Bill 2019

Future Drought Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That these bills be now read a second time.

And on the amendment moved by Senator Gallagher—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate:

(a) condemns the Government for its failure over six years to develop and implement a comprehensive and effective policy to assist rural and regional communities facing severe drought conditions; and

(b) notes that the inferior response contained in the bill requires the abolition of the Building Australia Fund, which could be used to build road, rail, and other vital infrastructure—including water infrastructure—in these very same rural and regional communities”. (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 23 July 2019).

(Bills exempted on 23 July 2019 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

2 Health Insurance Amendment (Bonded Medical Programs Reform) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 July 2019).

3 Australian Veterans’ Recognition (Putting Veterans and Their Families First) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Defence, Senator Reynolds)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 July 2019).

4 Governor-General’s Opening Speech

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McDonald—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 (22 July 2019).
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 22 July 2019

42 Senator Bilyk: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that 17 July 2019 marked the fifth anniversary since Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 was shot down over eastern Ukraine;
   (b) expresses its deepest sympathy to the families of the 298 innocent passengers and crew, including 38 who called Australia home, who were killed in this tragedy;
   (c) commends the work of the Australian Federal Police for their integral role in the Joint Investigation Team (JIT);
   (d) welcomes the announcement of the JIT supporting the prosecution of three Russians and one Ukrainian for their alleged roles in the downing of MH17;
   (e) calls on Russia to do everything in its power to ensure that the four men charged with this crime can stand trial in the Netherlands; and
   (f) expresses its support for ongoing efforts by authorities in Australia, Ukraine, Malaysia, Belgium and the Netherlands to bring those responsible for this horrendous crime to justice.

Notice of motion altered on 23 July 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 23 July 2019

*43 Senators Patrick and Griff: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) the Department of Health funds the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency (RDWA) to deliver Rural Health Workforce Support Activity in South Australia,
      (ii) the RDWA complete an annual Health Workforce Needs Assessment in consultation with a Health Workforce Stakeholder Group in South Australia,
      (iii) the town of Kimba has been without a resident doctor for more than one year, and
      (iv) the lack of a resident doctor in rural, regional and remote areas is a common problem across South Australia; and
   (b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by no later than 4.30 pm on 25 July 2019, the most recent annual RDWA Health Workforce Needs Assessment.
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—

(1) That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.

(2) That the following bills be restored to the Notice Paper and consideration of each of the bills resume at the stage reached in the 45th Parliament:

- Human Services Amendment (Photographic Identification and Fraud Prevention) Bill 2019
- Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018.

Senators Keneally, Ayres, McAllister, O’Neill, Sheldon, Bragg, Davey, Faruqi, Fierravanti-Wells, Hughes, Payne, Sinodinos and Seselja: To move—

That the Senate—

(a) notes the contribution that rugby league makes to the health and enjoyment of Australians; and

(b) congratulates:

(i) the New South Wales (NSW) Blues for winning the 2019 State of Origin series,

(ii) NSW coach, Mr Brad Fittler, for being the second Blues coach to win back-to-back series,

(iii) NSW captain, Mr Boyd Cordner, for leading the Blues to back-to-back series victories for the first time since 2005,

(iv) NSW fullback, Mr James Tedesco, for winning the Wally Lewis Medal for Player of Origin series,

(v) NSW halfback, Mr Mitchell Pearce and winger, Mr Blake Ferguson, for setting up the passage of play for Mr Tedesco’s match winning try, and

(vi) all Blues’ players, coaches and support staff.

Notice of motion altered on 23 July 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.

Sensor Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 17 July 2019, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority released a Position Statement on Climate Change, which stated: ‘climate change is the greatest threat to the Great Barrier Reef. Only the strongest and fastest possible actions to decrease global greenhouse gas emissions will reduce the risks and limit the impacts of climate change on the Reef’... ‘If we are to secure a future for the Great Barrier Reef and coral reef ecosystems globally, there is an urgent and critical need to accelerate actions to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. This must happen in parallel to taking actions to build the Reef’s resilience’,

(ii) in an address to the British Parliament on 9 July 2019, Sir David Attenborough criticised Australia for not taking the risks of climate change seriously, and imperilling the Great Barrier Reef,
(iii) at its meeting in 2015, the UNESCO World Heritage Committee gave the Australian Government five years to address the state of the Great Barrier Reef before it re-considered whether to include it on the World Heritage In Danger list—the Australian Government is due to submit a report addressing the protection of the Reef’s Outstanding Universal Value to avert an In Danger listing by 1 December 2019.

(iv) scientific reports confirm that approximately half of the shallow water coral of the Great Barrier Reef has been lost since 2016 due to successive coral bleaching incidents,

(v) the Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators has signed a Reef Climate Declaration that acknowledges climate change as “the single biggest threat to the Great Barrier Reef” and states that “Australia must join the rest of the world to rapidly phase out coal and other fossil fuels and transition to renewable energy”,

(vi) the Great Barrier Reef supports approximately 64,000 jobs and generates $6.4 billion for the Australian economy annually,

(vii) the science and the economics are clear that these jobs are at risk if strong action is not taken immediately to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit global temperature rises to 1.5°C, and

(viii) fossil fuel companies have donated nearly $5 million to the Liberals, The Nationals and Labor parties over the past four years; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) affirm the advice of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority that climate change is the greatest threat to the Great Barrier Reef,

(ii) direct Mr Warren Entsch, Special Envoy for the Great Barrier Reef, to prioritise actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions,

(iii) implement a climate policy that accelerates actions to limit global warming to 1.5°C to protect the Great Barrier Reef,

(iv) take all action necessary to properly protect the Great Barrier Reef and avoid the UNESCO World Heritage Committee needing to place the Great Barrier Reef on the World Heritage In Danger list,

(v) revoke all federal approvals for the Adani Carmichael mine and not approve any new coal in Australia, and

(vi) develop a clear plan to move towards 100% clean energy, including a plan for a just transition for Australia’s regional workforces affected by climate change so that regional economies can thrive and workers are protected, and ban corporate donations to political parties from the fossil fuel industry, an industry which financially benefits from this Government’s lack of action on climate change.

*47 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that the rate of Newstart for single people without children is $555.70 per fortnight,

(ii) that the Federal Government has taken action to address deeming rates acknowledging that part-pensioners were struggling,
(iii) that the Salvation Army’s 2018 Economic and Social Impact Survey found that after paying for accommodation, Newstart recipients were left with $17 a day,
(iv) the findings of an analysis by the Australian National University’s Professor Peter Whiteford, that Newstart is the second lowest unemployment payment in the OECD if we look at the replacement rate, and
(v) that the Anglicare Rental Affordability Snapshot 2019 found there were zero affordable rentals for a single person on Newstart or Youth Allowance in any major Australian city; and

(b) urges the Federal Government to immediately increase the single rate of Newstart and Youth Allowance by $75 a week.

*48 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that recent reports that the proposed nuclear waste dump site in South Australia will be expanded, covering at least 160 hectares, an increase of 60%, are deeply troubling given the lack of consultation; and
(b) calls on the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, Senator Canavan, to provide a full explanation of the current plans for the nuclear waste dump site, and to clarify exactly how large it will be and what level of waste it will hold.

*49 Senator Faruqi: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) the Australian Government has committed to the public release of summary reports from independent observers on live export ships,
(ii) following the release of the first report in November 2018, the then Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Mr Littleproud MP, stated that “full transparency is the only way to build public trust in any industry” and that “the Australian public must have trust in the integrity and regulation of the live export trade. Reports from Independent Observers are a huge part of building this trust”, and
(iii) to date, less than half of the Independent Observer summary reports from 2018 have been finalised and publicly released, and no 2019 reports have been released; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to:
(i) commit to transparency in the live exports industry,
(ii) release the outstanding Independent Observer summary reports, and
(iii) commit to release future Independent Observer summary reports in a timely manner.

*50 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes with serious concern the credible reports from China of arbitrary detention, as well as widespread surveillance and restrictions, particularly targeting Uighurs and other minorities in Xinjiang;
(b) further notes the heartbreaking stories screened on Four Corners on 15 July 2019 of Australian citizens and permanent residents and their families, who have been subjected to arbitrary detention, mass surveillance and restrictions to their freedom of movement in Xinjiang;
(c) welcomes:
   (i) the Australian Government’s decision to co-sign a letter to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, co-signed by 21 other countries, which urged China to end its mass arbitrary detentions and related violations, and called on China to allow United Nations and independent international observers to access the region, and
   (ii) the fact that the Australian Government has formally requested that the Chinese authorities allow the family of Australian man Sadam Abudusalamu to travel to Australia;

(d) reiterates:
   (i) the Australian Government’s call for the family of Sadam Abudusalamu to be permitted to travel to Australia, and
   (ii) the call for China to end its human rights violations in Xinjiang, including the incarceration of Uighurs and other Muslim minorities; and

(e) calls for the Australian Government to advocate for the release of Australians who are arbitrarily detained in Xinjiang.

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BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 25 July 2019

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 4 July 2019

31 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill to protect the Great Australian Bight from environmental damage resulting from mining activities and begin the process of World Heritage Listing the Great Australian Bight. Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019.

On 29 July 2019

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 22 July 2019

39 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—
   (1) That the Senate—
      (a) notes that:
         (i) on 23 February 2016, the then Treasurer, the Honourable Scott Morrison MP, announced his decision to approve the acquisition of the land and assets of the Tasmanian Land Company (TLC), including the Van Diemen’s Land (VDL) Company, by Moon Lake Investments,
in announcing the approval, the then Treasurer noted the commitment by Moon Lake to create an additional 95 jobs and to invest an additional $100 million into VDL farms, including for ecological restoration; and that, given these considerations, inter alia, he was satisfied that Moon Lake’s acquisition of TLC was not contrary to the national interest,

(iii) in June 2019, the media reported extracts of a letter written by senior managers at VDL to Moon Lake seeking indemnity from any animal welfare or workplace health and safety loss or damage, and citing inadequate repairs and maintenance as the reason for this request, and

(iv) Moon Lake has reportedly invested less than $20 million of the promised additional $100 million into VDL farms; and

(b) calls upon the Treasurer to impose a new condition on Moon Lake, under section 74 of the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975, compelling the company to:

(i) make public the details on how it intends to invest the outstanding amount of the promised $100 million into VDL farms by 31 August 2019, and

(ii) invest the outstanding amount of the promised $100 million into VDL farms by 31 July 2020.

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

On 30 July 2019

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 2 July 2019

1 Senator Rice: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 3 December 2019:

The continuing discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, intersex and queer people and their families in Australia, its prevalence and its impacts, including:

(a) existing discrimination within federal, state and territory law and policy;

(b) experience of discrimination in Australian life, including but not limited to educational settings, workplaces, aged care, healthcare, sporting clubs and organisations, religious organisations, the provision of government services, including where contracted out, and in the provision of goods, services, housing and accommodation;

(c) where discrimination is sanctioned by federal, state and territory legislation and where it is occurring in breach or potential breach of legislation;

(d) how this discrimination affects the human rights, legal rights, access to justice, health, wellbeing and educational and economic outcomes of LGBTIQ+ people in Australia;
(e) the additional and compounding impacts of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, of different or minority race, ethnicity or religion, or on the grounds of their migrant status, age, ability and socio-economic background or circumstances, who have intersectional LGBTIQ+ identities, or who have a range of these personal characteristics;

(f) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs for young people;

(g) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs based on whether they live in urban, regional, rural or remote areas;

(h) the specific discrimination, stigmatisation and human rights violations, including harmful practices in medical settings, experienced by people born with variations of sex characteristics, including infants, children and adolescents, and also encompassing prenatal interventions due to variations of sex characteristics;

(i) the broad range of sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts and associated formal and informal activities, particularly by religious organisations, and the impacts of these on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and queer people;

(j) the reforms and initiatives required to remedy prejudice, stigma and discrimination against LGBTIQ+ people and their families, including legislative and policy reforms, funding for training and education programs, funding for community and government initiatives, development of funded government strategies, better liaison between government, relevant NGOs and the LGBTIQ+ community, and the development of national standards for best-practice legislative, policy and program initiatives; and

(k) any other related matters.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2019 (31 July 2019)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2019.

On 6 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 10 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on compliance by former Ministers of State with Ministerial Standards.

On 13 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Thirteen sitting days after today (19 September 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

   Notice given 22 July 2019

1 Senator Patrick: To move—that the Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights - Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Amendment Instrument 2019, made under the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, be disallowed [F2019L00554].

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

On 19 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 18 October 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 25 October 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 11 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 2 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the third sitting day of December 2019 (4 December 2019)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information.

On 5 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 1 November 2020

General Business—Order of the Day

*1 Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

On or before the final sitting day of 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

Within 6 months of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters receiving the reference

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
Report to be presented on a review of the operation of the amendments, dealing with foreign donations and related matters, made by the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018, to commence on the second anniversary for the Royal Assent of the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018. (Bill received royal assent on 29 November 2018.)

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 2 December 2019)

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 5 December 2019)

Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 6 September 2019)
Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 25 October 2019)

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 25 October 2019)

Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 18 October 2019)

Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 13 September 2019)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 13 September 2019)

Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 11 November 2019)

Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 19 September 2019)

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question nos 1 to 4, 6 to 18, 20 to 26, 28 to 48, 50 to 176 remain unanswered.

The full text of Questions on Notice and their answers are available online at www.aph.gov.au/qon.
ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Address-in-reply—Suspension of standing order 3(4)
That standing order 3(4) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider business other than that of a formal character before the address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s opening speech has been adopted.
(Agreed to 2 July 2019)

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 Services Australia
Economics
  Industry, Innovation and Science
  Treasury
Education and Employment
  Education
  Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, including Industrial Relations
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, excluding Industrial Relations
  Home Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
  Agriculture
  Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.
(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Environment and Communications References Committee—Determination of committee chair—Standing order 25(9)
That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:
(a) that the chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and
(b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).

(Agreed to 2 November 2011; varied 13 September 2016)

Estimates hearings—2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates

(1) That the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
   Monday, 21 October and Tuesday, 22 October 2019 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 23 October and Thursday, 24 October 2019 (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters and on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 25 October 2019, but not restricted to that day.

(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.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

First speeches and valedictory statements

(1) 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, 23 July 2019—Senators McDonald and Chandler;  
   (b) Wednesday, 24 July 2019—Senators Bragg and Ciccone;  
   (c) Tuesday, 30 July 2019—Senators Hughes, Ayres and O’Sullivan; and  
   (d) Wednesday, 31 July 2019—Senators Sheldon and Green.

(2) On Tuesday, 30 July 2019, immediately after Senator O’Sullivan’s first speech, valedictory statements may be made relating to Senator Fifield.

(Agreed to 22 July 2019)
First speeches
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, 10 September 2019—Senators Scarr, Van and Rennick;
(b) Wednesday, 11 September 2019—Senators Marielle Smith and Walsh;
(c) Tuesday, 17 September 2019—Senators Antic and Davey; and
(d) Wednesday, 18 September 2019—Senator McMahon.

(Agreed to 23 July 2019)

Formal business—Suspensions of standing orders—Prohibition of debate
That, in accordance with the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2019, the temporary order prohibiting debate on suspension of standing order motions connected to formal business, that was in effect at the end of the 45th Parliament, be adopted on a permanent basis.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Meeting of Senate—2019
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2019 be as follows:

Winter sittings:
   Monday, 22 July to Thursday, 25 July
   Monday, 29 July to Thursday, 1 August

Spring sittings:
   Monday, 9 September to Thursday, 12 September
   Monday, 16 September to Thursday, 19 September
   Monday, 14 October to Thursday, 17 October
   Monday, 11 November to Thursday, 14 November
   Monday, 25 November to Thursday, 28 November
   Monday, 2 December to Thursday, 5 December.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business
1 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): 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 Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)  
Senator Bernardi  
Senator Patrick  
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 Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)  
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)  
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)  
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)  
Senator Bernardi  
Senator Patrick  
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 Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)  
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)  
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)  
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)  
Senator Bernardi  
Senator Patrick  
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

5 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): 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.

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

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.
7 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.

8 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

9 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): 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.

10 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
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   To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Patrick
   
   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)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Patrick
   
   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 Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)
   Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Patrick

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)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Patrick

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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Clerk of the Senate

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**Key**
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