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BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE

*1 Senator Conroy: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Standing Committee of Privileges for inquiry and report:

In relation to the execution of search warrants by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) on the Melbourne office of Senator Conroy and the home of an Opposition staff member on 19-20 May 2016, and on the Department of Parliamentary Services at Parliament House, Canberra, on 24 August 2016 or subsequent actions allegedly undertaken by the AFP and NBN Co Limited, as specified in Senator Conroy’s letter to the President of the Senate of 30 August 2016 raising a matter of privilege:

(a) whether there was any improper interference, or attempted improper interference, with the free performance by Senator Conroy of his duties as a senator;
(b) whether disciplinary or other adverse action was taken against any person in connection with the alleged provision of information to Senator Conroy; and
(c) if so, whether any contempt were committed in respect of those matters.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 30 August 2016

1 Senator Siewert: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2016:

Changes to the Aged Care Funding Instrument announced in the 2015-16 MYEFO and 2016-17 Budget, with particular reference to:

(a) the impact of these cuts on service delivery and the level of care that older Australians receive, including in regional and remote communities;
(b) the impact of these cuts on the sector including the sector’s capacity to deliver complex health care, and the ongoing viability of the sector;
(c) the impact of these cuts on state and territory governments, if health systems are required to provide more complex care as a result;
(d) the assumptions and data underlying projections by the Government;
(e) the consultation process with consumers, community groups and aged care service providers in relation to these changes; and
(f) any other related matters.
Notice given 31 August 2016

*2 Senator Watt: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2017:

The serious allegations of abuse, self-harm and neglect of asylum seekers in relation to the Nauru Regional Processing Centre, with particular reference to:

(a) the factors that have contributed to the abuse and self-harm alleged to have occurred;
(b) how notifications of abuse and self-harm are investigated;
(c) the obligations of the Commonwealth Government and contractors relating to the treatment of asylum seekers, including the provision of support, capability and capacity building to Nauruan authorities;
(d) the provision of support services for asylum seekers who have been alleged or been found to have been subject to abuse, neglect or self-harm in the Centre or while residing in Nauru;
(e) the effect of Part 6 of the *Australian Border Force Act 2015*;
(f) attempts by the Commonwealth Government to negotiate third country resettlement of asylum seekers and refugees;
(g) additional measures that could be implemented to expedite third country resettlement of asylum seekers and refugees within the Centre; and
(h) any other related matters.

*3 Senators Lambie, Xenophon, Hinch and Culleton: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:
(i) the number of veterans who have served overseas in war and warlike circumstances since 1999 is some 50,000 personnel over 75,000 deployments which is now approaching the number of Australian veterans who served in Vietnam - 60,000 between 1962 and 1972,
(ii) some reports from ex-service organisations and former Australian Defence Force (ADF) members suggest that the number of veterans in our community who have committed suicide may be more than 280 veterans since 1999,
(iii) the Turnbull Government must now take steps to acknowledge this crisis among so many ADF veterans, and undertake the necessary research so as to measure the scale of the suicide rate,
(iv) some ex-service organisations and former ADF members believe that the complexity of Australia’s military compensation schemes, together with administrative failures and slow decision-making by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA), is a contributing factor to imposing financial hardship, stress on families, delays in medical treatment, and even homelessness and suicide; Australian Military Compensation Arrangements must be fair and provide former members of the Defence Force and their families who suffer a service injury or disease with a strong system of compensation and other benefits,
(v) media reports and discussions with individual veterans, along with feedback from ex-service organisations have revealed a number of serious issues with the administration, governance and processes of DVA was over five years ago and is now outdated and the Turnbull Government must commit to undertaking a thorough review of DVA, addressing the issues above, and

(vi) the RSL Tasmania State Executive supports the following motion by State President Robert Dick: “As a society, we have an obligation to ensure that we care for those called upon to serve and defend our country. When there is a failure in the system that looks after and cares for these people, it is important to understand why that failure has occurred and to rectify it to ensure that it doesn’t happen again. A Senate inquiry is the most appropriate vehicle to explore these failures and identify the best means to remedy this situation and hold those responsible for the failures to account”; and

(b) the above matters be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 1 December 2016, with particular reference to:
   (i) the reasons why Australian veterans are committing suicide at such high rates,
   (ii) previous reviews of military compensation arrangements and their failings,
   (iii) the Repatriation Medical Authority’s Statements of Principles, claims administration time limits, claims for detriment caused by defective administration, authorised medical treatment, level of compensation payments, including defence abuse, as contained in all military compensation arrangements,
   (iv) the performance of DVA, and
   (v) any other related matters.

*4 Senator McKim: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 15 March 2017:

(1) Noting the sovereignty of the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea, and within the limits of Australia’s sovereignty:
   (a) conditions and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees at the regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea;
   (b) transparency and accountability mechanisms that apply to the regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea;
   (c) implementation of recommendations of the Moss Review in relation to the regional processing centre in the Republic of Nauru;
   (d) the extent to which the Australian-funded regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea are operating in compliance with Australian and international legal obligations;
(e) the extent to which contracts associated with the operation of offshore processing centres are:
   (i) delivering value for money consistent with the definition contained in the Commonwealth procurement rules,
   (ii) meeting the terms of their contracts, and
   (iii) delivering services which meet Australian standards;
(f) the documents known as the ‘Nauru files’; and
(g) any other related matter.

(2) The committee be granted access to all inquiry submissions and documents of the preceding committee relating to its inquiry on a similar matter.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

1 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 (Senator McKim, in continuation, 31 August 2016).

Notice of Motion

Notice given 31 August 2016

*1 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—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, 13 September 2016—Senator Roberts; and
   (b) Wednesday, 14 September 2016—Senator Hanson.
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 30 August 2016

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) confidence and trust in the financial services industry has been shaken by ongoing revelations of scandals, which have resulted in tens of thousands of Australians being ripped off, including:
   (A) retirees who have had their retirement savings gutted,
   (B) families who have been rorted out of hundreds of thousands of dollars,
   (C) small business owners who have lost everything, and
   (D) life insurance policy holders who have been denied justice;

(ii) it is clear from the breadth and scope of the allegations that the problems in this industry go beyond any one bank or type of financial institution,

(iii) the Australian Labor Party, the Australian Greens, crossbench, Liberal and Nationals parliamentarians have supported a thorough investigation of the culture and practices within the financial services industry through a Royal Commission, which is the only forum with the coercive powers and broad jurisdiction necessary to properly perform this investigation, and

(iv) Australia has one of the strongest banking systems in the world, but Australians must have confidence in their banks and financial institutions, making it necessary to sweep away doubt and uncover and deal with unethical behaviour that compromises that confidence;

(b) the Senate calls on the Prime Minister to request His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia issue Letters Patent to establish a Royal Commission to inquire into misconduct in the banking and financial services industry, including their agents and managed investment schemes; and

(c) this resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Notice of motion altered on 31 August 2016 pursuant to standing order 77.
13 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That the Senate—

(a) reaffirms its commitment to the right of all Australians to enjoy equal rights and be treated with equal respect, regardless of race, colour, creed or origin;
(b) reaffirms its commitment to maintaining an immigration policy wholly non-discriminatory on grounds of race, colour, creed or origin;
(c) reaffirms its commitment to the process of reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in the context of redressing their profound social and economic disadvantage;
(d) reaffirms its commitment to maintaining Australia as a culturally diverse, tolerant and open society, united by an overriding commitment to our nation, and its democratic institutions and values; and
(e) denounces racial intolerance in any form as incompatible with the kind of society we are and want to be.

Notice given 31 August 2016

*14 Senators Brown and Conroy: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the 2016 Paralympics will take place in Rio from 7 September to 18 September,
   (ii) around 4,350 athletes from more than 160 countries will travel to Rio to compete in 528 medal events in 22 different sports,
   (iii) Australia will be represented by 169 athletes competing across 15 sports, and
   (iv) Australia has a proud history of success at the Paralympic Games, competing at every Games since the first one in Rome in 1960 and finishing in the top five at every summer Games since the Barcelona Games in 1992, including at the London 2012 Paralympic Games where Australia placed fifth on the gold medal tally with 32 gold, 23 silver and 30 bronze medals;
(b) recognises that the Paralympic Games play an important role in:
   (i) putting a spotlight on inclusion in our society,
   (ii) highlighting the need for greater support for people living with disability in Australia and around the world,
   (iii) shaping community attitudes towards disability, and
   (iv) promoting sport for all Australians;
(c) recognises the dedication and hard work of the athletes who have been named as part of the Australian Paralympic Team;
(d) wishes our athletes well in Rio; and
(e) calls on all parliamentarians to support the Australian Paralympic Team at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.
Senator Singh: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) a large cache of documents has been made public regarding the treatment of asylum seekers including children on Nauru, and

(ii) these documents contain concerning reports of alleged abuse; and

(b) call upon the Australian Government:

(i) to reveal whether these serious and disturbing allegations of abuse have been investigated and the outcomes of those investigations, and

(ii) to appoint an Independent Children’s Advocate backed by adequate resources and statutory powers to ensure the rights and interests of children are protected.

Senators Leyonhjelm, Day, Xenophon, Lambie, Griff, Kakoschke-Moore, Burston, Culleton and Roberts, the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) and Senator Hinch: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) the President’s report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2016, listed the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines amongst the reports the Government had failed to respond to within the 3 month timeframe, and

(ii) the Government still has not provided a formal response to the committee’s report, although it has been some 12 months since the report was tabled; and

(b) there be laid on the table by no later than 3.30 pm on 21 November 2016 by the Minister representing the Minister for Environment and Energy the Government’s response to the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines, dated August 2015.

Senator Lambie: To move—

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

(2) That the Veterans’ Entitlement Amendment (Expanded Gold Card Access) Bill 2015 be restored to the Notice Paper and that consideration of the bill be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the previous Parliament.

Senator Dastyari: To move—That the Senate notes that the Prime Minister (Mr Turnbull) has repeatedly said making changes to section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act is “not a priority” but has refused to rule them out.

Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Australia has committed at the Paris climate talks to keep global warming below 2 degrees, and to pursue efforts to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees,

(ii) with only 1 degree of global warming so far, the Great Barrier Reef has already suffered the worst ever mass coral bleaching event,
(iii) if built, the Adani Carmichael coal mine would cancel out Australia’s weak 5 per cent pollution reduction target three times over, and

(iv) fourteen major international and domestic banks have ruled out providing finance to the Adani mine or associated infrastructure; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to rule out giving any public funding to the Adani coal mine or any associated infrastructure, including via the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

*20 Senators Ludlam, Moore and Pratt: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria:

(i) provides an invaluable contribution to the global decline in the numbers of new cases of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria as well as rates of morbidity and mortality in almost every country and region,

(ii) has, as a result of programs since 2002, saved an estimated 22 million lives by the end of 2016, and

(iii) requires long term ongoing funding to enable a continuation of this vital and significant improvement in the many countries that face the severe challenges posed by HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;

(b) notes that, on 16 and 17 September 2016, leaders of governments and non-government contributors to the Global Fund will gather in Montreal to commit resources to the Global Fund for 2017-2019; and

(c) acknowledges that:

(i) the Fifth Replenishment Conference for the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria presents an important opportunity for Australia to increase our contribution to assist countries in our region combat the ongoing burden of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and

(ii) Australia’s contribution to the Global Fund has a high return for the Asia Pacific region, with the Global Fund investing $15 in the Asia Pacific for each $1 Australia contributed to the Global Fund.

*21 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—

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

(2) That the Restoring Territory Rights (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2016 be restored to the Notice Paper and that consideration of the bill be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the previous Parliament.

*22 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) Transurban now either fully or partially operates 13 of the 15 toll roads in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane,

(ii) Transurban’s role in the construction and future operation of Melbourne’s Western Distributor, a “market-led” proposal,
(iii) Transurban’s stated intention to become the ‘natural custodian’ of Australia’s motorways as policy shifts towards greater road pricing,
(iv) the New South Wales Government’s stated intention to sell down its stake in the WestConnex project,
(v) the extension of Transurban’s Citylink monopoly as part of the Western Distributor contract, and
(vi) the Productivity Commission’s assessment of the dangers of public private partnerships unless the “risks are transferred efficiently, transparently and credibly, with incentives that align the interests of the private sector with that of the public”; and
(b) supports the approach that all contracts, business cases, transport and economic modelling and other associated documents of governments and between governments and private contractors in the planning, construction and operation of toll roads should be made fully available to the public, unredacted, in a timely manner.

*23 Senator Ludlam: To move—That—
(a) the Senate notes the Turnbull Government intends to provide funding now worth $1.2 billion for the Perth Freight Link and has no social, environmental or economic credibility; and
(b) there be laid on the table no later than 11 am on Monday, 12 September 2016 by the Minister for Finance:
(i) an estimate of the financial penalties or compensation that the Barnett Government has exposed WA taxpayers to, should the contracts be terminated, and
(ii) any correspondence or information (including briefings and meeting notes) relating to penalties or compensation that will be offered to contractors, should the contracts for the Perth Freight Link be terminated upon a change of government, including correspondence between any Australian Government minister, department or agency and the Western Australian Government on this matter.

*24 Senator Xenophon: To move—That—
(a) the Senate notes that:
(i) on 3 August 2016, the Australian Statistician was interviewed on the ABC television program 7.30 in relation to the 2016 Census, and
(ii) during the interview the Australian Statistician referred to legal advice received from the Australian Government Solicitor; and
(b) there be laid on the table no later than 3 pm on Monday, 12 September 2016 by the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, the legal advice referred to by the Australian Statistician during his appearance on 7.30 on 3 August 2016.
*25 Senators Xenophon and Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) at least 114 countries have banned foreign political donations, and
      (ii) Australia is not one of the at least 114 countries that ban foreign
           political donations; and
   (b) calls on the Government to support legislative changes to make overseas
       political donations illegal.

*26 Senators Griff, Kakoschke-Moore and Xenophon: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) more than $800 million was lost by Australians on legal sports
          betting in the 2014-15 financial year, an increase of more than 30
          per cent from 2013-14,
      (ii) while some restrictions on gambling advertising exist, there is an
           exemption that allows gambling advertising during televised
           sporting events at children’s viewing times,
      (iii) research shows that children are especially susceptible to such
            advertising, and
      (iv) there is a pressing need to ban gambling advertising particularly
           during children’s viewing times;
   (b) calls on the Government to amend the Broadcasting Services Act 1992 to
       ban gambling advertising during sporting broadcasts during children’s
       viewing times; and
   (c) further notes community concern about the recent increased level of
       gambling advertising on the Special Broadcasting Service, and calls on the
       Minister for Communications to issue a directive under section 11 of the
       Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991 to limit the amount of such
       advertising.

*27 Senator Xenophon: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) statistics from Tourism Research Australia show that backpackers
          spent approximately $3.4 billion in Australia for the year ending
          December 2015,
      (ii) backpackers play a vital role in the Australian economy and perform
           important work in rural and regional areas,
      (iii) while the Government has given a temporary reprieve on the
           backpacker tax, there is still a threat that it will be implemented in
           its current form,
      (iv) rural and regional communities across Australia will be damaged if
           the Government does not rule out implementing the backpacker tax
           in its current form, and
      (v) the Queensland Liberal National Party recently passed a motion
          against the Government’s planned backpacker tax at its state
          convention; and
(b) calls on the Government to immediately announce that it will not proceed with the implementation of the backpacker tax in its current form.

*28 Senator Rhiannon:* To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) former Treasurer Mr Wayne Swan thinks there should be stronger debate about the role of political donations and how donations are potentially leading to the skewing of political decision-making in favour of foreign countries,
(ii) most political donations are from domestic sources, which carry a similar risk of skewing decision-making in favour of donors, and
(iii) in the Australian Government’s 2008 Electoral Reform Green Paper, former Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner, argued that the perception of undue influence can be as damaging to democracy as undue influence itself; and
(b) calls for a ban on foreign political donations, and domestic donations from property developers, tobacco industry business entities, liquor business entities, gambling industry business entities, mineral resources or mining industry business entities, and industry lobby groups who represent these entities.

**DOCUMENTS**

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 President’s report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2016
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

2 Indigenous Australians—Imprisonment rates—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Office Manager to the South Australian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation responding to the resolution of the Senate of 19 April 2016
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

3 Indigenous Australians—Imprisonment rates—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (Mr Pitt) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 19 April 2016
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

4 Indigenous Australians—Imprisonment rates—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Western Australian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Mr Collier) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 19 April 2016
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

5 Business of the Senate—1 January to 30 June 2016
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6 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—
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7 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—
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Consideration (30 August 2016).

8 Sport—Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority—National Anti-Doping Framework—Letter from the Minister for Regional Development (Senator Nash) to the Clerk of the Senate (Dr Laing) responding to the order of the Senate of 2 May 2016 and raising public interest immunity claims, and attachment
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9 Entity contracts for 2015—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended—Communications and the Arts portfolio; Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio
Consideration (30 August 2016).

10 Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Additional estimates 2015-16—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio; Health portfolio; Tourism Australia
Consideration (30 August 2016).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES**

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Appropriations, Staffing and Security—Standing Committee—58th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2016-17
Consideration (30 August 2016).

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015—Interim report
Consideration (30 August 2016).

4 Health—Select Committee—Hospital funding cuts: the perfect storm – The demolition of Federal-State health relations 2014-2016—Final report Consideration (30 August 2016).

5 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Conditions and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees at the regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea—Interim report Consideration (30 August 2016).

6 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Establishment of a national registration system for Australian paramedics to improve and ensure patient and community safety—Report Consideration (30 August 2016).

7 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Need for a nationally-consistent approach to alcohol-fuelled violence—Interim report Consideration (30 August 2016).

8 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts: the classification of publications, films and computer games (term of reference c)—Interim report Consideration (30 August 2016).

9 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts: the sale and use of tobacco, tobacco products, nicotine products and e-cigarettes (term of reference a)—Interim report Consideration (30 August 2016).

10 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts: sale and service of alcohol (term of reference b)—Interim report Consideration (30 August 2016).


13 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Industry structures and systems governing the imposition and disbursement of marketing and research and development (R&D) levies in the agriculture sector—Government response Consideration (30 August 2016).

15 Economics References Committee—Report—Interest rates and informed choice in the Australian credit card market—Government response Consideration (30 August 2016).

*16 Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—Jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Smith—That the Senate take note of the report (31 August 2016).

*17 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—A world without the death penalty: Australia’s advocacy for the abolition of the death penalty—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Smith—That the Senate take note of the report (31 August 2016).

*18 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Food for thought: improving health and nutrition in the Indo-Pacific region—Report
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*23 National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Accommodation for people with disabilities and the NDIS—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (31 August 2016).
AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS

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

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 29 of 2015-16—Performance audit—Implementing the deregulation agenda: Cutting red tape: Across entities
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

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3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 31 of 2015-16—Performance audit—Administration of Higher Education Loan Program debt and repayments: Australian Taxation Office; Department of Education and Training
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2015-16—Performance audit—Administration of rehabilitation services under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004: Department of Defence; Department of Veterans’ Affairs
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 33 of 2015-16—Performance audit—Defence’s management of credit and other transaction cards: Department of Defence
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

6 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 34 of 2015-16—Performance audit—Administration of tobacco excise equivalent goods: Australian Taxation Office; Department of Immigration and Border Protection
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

7 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2015-16—Performance audit—Administration of the Radiation Oncology Health Program Grants Scheme: Department of Health; Department of Human Services
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

8 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2015-16—Performance audit—Administration of the Financial Information Service: Department of Human Services
   Consideration (30 August 2016).

9 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2015-16—Performance audit—Cyber resilience: Across entities
   Consideration (30 August 2016).
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 12 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 30 August 2016

1 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—that the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Shotguns and Shotgun Magazines) Regulation 2016, made under the Customs Act 1901, be disallowed [F2016L01255].

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

On 24 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on 2016 Census.

OTHER INFORMATION

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The following questions remain unanswered: Nos 1 to 81

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 30 August 2016)
Allocation of departments/agencies
That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs
    Health
    Social Services, including Human Services

Economics
    Industry, Innovation and Science
    Treasury

Education and Employment
    Education and Training
    Employment

Environment and Communications
    Communications and the Arts
    Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
    Finance
    Parliament
    Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
    Attorney-General
    Immigration and Border Protection

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)
Estimates hearings
(1) That the 2016-17 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
   Monday, 17 October and Tuesday, 18 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 19 October and Thursday, 20 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group B).
   
   (2) That, pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008 and 23 June 2015, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 21 October 2016.
   
   (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 30 August 2016)

Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice
That:
   
   (a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and
   
   (b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.

   (Agreed to 30 August 2016)
First 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) Wednesday, 31 August 2016—Senator Hume;
(b) Thursday, 1 September 2016—Senators Dodson and Duniam;
(c) Monday, 12 September 2016—Senator Hinch; and
(d) Wednesday, 12 October 2016—Senator Chisholm.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Meeting of Senate
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2016 be as follows:

Spring sittings:
   Thursday, 1 September
   Monday, 12 September to Thursday, 15 September

Spring sittings (2):
   Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October

Spring sittings (3):
   Monday, 7 November to Thursday, 10 November
   Monday, 21 November to Thursday, 24 November
   Monday, 28 November to Thursday, 1 December.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Ministerial statements—Consideration—Temporary order
That the following amendment to standing order 169 operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2017:

At the end of standing order 169, add:

(3) If a ministerial statement is presented to or tabled in the Senate other than in accordance with standing order 61, it shall be in order for a senator to move a motion without notice to take note of the statement. On any such motion, a senator may speak for not more than 10 minutes and paragraph (2) applies to the total time limit for individual or successive motions.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016; originally agreed to 11 November 2015 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s third report of 2015.)

Rotation of senators
That, pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, the senators chosen for each state be divided into two classes, as follows:

(1) Senators listed at positions 7 to 12 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall be allocated to the first class and receive 3 year terms.

(2) Senators listed at positions 1 to 6 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall be allocated to the second class and receive 6 year terms.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)
Routine of business—Variation
That, on Thursday, 1 September 2016, consideration of private senators’ bills under standing order 57(1)(d)(i) shall not be proceeded with and that government business shall have precedence for 2 hours and 20 minutes.
(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

1 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis): To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.

2 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
   To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

Formal business

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

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

- Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
- Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
- Senator Leyonhjelm
- Senator Xenophon

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

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

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

Matters of urgency

- 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.

- Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
- Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
- Senator Lambie
- Senator Leyonhjelm
- Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.
Order of business

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
    Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
    Senator Leyonhjelm
    Senator Xenophon

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

Senator Lambie

13 To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

Questions without notice

14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
    Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
    Senator Lambie
    Senator Leyonhjelm
    Senator Xenophon

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

Statements

15 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
    Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
    Senator Lambie
    Senator Leyonhjelm
    Senator Xenophon

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

16 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon

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

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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