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Temporary Chairs of Committees

Senators Back, Bernardi, Gallacher, Ketter, Marshall, O'Sullivan, Reynolds, Sterle and Whish-Wilson

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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
  - 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
    - notices of motion
    - continued debate on previous motions

Available for debate on Thursdays

- Private senators’ business
- Documents
- Committee reports and government responses
- Auditor-General’s reports

Business listed for future consideration
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
Notice given 30 November 2016

1 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2017:

The tax and royalties collected from the extraction and sale of Australia’s oil and gas resources, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and integrity of the existing Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) and Commonwealth royalty regime;

(b) compliance with the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;

(c) responsibilities and effectiveness of state and Federal Government departments in administering the existing PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;

(d) the suitability of the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime in the modern global economy;

(e) the comparison of tax and royalty regimes with other oil and gas producing countries that export to the Asia-Pacific region;

(f) principles for modification of the PRRT as it applies to gas;

(g) principles for an extended Commonwealth royalty regime covering offshore oil and gas projects in Commonwealth waters; and

(h) any other related matters.

Notice given 21 March 2017


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

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

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

Notice given 28 March 2017

*4 Senator Xenophon: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2017:

(a) claims that many employees working for large employers such as Coles, Woolworths, McDonald’s and KFC receive lower penalty rates under their enterprise agreements than those set by the relevant modern award, giving
those employers a competitive advantage over smaller businesses that pay award rates;

(b) the operation, application and effectiveness of the Better Off Overall Test (BOOT) for enterprise agreements made under the *Fair Work Act 2009*;

(c) the desirability of amending the *Fair Work Act 2009* to ensure that enterprise agreements do not contain terms that specify penalty rates which are lower than the respective modern award; and

(d) any other related matter.

*5 Senators Griff and Xenophon:* To move—That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2017:

The affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs, with particular reference to:

(a) private and public hospital costs and the interaction between the private and public hospital systems and any impact on waiting lists;

(b) the effect of co-payments and medical gaps on financial and health outcomes;

(c) private health insurance product design and benefit levels, including rebate consistency and public disclosure requirements;

(d) the use and sharing of membership and related health data;

(e) the take-up rates of private health insurance;

(f) standards relating to informed financial consent for medical practitioners, private health insurance providers and private hospitals;

(g) medical services delivery methods;

(h) the role and function of:

(i) medical pricing schedules, including the Medicare Benefits Schedule, the Australian Medical Association fee schedule and private health insurers’ fee schedules,

(ii) the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) in regulating private health insurers, and

(iii) the Department of Health in regulating private health insurers and private hospital operators;

(i) the operation of relevant legislative and regulatory instruments; and

(j) any other related matter.

*6 Senator Rice:* To move—That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 8 August 2017:

The ownership and operations of existing and proposed toll roads in Australia, including:

(a) the economics of existing and proposed private toll roads, including assessment of financial arrangements with state governments;

(b) transparency and accountability measures, including:

(i) mechanisms of transparency and accountability of public–private partnership toll road developments,
(ii) the impact of ‘commercial-in-confidence’ provisions on transparency and public accountability, and
(iii) assessment of, and transparency and accountability of, unsolicited bids;
(c) the interaction of toll roads with transport policy and implementation, including:
   (i) the efficacy of toll roads in meeting transport needs,
   (ii) the impact of toll road contracts with potentially competing roads and public transport initiatives,
   (iii) the influence of toll road developments on overall transport policy of state and federal governments,
   (iv) alternatives to private toll roads, including public road developments and demand management,
   (v) the interaction of tolls payable on private toll roads with other current and potential road pricing mechanisms, and
   (vi) the contribution that payment of tolls plays in overall cost of transport to the community, and equity considerations;
(d) the impact of concentration of ownership of private toll roads;
(e) the appropriateness of tolls payable over time, penalties for non-payment and debt recovery mechanisms; and
(f) any other related matter.

Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Final report to be presented on closures of electricity generators.

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan) Bill 2016—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

2 Advances provided under the annual Appropriation Acts—Report for 2015-16
   Consideration (20 March 2017).

3 Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 28 March 2017).
4 Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017—
(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

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

6 Health Insurance Amendment (National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2017
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.
And on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate:
(a) laments that health outcomes in rural and regional Australia continue to lag significantly behind the rest of the country, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
(b) recognises that the establishment of a Rural Health Commissioner represents an opportunity to examine and address the significant work force issues which contribute to this, as well as the range of other causes; and
(c) calls for the Commissioner to be free to examine and make recommendations relating to all areas of policy reform and funding that are relevant to urgently address this issue” (Senator Williams, in continuation, 27 March 2017).

7 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire) Bill 2016
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath)—That this bill be now read a second time.
And on the amendment moved by Senator Cameron—At the end of the motion, add “but that further consideration of this bill be made an order of the day for the first sitting day after the Government has tabled a statement outlining how it intends to ensure that, under Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire:
(a) jobs will not be displaced by cheaper labour;
(b) wages will not be undercut and participants will not be paid below minimum award wages;
(c) participants’ safety will not be compromised and adequate insurance arrangements will be provided; and
(d) small to medium enterprises will be prioritised in ‘Prepare, Trial, Hire’ as they have a demonstrated track record of employing more job seekers through their jobactive program” (13 February 2017).

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

9 Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).
10 National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

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

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

13 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).

14 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).

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

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

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

18 Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 November 2016).

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

20 Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 79 from the House of Representatives (28 November 2016).
21 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).

Notices of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2017

*1 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 9 May 2017 be from 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 11 May 2017 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

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

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

*2 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That the order of the Senate of 8 November 2016 relating to the hearings for the 2017-18 Budget estimates, be amended as follows:

    after paragraph (2), insert:

    (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 Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath): To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

  Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2016-2017
  Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2016-2017
  Biosecurity Amendment (Ballast Water and Other Measures) Bill 2017
  Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2016
  Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill 2017
  Crimes Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2017
  Disability Services Amendment (Linking Upper Age Limits for Disability Employment Services to Pension Age) Bill 2017
  Personal Property Securities Amendment (PPS Leases) Bill 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 21 March 2017

251 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to workplace relations, and for related purposes. Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017.

Notice given 22 March 2017

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

(1) That a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Oversight of the Implementation of Recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse be established to inquire into and report upon:

(a) the response and implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission by the Australian Government, state and territory governments and relevant not-for-profit organisations;
(b) the Australian Government policy, program and legal response, including the establishment and operation of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme and ongoing support of survivors; and
(c) any matter in relation to the Royal Commission’s recommendations referred to the committee by a resolution of either House of the Parliament.

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

(3) That the committee consist of 12 members – 7 senators, and 5 members as follows:

(a) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
(b) 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the House of Representatives;
(c) 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
(d) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives;
(e) 1 to be nominated by minority groups or independents in the Senate; and
(f) the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch).

(4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint select committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice given 28 March 2017

*286 Senators Kakoschke-Moore, Lambie, Hinch, Hanson and McKim: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes, with respect to legal assistance services:

(i) legal aid commissions, community legal centres, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services and Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (“legal assistance services”) are severely underfunded,

(ii) the Government plans to cut a further $51 million from community legal centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services from 1 July 2017, resulting in closures and affecting thousands of marginalised and disenfranchised Australians,

(iii) in 1997, the Government spent $11.22 per capita each year on legal aid compared to $7.84 per capita today – its share of funding (with
the states and territories) has fallen from 55 per cent in 1997 to 35 per cent, and
(iv) the Productivity Commission has recommended that an additional $200 million is needed for civil legal aid alone;
(b) recognises that this legal assistance underfunding means:
(i) just 8 per cent of Australians qualify for legal aid under restrictive means tests, while 14 per cent of Australians are living beneath the poverty line,
(ii) around 10,000 Australians each year are forced to represent themselves in court,
(iii) community legal centres are forced to turn away over 160,000 people a year, and
(iv) the Productivity Commission found that investing in legal assistance services generates significant downstream savings;
(c) acknowledges, with respect to the underfunding of the federal courts:
(i) the neglect of the Federal and Family Courts means that families facing the most serious family law issues can wait up to three years before a final trial,
(ii) that these unacceptably long delays in hearings and determinations are denying justice and fairness to Australians seeking protection and finality in their legal affairs, with detrimental impacts on vulnerable children, families, business, and entire communities, and
(iii) a 2014 KPMG report given to the Government, but not released, found the Federal, Family and Federal Circuit Courts were on track for a combined budget shortfall of $75 million by 2017-18 which will result in further cuts to their services; and
(d) calls on the Government to:
(i) immediately reverse the imminent cuts to community legal centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services,
(ii) release the 2014 KPMG Report on the Federal Courts given to the Attorney-General,
(iii) commit to adequate and sustainable longer-term funding contributions to the legal assistance sector, and
(iv) review resourcing for the federal courts and identify what resources are required to address unacceptable delays in hearing and determinations.

*287 Senator Chisholm: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the growth of the craft brewing sector in recent years as a generator of employment, tourism and exports in capital cities and regional communities;
(b) further notes that:
(i) there is an inequity between how Commonwealth excise is calculated for small and large scale brewers which disadvantages the craft brewing sector,
(ii) excise currently accounts for a disproportionate amount of the costs of production for small brewers and the calculation of excise imposes a significant burden on them,
(iii) this small business sector provides local employment and is an emerging tourism attraction; and

(c) urges:

(i) the Australian Government to ensure policy settings which encourage the realisation of the potential of the craft brewing sector, and

(ii) state and local governments to update their planning controls and development approval to facilitate the growth of the craft brewing sector.

*288 Senator Moore: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, by no later than 3.30 pm on 30 March 2017:

(a) the contract or Memorandum of Understanding between the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) and the Export Finance and Investment Corporation (EFIC);

(b) the NAIF Risk Appetite Statement;

(c) the NAIF Public Interest Test;

(d) any policies or other documents to be used by the NAIF Board to satisfy themselves that the project meets each of the mandatory criteria as set out in the NAIF Investment Mandate; and

(e) any policies or other documents to be used by the NAIF Board to satisfy themselves that the project meets each of the non-mandatory criteria as set out in the NAIF Investment Mandate.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) was formed nearly 30 years ago, bringing together Rotary International, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) in a common cause: to eradicate polio once and for all,

(ii) when GPEI commenced, more than 350,000 cases of polio paralysed and killed children in 125 countries annually,

(iii) in 2016, only 37 cases of polio were recorded in three countries – Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria – two of which are priorities for Australian development assistance, and

(iv) a funding gap of $US 1.3 billion for implementing the GPEI’s current strategic plan needs to be filled to complete the task of polio eradication within the next three years;

(b) acknowledges that:

(i) investment in completing polio eradication will benefit future generations of children who will be free of this devastating disease, and other health programs and initiatives will benefit from the knowledge and experience gained through polio eradication,

(ii) completing eradication of polio would be the first concrete success of the Sustainable Development Goals, providing a basis for reaching children with life-saving interventions in the most remote, vulnerable and socially-excluded communities,
(iii) Commonwealth leaders, including Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, agreed at the latest Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in November 2015 to accelerate action and renew financial support to eradicate polio, and

(iv) the current Parliaments of Australia and other countries have the opportunity to be the elected representatives who ended polio completely; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to maintain its annual contribution to GPEI at $15 million in the next two financial years, to follow through on this renewed commitment and assist in making the end of polio a reality.

*290 Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (Senator O’Neill): To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services into the life insurance industry be extended to 31 October 2017.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) on 23 November 2016, the Senate passed a motion known as Senate Order 20C (“the Order”) requiring rolling disclosure of meetings between current ministers, senior officials and former ministers,

(ii) the purpose of the Order is to ensure that the Prime Minister’s Statement of Ministerial Standards is adhered to,

(iii) only one minister has so far complied with the Order,

(iv) during the estimates hearing on 28 February 2017, the Attorney-General could not confirm whether the Government will comply with the Order due to an alleged invalidity, and

(v) the Acting Clerk has provided advice that the Order is valid in a letter dated 28 February 2017, and tabled with the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on the same day; and

(b) calls on the Government to abide by the Order.

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

(a) notes:

(i) the success of the South Australian Head of the River School rowing regatta which took place on 25 March 2017,

(ii) that the regatta featured over 1,000 student athletes and thousands of supportive parents, coaches and South Australian rowing officials, and

(iii) that over 50 per cent of athletes competing in the regatta were female, who also comprise a majority of the rowers registered with the South Australian Rowing Association;

(b) congratulates the South Australian Rowing Association for its success in encouraging participation in rowing, and particularly for the high level of participation by female athletes; and

(c) commends Rowing Australia and its member state associations for their efforts in promoting rowing and their aim to be the world’s number one rowing nation.
**Senators Brown, Siewert and Reynolds:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 2 April 2017 is the ninth anniversary of World Autism Awareness Day,

(ii) the theme of World Autism Awareness Day 2017 is ‘Towards autonomy and self-determination’, and

(iii) current estimates indicate that over 1 in 100 Australians are on the autism spectrum;

(b) acknowledges that:

(i) awareness of autism is relatively high in the community, with recent polling commissioned by Amaze showing that over 50 per cent of Australians know or have known someone on the autism spectrum,

(ii) the same poll showed that 74 per cent of Australians agreed that autism and its associated behaviour is still very misunderstood by the broader community, with only 29 per cent agreeing that they have a good understanding of how to support people on the autism spectrum, and

(iii) more needs to be done to increase community understanding and acceptance of autism to better support autistic Australians to live an ordinary life; and

(c) recognises that the same polling showed that 72 per cent of Australians agreed that more needs to be done in schools, workplaces and the wider community to better support autistic Australians, and urges all governments to consider the specific needs of autistic Australians in the development of policy and programs.

**Senator Lambie:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) draws to the attention of the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, the Honourable Dan Tehan, MP, the work of the CEO of the RSL NSW, Mr Glenn Kolomeitz, in exposing the financial misconduct and poor governance at the State Council Level of RSL NSW, and notes that he has been under attack by his own organisation;

(b) calls on the RSL NSW State Council and its caretaker management team to cease all industrial action against Mr Kolomeitz to allow him to get on with the job that he was asked to do – fixing RSL NSW’s financial and structural problems and developing funding and welfare projects so as to support veterans and their families that are doing it tough; and

(c) acknowledges that the RSL needs younger veterans within the organisation to make sure it is relevant, and to allow Mr Kolomeitz to provide for the ongoing care, compensation, and commemoration of serving and ex-serving defence force personnel and their families.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) on 27 March 2017, the ABC’s *Four Corners* program clearly showed that abuse, violence and neglect of people with disability in institutional and residential care continues,
(ii) previous evidence of severe abuse, violence and neglect was revealed by the media and during an inquiry of the Community Affairs References Committee,

(iii) on 25 November 2015, the Community Affairs References Committee tabled a report in the Senate with 30 recommendations addressing widespread instances of abuse, violence and neglect of people with disability in residential and institutional settings, and

(iv) the Government responded to the recommendations in this report on 2 March 2017, where they refused to commit to a royal commission into the issue; and

(b) calls on the Government to reconsider its decision and commit to a royal commission into abuse, violence and neglect of people with disability in institutional and residential settings.

*296 Senators Kackoschke-Moore, Xenophon and Griff: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the National Consumer Protection Framework, in relation to interactive gambling, is currently being developed,

(ii) Commonwealth, state and territory gambling ministers are meeting regarding the Framework on 31 March 2017,

(iii) the Framework is being developed as a response to the O’Farrell Review and that gaming ministers are aiming to develop a better harm-minimisation strategy around online services,

(iv) currently, harm-minimisation strategies are a matter for states and territories, despite the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 (Cth) (IGA) regulating electronic gambling,

(v) there is no national gambling regulator and the Nick Xenophon Team’s amendment to the Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2016, to establish a national regulator, was rejected by the Government,

(vi) the Framework will not apply to land-based betting,

(vii) land-based betting includes electronic betting terminals (EBTs) which are permitted under the IGA but harm-minimisation strategies are regulated by states and territories,

(viii) statistics show at least 400,000 Australians either have a significant gambling addiction or are showing signs of developing a problem – the Productivity Commission has also stated that every problem gambler impacts on average on seven other people, and

(ix) the harm caused by gambling, such as financial hardship, relationship breakdown and emotional harm is the same, regardless of what form of gambling the harm arises from; and

(b) calls on the Government to develop and apply the National Consumer Protection Framework to land-based betting, as well as online gambling.
*297 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes with concern reports that:

(i) the Saudi Arabian Government is breaking humanitarian law in its attacks on Yemen by bombing schools, hospitals and refugee camps, and is pushing Yemenis towards famine by blocking supply routes,

(ii) the Australian Defence Department has approved four military exports to Saudi Arabia in the past year and that the Australian Government is leading a push for more, and

(iii) the Minister for Defence Industry, the Honourable Christopher Pyne, MP, visited Riyadh in December 2016 to promote Australian defence material to senior government figures, including Prince Mutaib bin Abdullah al-Saud, the head of Saudi Arabia’s National Guard;

(b) notes that the Dutch Parliament voted in 2016 to ban military exports to Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom (UK) started a review in February aimed at halting UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia, and former US President Barack Obama halted the sale of precision-guided technology to Saudi Arabia, all on humanitarian grounds; and

(c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, by no later than 6 pm on 30 March 2017:

(i) the Minister for Defence Industry’s itinerary in Saudi Arabia, and

(ii) any documents relating to approvals for military exports to Saudi Arabia since January 2016.

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

(a) notes with concern reports that the Royal Australian Navy’s two largest ships, the Canberra Class Amphibious Assault Ships HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide, have engine problems and have been unable to join the emergency response to Cyclone Debbie;

(b) notes that:

(i) Canberra Class Amphibious Assault Ships are our key asset for humanitarian and disaster relief (HADR) operations, and

(ii) HMAS Canberra was conducting trials with the United States’ Marine Corps as recently as last week; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to explain why our premier HADR assets were not available to respond to a long-forecast potential disaster situation.

*299 Senator McKim: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Australia’s offshore processing is a deliberately cruel policy that has created a humanitarian crisis,

(ii) men, women and children who have sought asylum have suffered immeasurable harm at Australia’s hands, including death, psychological trauma and serious injuries,

(iii) the former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Mr Juan Mendez, concluded Australia had “violated the right of the asylum seekers,
including children, to be free from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment”,

(iv) Amnesty International says the Nauru detention centre was “explicitly designed to inflict incalculable damage on hundreds of women, men and children”;

(v) indefinite offshore detention has led to global condemnation and a lowering of Australia’s international standing,

(vi) despite the Manus Island processing centre being declared illegal by the Papua New Guinea Supreme Court in April 2016, the Australian Government has failed to resettle people in its care and forcibly deported an unknown number of people from Papua New Guinea,

(vii) the Department of Immigration and Border Protection says the cost of establishing and running offshore detention has exceeded $4.4 billion since 2013,

(viii) the Australian National Audit Office found that it costs $573,000 per person per year to keep people locked up in offshore detention,

(ix) despite the massive human and financial cost of this policy, that boats carrying people seeking asylum continue to attempt to reach Australia,

(x) many of these asylum seekers have been turned around to meet an unknown fate at sea or potentially refouled, contrary to Australia’s international legal and moral obligations, and

(xi) despite the Australian Government’s so-called “deal” with the United States, no one has been resettled in that country; and

(b) calls on the Government to end offshore detention, and bring every man woman and child, detained on Papua New Guinea and Nauru, to Australia.

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

263 Export Finance and Insurance Corporation and chilled meat trade—Order for production of documents

By the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, by 29 March 2017, documents relating to the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation to support the chilled meat trade in free trade agreement negotiations with any country, including Indonesia. (Motion of Senator Rhiannon agreed to 27 March 2017.)

*274 Answers to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Inquiry into the Bell Group

By the Attorney-General, by 12.45 pm on 29 March 2017, to provide answers to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee to questions relating to the committee’s inquiry into the Bell Group. (Motion of Senator Pratt agreed to 28 March 2017.)
Perth Freight Link—Order for production of documents

By the Minister for Finance, by not later than 2 pm on 29 March 2017, the full un-redacted business case and cost-benefit analysis for the Perth Freight Link. (Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 28 March 2017.)

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (30 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on airport and aviation security at Australian airports.

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Order of the Day relating to Private Senators’ Bills

44 Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Take-Home Pay) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senators Cameron, Di Natale and Lambie)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Polley, in continuation, 23 March 2017).

Orders for Production of Documents

*274 Attendance of the Attorney-General in the Senate—Explanation—Order for production of documents
   The Attorney-General to be in attendance in the Senate at 9.30 am on 30 March 2017, so that a senator may ask the Attorney-General for an explanation in connection with his actions in relation to the inquiry of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee into the Bell Group. (Motion of Senator Pratt agreed to 28 March 2017.)

*281 Draft National Recovery Plan for Leadbeater’s Possum—Order for production of documents
   By the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Energy, by no later than 9.30 am on 30 March 2017, correspondence relating to the Draft National Recovery Plan for Leadbeater’s Possum. (Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 28 March 2017.)

On 31 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on carbon risk disclosure.
2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Final report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 7 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

Orders for Production of Documents

272 Bell Group liquidation and the Bell Act—Order for production of documents

By the Attorney-General to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, by no later than noon on 7 April 2017, documents relating to the Bell Group liquidation and the Bell Act. (Motion of Senator Pratt agreed to 27 March 2017.)

273 Bell Group liquidation—Order for production of documents

By the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, by no later than noon on 7 April 2017, a document relating to the Bell Group liquidation and the Bell Act. (Motion of Senator Pratt agreed to 27 March 2017.)

On 10 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

On 12 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on the non-payment of the Superannuation Guarantee.

On 13 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.
On 20 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

On 21 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Nauru and Manus Island regional processing centres.

On 28 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

On 4 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

On 9 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016.

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
5 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

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

On 10 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the complaints process under the Health Practitioners Regulation National Law.

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

3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

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

On 11 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2017

1 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That items 1 and 4 of Schedule 1 of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Narcotic Drugs) Regulation 2016, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. and made under the Crimes Act 1914 and the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, be disallowed [F2016L01652].
Six sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on the management of credit and other transaction cards by the Department of Defence.
2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on gender segregation in the workplace.

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

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

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 November 2016

127 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—that the Senate notes the wide ranging problems with Australia’s justice system, including access to justice.

On 22 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 25 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on non-conforming building products.

On 31 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Government Procurement—Joint Select Committee
Report to be presented.

On 13 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 February 2017

1 Senators Kakoschke-Moore and Lambie: To move—that the Family Law (Superannuation) (Provision of Information—Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme) Amendment Determination 2016, made under the Family Law Act 1975, be disallowed [F2016L01759].

Eight sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 15 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector.

Nine sitting days after today (20 June 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Health Measures No. 4) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01751].
   Ten sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Jervis Bay Territory Marine Safety Ordinance 2016, made under the Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act 1915, be disallowed [F2016L01756].
   Ten sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 20 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 21 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future of Australia’s aged care sector workforce.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Bell Group litigation.
3 Community Affairs References Committee

On 22 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products into Australia.

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

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

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

On 19 July 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on the use of Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia.

On 7 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
Report to be presented on corporate avoidance of the Fair Work Act 2009.
On 14 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Privileges—Standing Committee**
   Report to be presented on the implications for the use of intrusive powers by law enforcement and intelligence agencies on the privileges and immunities of members of Parliament.

2 **Strengthening Multiculturalism—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

On 15 August 2017

General Business—Order of the Day

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

On 23 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2017 (6 September 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legislation Committees**
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2017.

Thirteen sitting days after today (8 September 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 27 March 2017*

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

*Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*
Fourteen sitting days after today (9 September 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2017

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

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

On 13 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 14 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 18 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on aspects of road safety in Australia.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the state of Australia’s rail industry.

General Business—Order of the Day

1 Lending to Primary Production Customers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
On 28 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 1 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

3 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 6 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and associated systems.

On the first sitting day in March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Airports Amendment Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.
OTHER INFORMATION

BILL CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Airports Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date (final): first sitting day in March 2018)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 February 2017; reporting date: 10 May 2017)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date (final): 31 March 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 9 May 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 9 May 2017)

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

Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 13 October 2016; reporting date: the last sitting day in March 2017)

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 29 March 2017)

Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 9 May 2017)

Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 9 May 2017)

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

Government bills

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

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

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)*

**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.

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

4. That committees meet in the following groups:

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

   **Group B:**
   - Community Affairs
   - Economics
   - Education and Employment
   - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.
(5) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
   (a) Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates; and
   (b) Tuesday, 20 June 2017 in respect of the 2017-18 Budget estimates.
   (Agreed to 8 November 2016; varied 8 February 2017)

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)

Meeting of Senate—2017
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2017 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
   Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
   Monday, 13 February to Thursday, 16 February

Autumn sittings (2):
   Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
   Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

Budget sittings:
   Tuesday, 9 May to Thursday, 11 May

Winter sittings:
   Tuesday, 13 June to Thursday, 15 June
   Monday, 19 June to Thursday, 22 June

Spring sittings:
   Tuesday, 8 August to Thursday, 10 August
   Monday, 14 August to Thursday, 17 August
   Monday, 4 September to Thursday, 7 September
   Monday, 11 September to Thursday, 14 September

Spring sittings (2):
   Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October

Spring sittings (3):
   Monday, 13 November to Thursday, 16 November
   Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
   Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.
   (Agreed to 8 November 2016)
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Day

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(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Robert John Day was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, Mr Day was at any time incapable of sitting as a Senator prior to the dissolution of the 44th Parliament and, if so, on what date he became so incapable;

(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(e) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 7 November 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 moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.
4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to
   a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders
   be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

Limitation of time

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

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

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

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

   Senator Lambie

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

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

Matters of urgency

10 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis): To move
   (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under
   standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would
   prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

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

   Senator Lambie

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

Questions without notice

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

Statements

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

Tabling of documents

16 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   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.

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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).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust
Senators Macdonald and Marshall (appointed 23 June 2011; with effect on and from 1 July 2011, and 7 July 2011, respectively).

RICHARD PYE
Clerk

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