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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.

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BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 November 2016

1 Senator Gallagher: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018:

The regulatory framework for the protection of consumers, including small businesses, in the banking, insurance and financial services sector (including Managed Investment Schemes), with particular reference to:

(a) any failures that are evident in the:
   (i) current laws and regulatory framework, and
   (ii) enforcement of the current laws and regulatory framework, including those arising from resourcing and administration;
(b) the impact of misconduct in the sector on victims and on consumers;
(c) the impact on consumer outcomes of:
   (i) executive and non-executive remuneration,
   (ii) incentive-based commission structures, and
   (iii) fee-for-no-service or recurring fee structures;
(d) the culture and chain of responsibility in relation to misconduct within entities within the sector;
(e) the availability and adequacy of:
   (i) redress and compensation to victims of misconduct, including options for a retrospective compensation scheme of last resort, and
   (ii) legal advice and representation for consumers and victims of misconduct, including their standing in the conduct of bankruptcy and insolvency processes;
(f) the social impacts of consumer protection failures in the sector, including through increased reliance of victims on community and government services;
(g) options to support the prioritisation of consumer protection and associated practices within the sector; and
(h) any related matters.

Notice of motion altered on 21 November 2016 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 28 November 2016

*2 Senator Brown: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 13 September 2017:

The delivery of outcomes under the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 to build inclusive and accessible communities, with reference to:

(a) the planning, design, management, and regulation of:
(i) the built and natural environment, including commercial premises, housing, public spaces and amenities,
(ii) transport services and infrastructure, and
(iii) communication and information systems, including Australian electronic media and the emerging Internet of things;
(b) potential barriers to progress or innovation and how these might be addressed;
(c) the impact of restricted access for people with disability on inclusion and participation in economic, cultural, social, civil and political life; and
(d) any other related matters.

*3 Senators Watt and McKim: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 21 March 2017:

(1) The nature and scope of any agreement reached by the Commonwealth and Western Australian Governments in relation to the distribution of proceeds of the liquidation of, and litigation concerning, the Bell Group of companies (the proceeds), with particular reference to:
   (a) the priority order for distribution of the proceeds;
   (b) the Commonwealth’s position in relation to the distribution of, and litigation concerning, the proceeds;
   (c) any connection between the above and the settlement of other disputes between the Commonwealth and Western Australian Governments, including regarding the distribution of GST revenue between the States;
   (d) any direction or instruction given by the Attorney-General to the Solicitor-General, either directly or through his office or department, in relation to the conduct of litigation concerning the proceeds;
   (e) any connection between the above and the issuing of the Legal Services Amendment (Solicitor-General Opinions) Direction; and
   (f) any other related matter.

(2) That the Senate directs the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) and the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to appear before the committee to answer questions.

Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on the indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment.
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013
   In committee (28 November 2016).

2 VET Student Loans Bill 2016
   VET Student Loans (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016
   VET Student Loans (Charges) Bill 2016
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—That these bills be now read a second time.
   And on the amendments moved by Senator Hanson-Young in respect of the VET Student Loans Bill 2016—
   At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate is of the view that public funds should not be provided to private for-profit vocational education and training providers”.
   At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate calls on the Government to recognise the importance of the Australian arts industry and community by giving greater representation to artistic and creative courses on the VET student loans eligible course list” (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 9 November 2016).

3 Criminal Code Amendment (High Risk Terrorist Offenders) Bill 2016—
   (Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

4 Register of Foreign Ownership of Agricultural Land Amendment (Water) Bill 2016—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 November 2016).

5 Criminal Code Amendment (War Crimes) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 November 2016).

6 Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2016).

7 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).

8 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 November 2016).
9 Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Petroleum Pools and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 November 2016).

*10 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).

11 Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2016).

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

13 Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—
(Associate Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

14 Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—
(Associate Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

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

16 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).

Notice of Motion

Notice given 28 November 2016

*1 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Civil Nuclear Transfers to India Bill 2016, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.
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 23 November 2016

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

(a) where the Scrutiny of Bills Committee writes to a minister it expects a response to be received in time to be considered by the committee and reported on while the bill is still before the Parliament;
(b) if the committee has not completed its inquiry due to the failure of a minister to respond to the committee’s concerns, senators should have the right to ask the responsible minister why the Scrutiny of Bills Committee has not received a response; and therefore:
(c) the following amendment to standing order 24 operate as a temporary order from the first sitting day of 2017 to the last sitting day of March 2018:

Add the following paragraph:
“(1)(d) If the committee has not finally reported on a bill due to the failure of a minister to respond to its concerns then, immediately prior to the consideration of government business on any day or immediately prior to the consideration of the bill:

(i) any senator may ask the minister for an explanation as to why the minister has not provided a response to the committee, and
(ii) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice either a motion relating to the consideration of the bill or - That the Senate take note of the explanation; or
(iii) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the minister’s failure to provide an explanation.”

Notice given 24 November 2016

129 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) opposes recent cuts to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) that have resulted in:

(i) the loss of almost 500 Australian jobs,
(ii) the closure of all 50 ABC retail outlets around Australia,
(iii) a substantial reduction in Australian made children’s content,
(iv) a substantive reduction in local regional content, and
(v) a reduction in government funding totalling 29.2 per cent over 30 years;
(b) opposes the severe cuts to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation outlined in the 2016 Budget paper totalling almost $50 million over the forward estimates; and

(c) supports the ongoing strengthening of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation as a bold, vital and well-funded national broadcaster with strong local and regional content for all Australians.

Notice given 28 November 2016

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

(a) notes that:

(i) Retired General David Morrison, AO, was appointed Australian of the Year for 2016,

(ii) Australian of the Year has traditionally demonstrated: excellence in their field, a significant contribution to the Australian community and nation, and been an inspirational role model for the Australian community,

(iii) a recently uncovered New South Wales Police Force investigation into the “Jedi Council”, the Strike Force Civet report, which investigated sex assaults and other related crimes involving members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) during General Morrison’s command of the Army, indicated a sophisticated, high-level, military cover-up, including deliberate lies, withholding of evidence, fabrication of information, and supported the conduct of criminal and serious internal offences,

(iv) sworn testimony from a subordinate of General Morrison, retired Lieutenant Colonel Karel Dubsky, indicates that General Morrison and others deliberately ignored the facts as stated in the Strike Force Civet report, and allowed Lieutenant Colonel Dubsky and others to be wrongly accused of being members of a group of sex offenders, and/or demeaners of women, and

(v) General Morrison’s behaviour caused exceptional and undue harm to retired Lieutenant Colonel Dubsky, his family, and other innocent members of the ADF, and demonstrated behaviour that was the opposite required of the Australian of the Year; and

(b) calls on the Government to make a recommendation to remove General Morrison as Australian of the Year, and replace him with a person worthy of the title.

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

(a) notes that this week is Disability Awareness Week, and that 3 December 2016 is International Day of People with Disability;

(b) acknowledges the report of the Community Affairs References Committee into the violence, abuse and neglect suffered by people with disability in institutional and residential settings which was tabled on 25 November 2015;

(c) notes that disability abuse continues to be an issue of national shame; and

(d) calls on the Government to respond to the report and to commit to implementing the 30 recommendations of the report, including the recommendation for a royal commission.
Senators Brown and O’Neill: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that:
   (i) Saturday, 3 December 2016, is International Day of People with Disability,
   (ii) the United Nations proclaimed International Day of People with Disability for the first time in 1992 as a way of promoting better understanding of disability issues, and as a sign of support for the dignity, rights and well-being of people with disabilities, and
   (iii) each year, the United Nations chooses a theme for International Day of People with Disability, and this year’s theme is ‘Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want’, which draws attention to how the 17 Sustainable Development Goals can create a more inclusive and equitable world for people with disabilities;

(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) December 2016 also marks the 10 year anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly’s adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention), and
   (ii) the Convention’s purpose is to “promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity”;

(c) urges all levels of government to take action to remove barriers to employment, education and full community participation of people with disability through the long overdue Second Action Plan under the National Disability Strategy;

(d) urges the Government to take action to fix the problems with the National Disability Insurance Scheme roll-out, and ensure that people with disability get the care and support they need to improve their lives; and

(e) encourages all Australians to get involved in celebrations in their local communities.

Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (Senator Smith): To move—That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate, from 9.30 am, as follows:
   (a) Wednesday, 8 February 2017; and
   (b) Wednesday, 15 February 2017.

Chair of the Select Committee into the Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World (Senator Hanson-Young): To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee into the Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World be extended to 30 March 2017.
*135 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Strengthening Multiculturalism, be established on 27 March 2017, to inquire into and report on, by 14 August 2017, ways of protecting and strengthening Australia’s multiculturalism and social inclusion, with particular reference to the views and experiences of people from culturally and linguistically diverse, and new and emerging communities, and with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and accessibility of settlement and social inclusion services and resources available to individuals and communities,

(b) the adequacy of existing data collection and social research on racially motivated crimes,

(c) the impact of discrimination, vilification and other forms of exclusion and bigotry on the basis of “race”, colour, national or ethnic origin, culture or religious belief,

(d) the impact of political leadership and media representation on the prevalence of vilification and other forms of exclusion and bigotry on the basis of “race”, colour, national or ethnic origin, culture or religious belief,

(e) how to improve the expected standards of public discourse about matters of “race”, colour, national or ethnic origin, culture or religious belief,

(f) how to better recognise and value the contribution that diverse communities bring to Australian social and community life,

(g) the potential benefits and disadvantages of enshrining principles of multiculturalism in legislation,

(h) the potential benefits and disadvantages of establishing a legislative basis for the Multicultural Advisory Council, or for an ongoing Multicultural Commission, and

(i) any related matters.

(2) That the committee consist of 7 senators, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens and 1 nominated by minority groups and independent senators.

(3) That:

(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, the Leader of the Australian Greens or any minority party or independent senator,

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

(c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.

(4) 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.
(5) That the committee elect as chair a member nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens and, as deputy chair, a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

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

(7) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

(8) 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, the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(9) 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.

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

Notice of motion altered on 28 November 2016 pursuant to standing order 77.

*136 Senator Rice: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes:

(i) the grave concerns of the wider agricultural and agribusiness community that the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority’s (APVMA) relocation will irreversibly damage the capacity of APVMA to carry out its core responsibilities,

(ii) the recently released Ernst and Young independent analysis of the APVMA relocation which identified the following key risks:

(A) the APVMA is unable to effectively relocate or recruit key APVMA executive management and technical assessment staff within the first two years,

(B) during transition and in the short term, the APVMA is unable to sustain its rate of effort for registration of new agricultural and veterinary chemical products,

(C) the APVMA is unable to maintain and grow its capability in the medium term, and

(D) The APVMA has reduced access to stakeholders, and

(iii) the recommendation in the independent analysis calling for the carrying out of the following critical next tasks for risk mitigation:

(A) an analysis of supply (and demand) for regulatory scientists,

(B) an analysis of connectivity between APVMA business groups,

(C) the development of recruitment, retention and training strategies, and

(D) the development of a transition plan; and
(b) there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 9.30 am on 1 December 2016, the following documents held or prepared by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and/or the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority:

(i) an analysis of supply (and demand) for regulatory scientists,
(ii) an analysis of connectivity between APVMA business groups,
(iii) any APVMA recruitment, retention and training strategies, and
(iv) any APVMA transition plans.

*137 Senator Rice: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes:

(i) the adverse effect of Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA) populations on ecosystems, native species, agricultural communities and human health,
(ii) the ongoing program since 2001 to eradicate Red Imported Fire Ants,
(iii) the communique of the Agriculture Ministers Forum held in Auckland, New Zealand on 20 May 2016, which indicated that:
   (A) it remains in the national interest to eradicate the ants and that it is technically feasible and cost beneficial to do so,
   (B) ministers agreed to continue to cost share the RIFA South East Queensland eradication program in 2016-17, in accordance with the nationally agreed 2013-18 Response Plan, and
   (C) funding of a 10-year eradication plan or transition to a management plan for the SEQ Programme will be considered at the next AGMIN meeting, and

(iv) the right of all Australians to sufficient information to understand the important decision that the agriculture ministers will be making at their next meeting in 2017 on whether the eradication program should continue, the implications of proceeding and not proceeding, the costs involved and the lessons learnt from the program so far; and

(b) there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 9.30 am on 1 December 2016, the Independent Review of the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program: Report of the independent review panel.

*138 Senator Waters: To move—That there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Energy, by no later than 9.30 am on 1 December 2016, the cost-benefit analysis undertaken by Marsden Jacob Associates of Australia ratifying Minamata Convention on Mercury commissioned by the Department of the Environment and Energy.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) since 1989, the New South Wales Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has investigated New South Wales (NSW) politicians and public officials and exposed a range of corrupt activities,
(ii) the NSW Liberal-National Government, with the support of Christian Democrats and the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party, have voted to replace the ICAC Commissioner with a three-commissioner model,

(iii) this change will mean that the power to conduct public inquiries initiated by the ICAC Commissioner will be severely weakened,

(iv) former Assistant ICAC Commissioner, Mr Anthony Whealy, stated the changes have a perception of payback, and former ICAC Commissioner Mr David Ipp has described the changes as scandalous, and

(v) all Australian states and territories have some form of an anti-corruption commission; and

(b) calls on the federal government to support current and sound future research into potential anti-corruption systems appropriate for Australia, including the research led by Griffith University, in partnership with Transparency International Australia.

*140 Senator Bilyk: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee into Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates, be established to inquire into and report on, by 28 November 2017, the impact of health research funding models on the availability of funding for research into cancers with low survival rates, with particular reference to:

(a) the current National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) funding model, which favours funding for types of cancer that attract more non-government funding, and the need to ensure the funding model enables the provision of funding research into brain cancers and other low survival rate cancers;

(b) the obstacles to running clinical trials for brain cancers and other cancers with relatively lower rates of incidence, with regard to:

(i) funding models that could better support much-needed clinical trials, and

(ii) funding support for campaigns designed to raise awareness of the need for further research, including clinical trials;

(c) the low survival rate for brain cancers, lack of significant improvement in survival rates, and strategies that could be implemented to improve survival rates and;

(d) other relevant matters.

(2) That the committee consist of 8 senators, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 nominated by minority groups and independent senators.

(3) That:

(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator; and
(b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee.

(4) That the provisions of standing order 29 apply with respect to quorum.

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

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

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

(8) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

(9) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament 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 have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

(11) 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.

(12) 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.

Notice of motion altered on 28 November 2016 pursuant to standing order 77.

Committee Reports—Orders of the Day

*Environment and Communications References Committee—Closures of electricity generators—Interim report

Consideration (28 November 2016).
ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

*126 Government response to committee report—Income inequality in Australia—Order for production of documents

By the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 29 November 2016, the government’s response to the report of the Community Affairs References Committee entitled, *Extent of income inequality in Australia - Bridging our growing divided: inequality in Australia*. (Motion of Senator Brown agreed to 28 November 2016.)

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (30 November 2016)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

2 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Lyme-like illness in Australia.

3 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the medical complaints process.

4 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Government’s Workplace Bargaining Policy.

5 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2016. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On 1 December 2016

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 22 November 2016

1 Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle) and Senators O’Sullivan and Back: To move—that the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 19 May 2017:
   (a) the impact of granting of patents in Australia over the use of genetic sequences that are naturally occurring, including genetic markers, in animal genetics and breeding;
   (b) the impact of patent rights in the Australian animal and agricultural sector, relating to:
      (i) the conduct of research and its subsequent application and commercialisation, and
(ii) the investment and economic importance of national genetic improvement programs for livestock, and any risks posed by the granting of patents;

c) the rapid advances in genome research and related technologies and its impact in assisting to understand and improve the quality of Australian livestock, which contributes to Australia’s economic development and its food security;

d) the economic, legal, technological and ethical access and equity issues relating to the intellectual property protection of genes and related livestock technologies;

e) existing laws and practices relating to patent rights over genetic resources and related technologies in livestock, and their ability to serve in the national interest through encouraging research and investment in the Australian livestock industry;

f) any mechanisms to ensure the granting of patents related to livestock genetics are carried out in Australia’s national interest, especially where the patent is for a genetic sequence that is naturally occurring;

g) the trade and investment issues relating to the intellectual property protection of genetic resources and related technologies;

h) international practices and developments, including any existing or proposed international obligations; and

(i) any other related matters.

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee

Report to be presented on recent fires in remote Tasmanian wilderness.

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.

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

*37 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Transparency) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Senator Farrell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (28 November 2016).

Order for Production of Documents


By the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by no later than 1 December 2016, the modelling referred to by New Zealand in the United Nations Framework on the Convention of Climate Change session that details the Government’s emission and removals projections for 2030. (Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 7 November 2016.)
On 1 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 7 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.

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

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Seafarers and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016, the Seafarers Safety and Compensation Levies Bill 2016 and the Seafarers Safety and Compensation Levies Collection Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Commonwealth Entities) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

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

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

*3 Civil Nuclear Transfers to India Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fieravanti-Wells)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (28 November 2016).

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 November 2016

On 8 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 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.)

Five sitting days after today (9 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 October 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/010, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00377].
Six 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 Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/007, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00455].
Six sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/008, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00456].
Six sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 10 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

On 14 February 2017

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 15 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Eight sitting days after today (15 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 November 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) By-Laws 2016, made under the Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986, be disallowed [F2016L00619].

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

On the second last sitting day in February 2017 (15 February 2017)

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 24 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the penalties for white collar crime or misconduct.

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.)
Ten sitting days after today (20 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 November 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/049, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00679].

Eleven 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 Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Industry, Innovation and Science Measures No. 2) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L00672].

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

On 20 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the ADF’s resistance to interrogation training.

On the tenth sitting day of 2017 (22 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2016.

On 28 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

On the second last sitting day in March 2017 (29 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight.
On 30 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on gender segregation in the workplace.

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

On the last sitting day in March 2017 (30 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 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.)

On 31 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on carbon risk disclosure.

On 27 April 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 28 April 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 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.
On 11 May 2017
Business of the Senate—Order 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.

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 20 June 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

On 22 June 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on home, strata and car insurance industries.

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 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and
   biodiversity.
3 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the implications of financial advice reforms.
4 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on foreign bribery.

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—Order of the Day

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

On the 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.

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.

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.
OTHER INFORMATION
BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

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): 8 February 2017)

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Commonwealth Entities) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 24 November 2016; reporting date: 7 February 2017)

Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 15 February 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 30 November 2016)

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 Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 30 November 2016)

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
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Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 7 February 2017)

Seafarers and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Seafarers Safety and Compensation Levies Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Seafarers Safety and Compensation Levies Collection Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 7 February 2017)

Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 14 February 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.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered


Question nos, as shown above, from 24 to 176 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Administration—Former ministers—Order for production of documents

That—

(1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each Commonwealth Department or Agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings, a statement in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this order:

A statement, covering the period since the previous statement was tabled, in respect of each former minister, listing:

(a) all meetings, including teleconferences, at which lobbying, advocacy or the consideration of business took place, including date, location and duration, between current ministers, secretaries or deputy secretaries (or equivalent), of any Commonwealth Department or Agency and former ministers;

(b) how many people attended or participated and the capacities in which people attended or participated; and

(c) what topics were considered at each of the meetings.
(2) This order has immediate effect with the first statement for 2016-17 additional estimates covering all meetings from the date of commencement of this order to 7 days prior to additional estimates.

(3) In this order:
   (a) “Commonwealth Department or Agency” means a Commonwealth entity, other than the Parliamentary Departments and the Office of the Official Secretary of the Governor-General, within the meaning of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013;
   (b) “former minister” means a person who is no longer a member of the Australian Parliament and who has been a minister in the 18 months prior to the estimates hearing at which the statement is due.

(4) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.

(5) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 23 November 2016)

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
Chamber photographs
That the order of the Senate of 21 March 2002 restricting photography in the Senate chamber ceases to have effect on and from 7 November 2016.
(Agreed to 13 October 2016; varied 7 November 2016)

Committees—Determination of chair—Standing order 25(9)
That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:
   (a) that the chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and
   (b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).
(Agreed to 2 November 2011; varied 13 September 2016)

Estimates hearings
(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 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, 30 October and Tuesday, 31 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 1 November and Thursday, 2 November (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, 20 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)
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)

Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation

That:

(1) On, Monday, 28 November 2016—

(a) the hours of meeting shall be 10 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment;

(b) government business order of the day no. 1 (Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and a related bill) be called on immediately and have precedence over all other business; and

(c) the Senate shall adjourn after the question on the motion that the bills be now read a second time is put, or a motion for the adjournment is moved by a minister, whichever is the earlier.

(2) On, Tuesday, 29 November 2016—

(a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to midnight;

(b) the routine of business from not later than 7.20 pm to midnight shall be government business only;

(c) the government business order of the day relating to the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and a related bill shall be considered; and

(d) the Senate shall adjourn without debate at midnight.

(Agreed to 28 November 2016)
Legislation—Exemption of bills from the cut-off order

That the provisions of paragraph (6) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016
- Corporations Amendment (Auditor Registration) Bill 2016
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
- Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Bill 2016
- Statute Update Bill 2016

(Agreed to 13 September 2016)

Meeting of Senate—2016

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)

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
  - 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—Senator Culleton
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(ii) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Rodney Norman Culleton was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 7 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)

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)

Standing orders—Amendments to standing order 169 and standing order 175

Standing order 169—Motions after tabling
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 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016)

Standing order 175—Conduct of visitors
Paragraph (3) be amended in the following terms with immediate effect:
(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply in respect of a senator breastfeeding an infant or, at the discretion of the President, a senator caring for an infant briefly, provided the business of the Senate is not disrupted.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 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

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.

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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