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Senators Bernardi, Fawcett, Gallacher, Ketter, Kitching, Leyonhjelm, Marshall, McCarthy, O'Sullivan, Reynolds, Sterle, Whish-Wilson and Williams

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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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- Matters of privilege
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Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered at a specific time in the future. For example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date. Dates on which ministers have been ordered to produce documents are included here.

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BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 November 2017

1 Senator Bernardi: To move—that section 8 of the Direction — operation of certain unmanned aircraft, made under the Civil Aviation Act 1988, be disallowed [F2017L01370].

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

Orders of the Day

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

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

BUSINESS GIVEN PRECEDENCE

General business—Order of the Day

71 Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Smith)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson, in continuation, 27 November 2017).

(Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 15 November 2017, as amended on 27 November 2017, the bill shall be given precedence over all government and general business, until the bill has been finalised.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
   Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Paterson, in continuation, 16 November 2017).
2 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 2) Bill 2017

3 Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
   First Home Super Saver Tax Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

4 Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Consumers First—Establishment of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

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

6 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKim, in continuation, 16 October 2017).

7 National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

8 Statute Update (Smaller Government) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

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

10 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017—
    (Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs, Senator Seselja)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Cameron, in continuation, 19 October 2017).

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

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

13 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).
14 Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Nation-building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

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

16 Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017),

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

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

19 Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2016
   Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 149 from the House of Representatives (30 March 2017).
20 Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2017
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 268 from the House of Representatives (13 November 2017).

Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

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

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

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

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

26 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).

27 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).

28 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

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

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

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

32 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).
33 **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).

34 **Budget statement and documents 2017-18**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (11 May 2017).

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**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 27 November 2017*

*593 Senator Polley: To move—That the Senate—*

(a) notes that:

(i) White Ribbon Day, also known as the International Day of Violence Against Women was held on 25 November 2017,

(ii) White Ribbon Day is a campaign which seeks to encourage men to take a leadership role in eliminating violence against women, and

(iii) the campaign for 2017 surrounds a STOP kit which is designed to help people spot the signs, offer support and create change to prevent violence;

(b) acknowledges:

(i) that every year in Australia, approximately one woman is killed each week by a partner or former partner, and

(ii) the courage of those who stand up, speak out and shine a light on domestic violence;

(c) remembers the women and children whose lives have been scarred, and taken, by family violence; and

(d) urges Federal, state, territory and local Governments to take action to address family violence.

*594 Senators Bilyk and Urquhart: To move—That the Senate—*

(a) notes that:
No. 72—28 November 2017

(i) 19 November 2017 was DonateLife Thank You Day, a national day dedicated to honouring all organ and tissue donors and their families,

(ii) the circumstances in which a person’s organs can be donated after they die in hospital are rare – only 1 per cent of hospital deaths allow for organ donation,

(iii) up to 1,400 Australians are on organ transplant waiting lists at any time, and

(iv) of the 36 per cent of Australians who feel confident they know the donation decisions of their loved ones, 93 per cent would uphold these decisions;

(b) thanks all organ and tissue donors and their families for helping to transform the lives of thousands of Australians through their donations; and

(c) encourages all Australians to register as organ and tissue donors on the Australian Organ Donor Register, and to discuss their donation decisions with their families.

*596 Senators Fierravanti-Wells and Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 25 November 2017, the world observed International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women,

(ii) this day starts the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign which ends on 10 December, Human Rights Day – this is an important time to shine a light on serious problems which affects every country and every community in the world, but which is too often hidden,

(iii) the theme of ‘Leave no one behind: End violence against women and girls’ reminds us that we must work to protect and provide services for the most vulnerable populations, including women with disabilities, women from migrant and minority groups, Indigenous women, and women living in remote and rural areas,

(iv) women in the Pacific face among the highest levels of violence in the world: 60 per cent of women and girls have experienced violence by an intimate partner or family member, and

(v) violence against women, and the threat of violence, is an abuse of women’s human rights – it limits women’s participation in social, political and economic life, and this significantly impacts on social and economic development, affecting families, communities and nations;

(b) further notes that respective governments have:

(i) funded services for women and children who have experienced violence – in the last five years, 56 076 women and children across the Pacific have accessed a variety of crisis support, including counselling, health and legal services,

(ii) worked closely with the law and justice systems and has supported a number of Pacific countries to enact legislation to criminalise domestic violence and provide greater protection for women and children,
(iii) worked with Pacific organisations which work with men as influencers and role models to reduce acceptance of violence – in the last five years over 3,000 Pacific men have been supported to undertake male advocacy training to support gender equality and women’s rights, and

(iv) worked with churches, governments, community organisations, United Nations agencies and the private sector to expand Pacific-owned violence prevention programs to new communities, as well as to introduce initiatives which have demonstrated results in other parts of the world; and

(c) recognises that:
   (i) violence against women is unacceptable anywhere, anytime,
   (ii) ending violence against women is critical to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5 (achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls) and many of the other goals by 2030,
   (iii) respective Australian Governments have a long and proud tradition of working with Pacific organisations to support survivors of violence and that we have a lot to learn from each other, and
   (iv) Australia needs to partner with Pacific organisations over the long term, as this is the only way to support transformational and sustainable change.

*597 Chair of the Red Tape Committee (Senator Leyonhjelm): To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Red Tape Committee be extended to 3 December 2018.

*598 Senator McKim: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) on 23 and 24 November 2017, Papua New Guinea police and immigration officials entered the Regional Processing Centre on Manus Island, with the Australian Federal Police playing an advisory role,
      (ii) after three weeks of the refugees and people seeking asylum being starved and dehydrated, the Papua New Guinea police began the forcible removal of the men from the Regional Processing Centre,
      (iii) this forcible removal included people being assaulted and beaten with metal rods,
      (iv) the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) stated it had received reports that several men had been severely injured and medical treatment was paramount, and Mr Thomas Albrecht the UNHCR regional representative stated that “the situation still unfolding on Manus Island presents a grave risk of further deterioration, and of further damage to extremely vulnerable human beings”,
      (v) Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) have taken ten people to hospital in the last 24 hours, and
      (vi) the men on Manus Island, and the men, women and children on Nauru are Australia’s responsibility and remain so; and
(b) calls on the Government to end offshore processing and detention, and bring to Australia every person who sought asylum in Australia and who is currently in Papua New Guinea and Nauru.
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) the results of the Queensland state election, held on 25 November 2017, during which there was at least a seven per cent swing against the Liberal National Party (LNP),
   (ii) that the LNP was the only political party in the Queensland state election to support the Adani Group’s bid for a $1 billion taxpayer-funded federal loan through the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) for its Carmichael coal mine rail line;
(b) confirms that a Labor State Government in Queensland committed during the election to veto any NAIF loan to the Adani Group for its Carmichael coal mine or associated infrastructure;
(c) acknowledges widespread community concern expressed by Queenslanders during the election campaign regarding the environmental, agricultural and climate impacts of the Carmichael mine; and
(d) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, by no later than 12.45 pm on 7 December 2017, a copy of the letter, should one be received from the incoming Queensland Government, confirming its stated intention to veto any potential NAIF loan to the Adani Group’s coal rail line project.

Senators Singh and Watt: To move—That the Senate—

(a) remains extremely troubled by the continuing conflict between minorities, including Rohingya Muslims, and armed forces in Myanmar’s Rakhine State since 25 August 2017, that has:
   (i) caused the death and suffering of many people, almost all of them minorities in Rakhine State,
   (ii) forced more than 600,000 members of minorities in Rakhine State to flee to Bangladesh since 25 August 2017, and displaced large numbers of people within Rakhine State, the majority of whom are Rohingya Muslims, and
   (iii) prevented access of United Nations (UN) and non-government organisation (NGO) aid agencies to deliver crucial supplies of food, water and medicine in northern Rakhine State;
(b) notes that:
   (i) most of those fleeing have few possessions and are reliant on humanitarian aid for their survival, and almost 70 per cent are children and women,
   (ii) since 25 August 2017, the Australian Government has committed $30 million to assist those fleeing their homes, and
   (iii) Australia is currently the third largest bilateral donor to the UN ‘Bangladesh: Rohingya Refugee Crisis 2017’ appeal;
(c) further notes that:
   (i) the UN has stated that this crisis “is causing suffering on a catastrophic scale” and more aid assistance is needed,
   (ii) the Australian Red Cross and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) are urgently seeking donations from the Australian public to help provide these desperate
people with medical assistance, shelter, food and clean drinking water,

(iii) each dollar donated in Australia for UNHCR and Australian Red Cross during the appeal will be matched by the Australian Government (up to $5 million),

(iv) Oxfam, CARE, Caritas, Plan International Australia, Save the Children and World Vision are also playing a vital role in response to the crisis, including delivering programs on behalf of the Australian Government through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership, and have joined the Australian Government’s appeal for funding, and

(v) other Australian humanitarian agencies are also running appeals in response to the crisis in Myanmar and Bangladesh, including Act for Peace, ActionAid, Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Anglican Overseas Aid, Child Fund, Muslim Aid Australia, Partners Relief and Development, RedR Australia, TEAR Australia, UNICEF Australia, UnitingWorld and the Anglican Board of Mission; and

(d) urges:

(i) Australians who wish to donate to Australian NGOs and humanitarian agencies to visit the appeal websites, which can be accessed via http://www.abc.net.au/appeals/,

(ii) the Turnbull Government to continue to monitor the situation, in close consultation with partners, and consider providing further assistance to those displaced by the violence in Rakhine State, and

(iii) the Government of Myanmar to:

(A) recommit to the pursuit of peace and national reconciliation,

(B) allow access to all parts of Rakhine State to allow for the provision of humanitarian aid, and

(C) allow all those who have fled to Bangladesh be able to exercise their right to a safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable return to their homes.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) 25 November 2017 marked International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women,

(ii) the United Nations (UN) states that violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today, and

(iii) the UN 2017 theme for this International Day is ‘Leave no one behind: End violence against women and girls’, and that any effort to reduce violence against women should pay particular attention to, and be inclusive of, transgender and queer women, Indigenous women, women with disabilities, and women with migrant and refugee experiences; and

(b) calls on all parliamentarians to:

(i) affirm that violence against women and girls is not inevitable, and that prevention is possible and essential, and

(ii) commit to supporting efforts to eliminate violence against women in Australia and around the world.
*602 Senator Siewert: To move—that the Senate—
   (a) acknowledges the historic occasion of the returning of the remains of Mungo Man to country on 17 November 2017;
   (b) pays its respects to the Aboriginal communities and peoples involved in making the return of Mungo Man to country possible, and those involved in the events and celebrations that took place on 17 and 18 November at Lake Mungo, New South Wales and Mildura, Victoria;
   (c) acknowledges the significance to Australia and the international community of the returning of Mungo Man to country;
   (d) recognises that his returning is a step toward reconciliation; and
   (e) urges the Federal Government to fund a permanent resting or keeping place to safely accommodate the remains of Mungo Man and other Aboriginal remains returned to country at a location agreed with Aboriginal people.

*603 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—that the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) reviews conducted by the Regional Telecommunications Review Committee, the Productivity Commission and the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) have issued critical reports on the Universal Service Obligation (USO) – a 20-year contract under which almost $300 million in taxpayer and industry funding goes to Telstra each year with negligible transparency, accountability or controls,
      (ii) Telstra appears to have shut down much of its regional copper wire and payphone infrastructure yet is still being paid almost $300 million a year to maintain these services under the USO,
      (iii) the ANAO found that the Department of Communications (the Department) has been a relatively passive contract manager and has not used the flexibility mechanisms within the USO contract that have the potential to reduce the annual payment amounts to Telstra,
      (iv) the ANAO found that neither the Australian Communications and Media Authority nor the Department undertakes assurance processes to verify the accuracy of the underlying performance data provided by Telstra,
      (v) the Department has acknowledged that it does not know how much it costs annually for Telstra to provide these services, and
      (vi) reduced expenditure on the USO could deliver vastly improved mobile services for farmers, businesses and communities in regional and rural Australia; and
   (b) calls on the Minister for Communications to:
      (i) instruct the Department to adopt the ANAO’s recommendation to determine if any of the existing flexibility mechanisms within the USO contract can be utilised to improve value for money outcomes, and
      (ii) redirect any USO savings identified by the Department to fund further rounds of the Mobile Black Spot Program.
ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

579 Murray-Darling Basin Plan—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by the start of business on 28 November 2017, documents relating to the money being spent on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. (Motion of Senator Patrick agreed to 16 November 2017.)

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (29 November 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 16 November 2017

587 Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Polley): To move—That—
(a) the Senate adopt the recommendation at paragraph 4.10 of Scrutiny Digest 13 of 2017 of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills, proposing an amendment to standing order 24; and
(b) the temporary order of the Senate of 29 November 2016, concerning an amendment to standing order 24, cease to have effect.

590 Senator Patrick: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) the Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010 (AIC Act) establishes three independent statutory office holders:
(A) the Information Commissioner,
(B) the Freedom of Information (FOI) Commissioner, and
(C) the Privacy Commissioner,
(ii) paragraphs 11(5)(a) and (b) and paragraphs 12(5)(a) and (b) of the AIC Act describe the independence of each Commissioner,
(iii) in the six months following the Royal Assent to the AIC Act, three commissioners were appointed to the three office holder’s positions,
since the unsuccessful attempt by the Abbott Government to abolish the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, two commissioners have left office and have not been replaced,

 currently Mr Timothy Pilgrim fills the statutory position of the Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner, and the position of FOI Commissioner is vacant on account of Mr Pilgrim not holding the legal qualifications required in section 14 of the AIC Act, and

 the AIC Act requires the appointment of three independent statutory office holders and the Government is constitutionally bound to maintain and execute the laws of the land and uphold the will of the Parliament; and

(b) calls on the Government to immediately commence the process of appointing an independent Privacy Commissioner and an independent FOI Commissioner, in accordance with the AIC Act.

Order for Production of Documents

*585 Joint training exercise between the Royal Australian Navy and its Saudi Arabian counterparts—Order for production of documents

By the Minister for Defence, by later than 12.45 pm on 29 November 2017, any documents relating to the joint training exercise between the Royal Australian Navy and its Saudi Arabian counterpart on 14 August 2017. (Motion of Senator Whish-Wilson agreed to 27 November 2017.)

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 **Red Tape—Select Committee**

   Report to be presented.

On 4 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

**Notice given 13 November 2017**

1 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Social Security (Administration) (Trial Area) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 2017, made under the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999, be disallowed [F2017L01170].

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

   **Notice given 14 November 2017**

2 **Senator McKim:** To move—That the Migration Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 4) Regulations 2017, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2017L01425].
Twelve 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 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Amendment Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the conduct of a minister.

3 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the 1800RESPECT Domestic and Sexual Violence National Counselling Service.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 October 2017

545 Senator Dodson: To move—

(1) That a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Progress Towards Indigenous Recognition, be established to inquire into and report on pathways to constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians, with particular reference to:
   (a) consulting further with Indigenous Australians, academics and the broader community on the details of any proposal to go to referendum, including any design issues that might need clarification prior to a proposal being put to the people;
   (b) working with constitutional experts to develop an appropriate question that genuinely reflects the recommendations of the Referendum Council;
   (c) advising the Parliament on the necessary steps to be taken towards a referendum, including a proposed timeline;
   (d) advising the Parliament on the appropriate steps that could be taken to ensure the referendum has the best possible chance of success, including proposals for a constitutional convention or other mechanisms for increasing the awareness of the proposal amongst the broader community; and
   (e) advising the Parliament on any other matters in relation to constitutional recognition.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the first Tuesday in June 2018, on which both the Senate and the House of Representatives are sitting.

(3) That the committee consist of 11 members, as follows:
   (a) two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
   (b) two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
   (c) two nominated by the Government Whip in the House of Representatives;
(d) two nominated by the Opposition Whip in the House of Representatives;
(e) one senator or member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens;
(f) one senator nominated by minor party and independent senators; and
(g) one member of the House of Representatives nominated by minor party and independent members.

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

(5) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(6) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint select committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.

(7) That Senate standing order 29 applies in determining a quorum in the committee and any subcommittees.

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

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

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

(11) That Senate standing order 31 applies to voting in the committee and any subcommittees.

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

(13) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.
(14) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

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

On 5 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 integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin.

On 6 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 October 2017

1 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of May 2018:

Fraudulent, misleading and exploitative practices within the Australian casino industry, and reforms to regulatory frameworks for casinos to ensure:

(a) that suitable and fit and proper persons are operating or providing services to a casino;
(b) that consumer harm is minimised and responsible gambling is promoted;
(c) the integrity of the gambling systems operated;
(d) public confidence and trust in the casino industry;
(e) best practice standards of transparency, probity, whistleblowing protections and anti-corruption practices are met;
(f) that casinos are contributing a net economic benefit to regional and national economies;
(g) that Australia’s national security interests are protected and not compromised by the commercial objectives of casino operators;
(h) that casinos are meeting international best practice regulatory benchmarks; and
(i) any other related matters.
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Housing Affordability) Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

3 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

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

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

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

**Six sitting days after today (7 December 2017)**

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 16 October 2017*

1 **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):** To move—That the Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2017 (No. 6), made under the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*, be disallowed [F2017L00894].

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

   **On 7 December 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 **Procedure—Standing Committee**
   Report to be presented on a proposal to amend standing order 193.
On 15 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs.

On the first day of sitting in 2018 (5 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

On 5 February 2018

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 27 November 2017

*595 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for and regulate access to voluntary assisted dying; to establish the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board, and for related purposes. Voluntary Assisted Dying Framework Bill 2018.

On 6 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 7 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 9 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
2 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) 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 Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017 and the Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

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

On the second sitting Tuesday in 2018 (13 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the second sitting Tuesday in February 2018 (13 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
  Report to be presented on the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage.

Thirteen sitting days after today (14 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 November 2017

1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Basin Plan Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 1), made under the Water Act 2007, be disallowed [F2017L01462].
  Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 14 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
  Report to be presented on transvaginal mesh implants.
On 16 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

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

On 18 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 7 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia.

On the first sitting day in March 2018 (19 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Tuesday of the first sitting week in March 2018 (20 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.

On 22 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on implications of climate change for Australia's national security.
On 26 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the second last sitting day in March 2018 (27 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulatory framework governing water use.

On the second last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018 (27 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on cyberbullying.

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

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018 (28 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.
On 29 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities.

By 31 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 24 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 27 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 9 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services.
On 13 June 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the waste and recycling industry in Australia.

On the first sitting Thursday in June 2018 (21 June 2018)
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Future of Work and Workers—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

On 27 June 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

On the final sitting day of November 2018 (29 November 2018)
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee
Report to be presented.

OTHER INFORMATION
BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

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

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 16 February 2018)

Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Amendment Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 19 October 2017; reporting date: 4 December 2017)
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017 [provisions] and the Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Proceeds of Crime Amendment (Proceeds and Other Matters) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 26 March 2018)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 6 December 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Housing Affordability) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 19 October 2017; reporting date: 6 December 2017)

Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 6 February 2018)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016
Second reading negatived, 7 November 2016.
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017
Discharged, 23 March 2017.

Private senators’ bills

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

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

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 446, 473, 493, 494, 498, 502, 503, 506, 514, 524, 525, 533 to 537, 555, 557, 571, 575, 577 to 649.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 575 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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

Community Affairs
  Health
  Social Services, including Human Services

Economics
  Industry, Innovation and Science
  Treasury

Education and Employment
  Education and Training
  Employment
Citizenship register—Establishment of

(1) That not later than 5 pm Friday, 1 December 2017 (and within 21 days of making and subscribing an oath or affirmation as a Senator) each Senator shall provide to the Registrar of Senators’ Interests a statement containing the following:

(a) a declaration by the Senator that, at the time the Senator nominated for election to the Senate in this 45th Parliament he or she was an Australian citizen;

(b) a declaration that the Senator is not a citizen of any country other than Australia;

(c) a declaration stating:
   • the place and date of the Senator’s birth;
   • the citizenship that the Senator held at the time of birth; and
   • if he or she did not obtain Australian citizenship at birth, the date he or she was naturalised as an Australian citizen;

(d) so far as the Senator is aware:
   • the place and date of birth of the Senator’s parents and grandparents;

(e) whether the Senator has ever been a citizen of another country and if so which country or countries;

(f) what steps the Senator has taken to assure him or herself that they have not inherited citizenship of another country from a parent or grandparent;

(g) if the Senator has answered the question in e) in the affirmative, then provide details and evidence of the date and manner in which the Senator’s citizenship of that other country was renounced (if it was renounced) or the date and manner in which it came to an end in accordance with the laws of that other country;
(h) if the Senator’s citizenship of that other country had not come to an end at the date of his or her nomination for the Senate, detail and provide evidence of any steps the Senator has taken to renounce the citizenship of that other country prior to the date of nomination; and

(i) if the Senator has declared that he or she was at the time of nomination or is now a citizen of a country other than Australia, on what basis the Senator contends that he or she is, nonetheless, not disqualified under section 44(i).

(2) If at any time the Senator becomes aware that information provided in their statement is no longer accurate they shall update their statement as soon as practicable but not later than 21 days of being so aware.

(3) Statements shall be made in accordance with this resolution and in a form determined by the Committee of Senators’ Interests. The Registrar shall, in accordance with procedures determined by the committee, maintain a Citizenship Register comprising statements provided under this resolution. Other than as specifically provided for in this resolution, the committee has the same powers and functions in relation to the citizenship register as it does in relation to the Register of Senator’s Interests.

(4) The Registrar shall, upon the expiry of the time for providing statements under this resolution, and at other times determined by the committee, publish the register and any alterations or additions to the register on the Parliament’s website.

(5) Any Senator who:

(a) knowingly fails to provide the statement required by this resolution to the Registrar of Senators’ Interests by the due date; or

(b) knowingly fails to correct an inaccuracy in his or her statement within the required timeframe; or

(c) knowingly provides false or misleading information to the Registrar of Senators’ Interests;

shall be guilty of a serious contempt of the Senate and shall be dealt with by the Senate accordingly, but the question whether any senator has committed such a serious contempt shall first be referred to the Privileges Committee for inquiry and report.

(Agreed to 13 November 2017)

Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2017 be scheduled as follows:

2016-17 additional estimates:

Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)

Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B).

2017-18 Budget estimates:

Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)
Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June
(Group B)

Monday, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—
Group A)

Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—
Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the orders of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio
estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 3 March,
Friday, 26 May and Friday, 27 October 2017, but not restricted to these days.

(2A) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters
be scheduled for Friday, 26 May 2017 and Friday, 27 October 2017.

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**

- Environment and Communications
- Finance and Public Administration
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**

- Community Affairs
- Economics
- Education and Employment
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(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; varied 29 March 2017 in
respect of paragraph (2A))

**Estimates hearings—2017-18 additional estimates; 2018-19 Budget estimates**

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2018 be scheduled as
follows:

**2017-18 additional estimates:**
Monday, 26 February and Tuesday, 27 February (Group A)

Wednesday, 28 February and Thursday, 1 March (Group B).

**2018-19 Budget estimates:**

Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May, and, if required, Friday, 25 May (Group A)

Tuesday, 29 May to Friday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 22 June (Group B)

Monday, 22 October and Tuesday, 23 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)

Wednesday, 24 October and Thursday, 25 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

1. That pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October, but not restricted to these days.

2. That pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October 2018, but not restricted to these days.

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, 27 March 2018 in respect of the 2017-18 additional estimates; and
   
   (b) Tuesday, 26 June 2018 in respect of the 2018-19 Budget estimates.
Estimates—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Further hearing
To move—That the Education and Employment Legislation Committee meet on 1 December 2017 to consider the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates, in Canberra, from 9 am to 3 pm, to further examine the Employment portfolio, in respect of the Registered Organisations Commission, the Australian Building and Construction Commission and the Fair Work Ombudsman (Ms Natalie James), and that the Minister for Employment (Senator Cash) appear before the committee at that time to answer questions.

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.

First speeches—Senators Bartlett, Patrick and Steele-John
That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:
(a) Tuesday, 5 December 2017—Senator Bartlett; and
(b) Wednesday, 29 November 2017—Senator Steele-John.

Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Bill 2017—Consideration—Hours of meeting and routine of business
(1) The following bill be introduced immediately: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the definition of marriage and protect religious freedoms, and for related purposes. [Short title: Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Bill 2017].
(2) On Thursday, 16 November 2017, the second reading debate on the bill shall have precedence over all general business until not later than 6 pm.

(3) In the week commencing 27 November 2017, the bill shall have precedence over all government and general business and, until proceedings on the bill are concluded, the hours of meeting and routine of business shall be varied as follows:

(a) proposals under standing order 75 not be proceeded with;

(b) on Tuesday, 28 November 2017:
   (i) the hours of meeting shall be 10.30 am to 11 pm,
   (ii) the routine of business from 10.35 am to 2 pm and from not later than 7.20 pm, shall be consideration of the bill only, and
   (iii) the Senate shall adjourn without debate at 11 pm; and

(c) on Thursday, 30 November 2017:
   (i) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment,
   (ii) the routine of business from not later than 4.30 pm shall be consideration of the bill only,
   (iii) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm, and
   (iv) the Senate shall adjourn without debate after proceedings on the bill are concluded.

(Agreed to 15 November 2017; amended 27 November 2017 in respect of paragraph (3)(b))
Meeting of Senate—2017
That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2017 be as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Spring sittings (3):**
- Monday, 13 November to Thursday, 16 November
- Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
- Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.

*(Agreed to 8 November 2016)*

Meeting of Senate—2018
That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2018 be as follows:

**Autumn sittings:**
- Monday, 5 February to Thursday, 8 February
- Monday, 12 February to Thursday, 15 February

**Autumn sittings (2):**
- Monday, 19 March to Thursday, 22 March
- Monday, 26 March to Wednesday, 28 March

**Budget sittings:**
- Tuesday, 8 May to Thursday, 10 May

**Winter sittings:**
- Monday, 18 June to Thursday, 21 June
- Monday, 25 June to Thursday, 28 June

**Spring sittings:**
Monday, 13 August to Thursday, 16 August  
Monday, 20 August to Thursday, 23 August  
Monday, 10 September to Thursday, 13 September  
Monday, 17 September to Thursday, 20 September  

**Spring sittings (2):**  
Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 18 October  

**Spring sittings (3):**  
Monday, 12 November to Thursday, 15 November  
Monday, 26 November to Thursday, 29 November  
Monday, 3 December to Thursday, 6 December.  
*(Agreed to 15 November 2017)*

**Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Ms Kakoschke-Moore**  
That pursuant to section 376 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Skye Kakoschke-Moore 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 27 November 2017)*

**Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Ms Lambie**  
That pursuant to section 376 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Tasmania in the Senate for the place for which Jacqui Lambie was returned;  

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

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

(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Parry
That pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Tasmania in the Senate for the place for which Stephen Parry was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is "yes", by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.
(Agreed to 13 November 2017)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

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

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

Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)

Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)

Senator Bernardi

Senator Leyonhjelm

Senator O’Sullivan

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)
   Senator O’Sullivan
   To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—
   That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion
   being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

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

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)

Senator Bernardi
Senator Leyonhjelm

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

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

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

Matters of urgency

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

9 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017
Senator Siewert: To move (contingent on the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 being read a second time)—That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole to divide the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 to:

(a) incorporate Schedule 2 in a separate bill; and

(b) add to that bill enacting words, provisions for titles and commencement, and a provision giving effect to amending schedules.

Order of business

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

Questions without notice

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson)

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

Statements

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

**Tabling of documents**

14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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