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Business for today

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 13 November 2019

1 Senator Patrick: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that, in respect to the development of Greater Sunrise oil and gas fields:

(a) on 6 March 2018, Australia and Timor-Leste signed a maritime boundaries treaty establishing permanent maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea, and a legal framework for developing the Greater Sunrise gas fields, together and sharing in the benefits – the treaty has now been ratified by both countries and entered into force on 30 August 2019;

(b) there are two options for processing the Greater Sunrise gas fields:

(i) onshore in Australia, or

(ii) onshore in Timor Leste, as part of the Timor-Leste Government’s Tasi Mane development strategy for a corridor of petroleum infrastructure along the southwest coast of the country;

(c) the Australian Government stated, in response to a question asked during the estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 4 September 2019, that 'Australia wants Greater Sunrise to be developed in a commercially sound way that maximises the return for the parties, and therefore contributes to Timor Leste’s economic development priorities. Provided these conditions are met, Australia is neutral as to whether Greater Sunrise gas is processed in Timor-Leste or Australia’; and

(d) the establishment of a corridor of petroleum infrastructure along the southwest coast of Timor-Leste would be a more complex and challenging endeavour than processing in existing facilities in Australia.

(2) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and to report by the final sitting day of June 2020, relating the Tasi Mane project:

(a) assistance and co-operation offered, to date, by the Australian Government to the Tasi Mane project;

(b) possible future assistance and co-operation by the Australian Government in relation to the Tasi Mane project;

(c) opportunities for Australian industry to assist with the design, development and execution of the Tasi Mane project;
(d) opportunities for the Australian Government to assist Timor-Leste, in respect of activities and projects incidental to the Tasi Mane project;
(e) opportunities for Australian industry, in respect of activities and projects incidental to the Tasi Mane project; and
(f) any related matters.

Government business—Orders of the day

1 Aged Care Legislation Amendment (New Commissioner Functions) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 4 December 2019).

2 Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Air Pollution) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 14 November 2019).

3 Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019
   VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019
   Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

4 Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Building on the Child Care Package) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

5 Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures) Bill 2019
   Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

6 Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

7 Health Legislation Amendment (Data-matching and Other Matters) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).
8 Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 September 2019).

Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

10 Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

11 Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

12 Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management to Cashless Debit Card Transition) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

13 Treasury Laws Amendment (Recovering Unpaid Superannuation) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

14 Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 2) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

15 Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Illegal Phoenixing) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

16 New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

17 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

18 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

19 Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).
20 **Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019**—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

21 **Migration Amendment (Streamlining Visa Processing) Bill 2019**—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).

Government business—Notice of motion

*Notice given 4 December 2019*

*1 Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston): To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

1. Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Special Operations and Special Investigations) Bill 2019
2. Farm Household Support Amendment (Relief Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2019
3. Interactive Gambling Amendment (National Self-exclusion Register) Bill 2019

General business—Notices of motion

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](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business)

*Notice given 4 December 2019*

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

(a) notes the importance of ensuring that Australian Parliament House is a safe place to visit and work;

(b) notes longstanding security arrangements in Parliament House have evolved in recent years and that further changes are proposed, in particular, the operation of closed circuit television systems (CCTV) and the new Electronic Access Pass System;

(c) notes that these systems, like other security and information systems, are managed by the Department of Parliamentary Services, under the authority of the Presiding Officers, on behalf of the Parliament;

(d) notes that, under the *Parliamentary Precincts Act 1988*, the powers of the Presiding Officers to manage and control the precincts apply subject to relevant orders of the Houses, which means that the administration of these security and information systems is constrained by the powers, privileges and immunities of the Houses and their members;*
(e) affirms that the collection, management and dissemination of information through the CCTV and Electronic Access Control System (EACS) is to be managed such that parliamentary privilege is protected;

(f) pursuant to paragraph (e), requests the Presiding Officers expedite protocols for the collection, management and dissemination of information through the EACS for adoption by the commencement of Parliament in 2020;

(g) notes the President’s advice, that as an interim arrangement, pending finalisation of the protocols referred to in paragraph (f), when the President is required to make a determination in relation to the release of CCTV footage or EACS data to an external agency, and in consultation with the Clerk considers that the release of such data may involve matters of privilege in relation to the functions or authority of the Senate or its committees or in relation to the free performance of a senators’ duties, the President will consult the Deputy President prior to agreeing to the release of any CCTV footage or EACS data; and

(h) further notes the Senate’s previous resolution in December 2018, calling for an update on the MOU between the Attorney-General and the Presiding Officers, requests that this be expedited, and affirms this as a priority for 2020.

Notice of motion altered on 4 December 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.


*349 Senator Waters: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, by no later than 3 pm on 5 December 2019, the following documents:

(a) written justification for why the Department of the Environment and Energy (the Department) is using the 5% target instead of the up to 15% 2020 target for the second Kyoto Protocol period to calculate the size of their 2030 Paris Nationally Determined Contributions abatement task, as reflected on page 2 of the Climate Solutions Package brochure, and on page 10 of Australia’s emissions projections 2018;

(b) written justification for why the Department is using the 5% target instead of the up to 15% 2020 target for the second Kyoto Protocol period to calculate the size of Australia’s Kyoto carryover credits, as reflected on page 2 of the Climate Solutions Package brochure, and on page 10 of Australia’s emissions projections 2018;

(c) any correspondence, emails, meeting notes, memos or any other documentation relating to whether the conditions, as outlined in the Cancun Agreement and subsequent Doha Amendment, for a target of up to a 15% emissions reduction on 2000 emissions by 2020 have or have not been met; and
(d) any correspondence, emails, meeting notes, memos or any other documentation relating to the choice of 5% over up to 15% reductions by 2020 as the baseline for either the calculation of the 2021-2030 abatement task or the size of Australia’s Kyoto Protocol period two carryover credits.

*350 Senator Faruqi: To move—that the Senate—

(a) notes with deep concern that:

(i) over a hundred fires continue to burn across New South Wales,

(ii) data from the New South Wales Department of Environment shows harmful pollutants in Sydney’s air are already over three times worse than at any moment in the past five years during bushfire season,

(iii) the toxicity of the air in some parts of Sydney is the equivalent of smoking between four and ten cigarettes a day,

(iv) particle pollution can trigger heart attacks, strokes, lung cancer and asthma attacks,

(v) New South Wales Health has stated that bushfires were to blame for an increase in people presenting to emergency departments with asthma and breathing difficulties, and

(vi) Mr Greg Mullins, the former chief of NSW Fire and Rescue, has stated that ‘climate change has supercharged the bushfire problem’ and that ‘if anyone tells you this is part of a normal cycle or we’ve had fires like this before smile politely and walk away, because they don’t know what they’re talking about’; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to protect the health of the people of New South Wales and declare a climate emergency.

*351 Senators Siewert and Di Natale: To move—that the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that:

(i) First Nations peoples are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land we call Australia,

(ii) 26 January marks over 230 years of on-going dispossession and oppression for First Nations peoples and is considered a day of mourning by many First Nations peoples,

(iii) by continuing to celebrate Australia Day on 26 January we deny the truth about our shared history, and

(iv) Australians come together and march on Invasion Day because they want to tell the truth about our shared history, and acknowledge the ongoing impacts of colonisation; and

(b) urges all Australians to:

(i) respectfully engage in conversations about what 26 January means to First Nations peoples, and

(ii) be in solidarity with First Nations people on this painful day by attending Invasion Day events in their regions.
Senator Brown: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) recognises that a Tasmanian organisation, Loaves & Fishes, provides around 70% of emergency food relief in Tasmania, servicing over 200 community food programs and 38 school breakfast clubs;
   (b) acknowledges that Loaves & Fishes applied for but were excluded from receiving emergency food relief funding from the Commonwealth Government on the basis they are a local Tasmanian organisation;
   (c) recognises that Tasmania is the only State in the Commonwealth that does not have on-the-ground operations from all three emergency food relief providers that receive funding support from the Department of Social Services;
   (d) notes that, without Commonwealth Government funding of $150,000 a year, Loaves & Fishes will have to close their Hobart operation which supports 134 community food programs in the region, and since July 2018, has distributed more than 300,000 kilograms of fresh produce and produced over 55,000 ready to eat meals;
   (e) calls on the Federal Government to ensure that vulnerable Tasmanians and Tasmanian emergency food relief providers are not overlooked for Federal Government support; and
   (f) requests that the Federal Government act swiftly to resolve this matter, and that funding to support Tasmanians in need flow immediately.

Senator Waters: To move—
(1) That the Senate notes—
   (a) the Bureau of Meteorology’s (the Bureau) 2019-20 severe weather outlook has indicated that ‘this summer there’s a higher chance of extreme heat developing across our inland with soils so dry and an outlook for clearer skies’;
   (b) the Bureau has declared that the Murray-Darling Basin is experiencing the most severe drought conditions in 120 years of records;
   (c) in New South Wales (NSW), more than 2 million hectares have been burnt by bushfires since 1 July this year, including more than 10% of the area covered by NSW’s national parks and reserves; and
   (d) in Queensland, more than 170,000 hectares have been lost since the start of the bushfire season and more than 50 bushfires continue to burn across the state.

(2) That the State of the Climate 2018 report, authored by the CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology, indicates that, as the climate crisis continues, Australia will see:
   (a) a further increase in temperatures, with more extremely hot days and fewer extremely cool days;
   (b) a decrease in cool-season rainfall across many regions of southern Australia, with more time spent in drought; and
   (c) an increase in the number of high fire weather danger days and a longer fire season for southern and eastern Australia.
(3) That—
   (a) we are in a climate emergency;
   (b) the burning of coal, oil and natural gas is the major global contributor to the climate crisis; and
   (c) this summer, more Australian lives are at risk from extreme heatwaves, bushfires and drought as a result.

*355 Senators McDonald, Canavan, McGrath, Rennick, Scarr, Stoker and Watt: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) acknowledges all recent recipients of Australian Bravery Decorations;
   (b) notes that the Bravery Medal is awarded for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances;
   (c) recognises the following Queensland recipients of the Bravery Medal: Miss Elizabeth Adams, Mr Craig Coleman, Sergeant Paul Cox, Mr Damond Gray, Mr Matthew Hassen, Mr Alan Lawry, and the late Mr Robert Pickersgill;
   (d) notes that the Commendation for Brave Conduct is awarded for other acts of bravery which are considered worthy of recognition;
   (e) recognises the following Queensland recipients of the Commendation for Brave Conduct: Mrs Vivienne Coleman, Warrant Officer Class Two James Cottle, Mr Robert Devlin, Mr Craig Hogarth, Mr Daniel McDonald, Mr Darryn Marshall, Sergeant Matthew O’Brien, Mr Roberto Serola, Mrs Kerry Seymour and Senior Constable Jay Shepherd;
   (f) notes that the Group Bravery Citation is awarded for a collective act of bravery, by a group of persons in extraordinary circumstances that is considered worthy of recognition; and
   (g) recognises the following Queensland recipients of the Group Bravery Citation: Constable Richard Adderley, Sergeant Agnelle Bagetti, Senior Constable Jason Banks, Mr Cyril Cairns, Mr John Collins, Senior Constable Dale Cook, Mr James Ferguson, Mr Samuel Fouras, Master Vishaak Gangasandra, Dr Ashok Gangasandra Basavaraj, the late Mr Geoffrey Grant, Mr Christopher Holloway, Mr David Jefferson, Mr Michael Kindness, Mr Roy Koplick, Senior Constable Brendan O’Brien, Mr Richard Staples, Senior Constable Ashley Thompson and Mr John Verbeek.

*356 Senator Keneally: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs, by no later than 12 pm on 9 December 2019, the detailed 2018-19 end of financial year reports for the migration, skilled temporary residents and visitors programs.

*357 Senators McDonald and McMahon: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) Australian farmers are highly productive, with each farmer producing enough food to feed 600 people, 150 at home and 450 overseas – feeding approximately 50 million people across the world each year,
      (ii) Australia’s Free Trade Agreements (FTA) give our primary producers and exporters preferential access into the growing markets across Asia,
(iii) the Federal Government’s work to deliver FTA means that Australian farmers are poised to take advantage of the projected growth in Asia,

(iv) there is a high demand for Australia’s safe and nutritious agricultural products across our international markets,

(v) trade has lifted the real income of Australian households by over $8400 a year, and

(vi) in 2017-18, the Australian red meat and livestock industry created employment for around 404,800 people, of these, just over 172,400 people were directly employed in the industry – the industry was also responsible for the employment of a further 232,400 people in businesses servicing the red meat and livestock industry, and as this industry exports 60 % of product, six in every ten jobs relies on our ability to trade with the world;

(b) congratulates the Federal Government on the entry into force of major FTA across north Asia, including:

(i) the China FTA which has resulted in beef exports totalling $1.75 billion in 2018-19 – a 75% increase from $1 billion in 2017-18; in November 2019 alone, Australia’s chilled and frozen beef exports to China reached a new record high of 34,264 tonnes, 134% above November last year; dairy product exports totalling $1.7 billion in 2018-19 – a 54% increase from $1.1 billion in 2017-18,

(ii) the Japan FTA which has resulted in beef exports totalling $2.3 billion in 2018 – a 14% increase from $2 billion in 2017, cheese exports totalled $498 million in 2018 – a 17% increase over 2017, and

(iii) the Korean FTA which has resulted in beef exports totalling $1.37 billion in 2018 – a 25% increase from $1.1 billion in 2017;

(c) notes Indonesia’s demand for Australia’s quality clean, green produce will continue to be built on the back of demand from its increasingly affluent 260 million strong population – under IA CEPA, over 99% of Australian goods exports to Indonesia will enter duty free or under significantly improved and preferential arrangements; and

(d) supports the growth of Australian agriculture through the negotiation of preferential market access in export markets of the world.

*358 Senator McKim: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, by the adjournment of the Senate on 5 December 2019, any communication, including attached documents, between ministers of the Government and Senator Lambie, or their staff, relating to negotiations between the aforementioned parties regarding the Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019.
Senator McAllister: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media, be established to inquire into and report on the risk posed to Australia’s democracy by foreign interference through social media, with particular reference to:
   (a) use of social media for purposes that undermine Australia’s democracy and values, including the spread of misinformation;
   (b) responses to mitigate the risk posed to Australia’s democracy and values, including by the Australian Government and social media platforms;
   (c) international policy responses to cyber-enabled foreign interference and misinformation;
   (d) the extent of compliance with Australian laws; and
   (e) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the second sitting day of May 2022.

(3) That the committee consist of five senators, 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; and
   (c) one nominated by minor party and independent senators.

(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 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.

(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 as act 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 of the Senate.

(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.

*360 Senator Keneally: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes:

(a) that Australia has the second-largest migrant workforce in the world;
(b) that, according to Australian Population Research Institute, almost a fifth of the nation’s cleaners, store packers, and food and hospitality workers are on temporary migrant visas, and the number of migrants on the visas has jumped from 1.8 million to 2.2 million in the past four years;
(c) that due to their temporary status and threats of deportation, migrant workers are more often subject to exploitation, wage theft and even physical and sexual abuse; and
(d) as the Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Migration, Mr Wood, stated ‘Organised crime and illegitimate labour hire companies are using this loophole to bring out illegal workers who are often vulnerable and open to exploitation. This represents an orchestrated scam that enables these criminal elements to exploit foreign workers in Australia until their claims are finalised’.

(2) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Temporary Migration, be established to inquire into and report on the impact temporary migration has on the Australia’s economy, wages and jobs, social cohesion and workplace rights and conditions, with particular reference to:

(a) government policy settings, including their impact on the employment prospects and social cohesion of Australians;
(b) the impact of temporary skilled and unskilled migration on Australia’s labour market;
(c) policy responses to challenges posed by temporary migration;
(d) whether permanent migration offers better long-term benefits for Australia’s economy, Australian workers and social cohesion;
(e) the impact of wage theft, breaches of workplace rights and conditions, modern slavery and human trafficking on temporary migrants; and
(f) any related matters.

(3) That the committee present its final report on or before the second sitting day of May 2022.

(4) That the committee consist of five senators, 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; and 
(c) one nominated by minor party and independent senators.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

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

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

(10) 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.

(11) 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.

(12) 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.

(13) 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.
Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that mismanagement, water theft and allegations of corruption have undermined confidence in the Murray-Darling Basin Plan;
(b) rejects the National Party’s and Mr Barnaby Joyce’s assault on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, the environment and South Australia; and
(c) calls on the Federal Government to support the delivery of water to South Australia under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan which is necessary for the survival of the River and the Lower Murray, and the communities that rely upon it.

Senator Gallagher: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the Morrison Government’s consistent failure in 2019 to uphold its own Statement of Ministerial Standards or to be an open, transparent and accountable government in line with the expectations of the Australian community on matters, including:
(i) Prime Minister Morrison’s inappropriate contact with the New South Wales Police Commissioner regarding a criminal investigation into a member of his Cabinet, the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, Mr Taylor,
(ii) Prime Minister Morrison’s refusal to confirm whether he invited the head of the Hillsong Church, Pastor Brian Houston, to a state dinner in Washington DC,
(iii) Prime Minister Morrison’s refusal to uphold his own ministerial standards for former Ministers Pyne and Bishop,
(iv) Prime Minister Morrison’s refusal to require Mr Gladys Liu, MP, to make a full and frank statement to the Parliament,
(v) Minister Taylor’s and Minister Frydenberg’s involvement in the ‘grasslands’ affair,
(vi) Minister Taylor’s use of falsified information in correspondence to the Lord Mayor of Sydney,
(vii) Minister Porter’s appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal,
(viii) Minister Hunt’s awarding of MRI licences in South Australia, and
(ix) Minister Dutton’s awarding of the $423 million Paladin contract; and
(b) expresses its disappointment in the Morrison Government’s ongoing disregard for its Statement of Ministerial Standards, the conventions of our parliamentary system of government, and the expectations of the Australian community for integrity and accountability in government.
Documents

   Adjourned debate (28 November 2019).

   Adjourned debate (28 November 2019).

3. Grandparent carers—Resolution of 18 September 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Victorian Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers (Mr Donnellan)
   Adjourned debate (28 November 2019).

4. Status of government responses in the Senate to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 September 2019
   Adjourned debate (28 November 2019).

   Adjourned debate (28 November 2019).

6. Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)—Report for 2018-19
   Adjourned debate (3 December 2019).

7. Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2018-19
   Adjourned debate (3 December 2019).

8. Wet Tropics Management Authority—State of the Wet Tropics—Report for 2018-19
   Adjourned debate (3 December 2019).

   Adjourned debate (3 December 2019).

*10 National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2018-19
   Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).

*11 Schedule of multilateral treaties under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at August 2019
   Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).

*12 141st Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly, Belgrade, Serbia—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 13 to 17 October 2019
   Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).

*13 Corporate emissions and energy data—Order of 2 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham), responding to the order
   Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).
*14 City of Sydney—Annual report—Order of 3 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) responding to the order and raising a public interest immunity claim
Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).

Committee reports and Government responses

*1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register for all horses—Report
Adjourned debate (28 November 2019).

2 National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—NDIS Planning—Interim report
Adjourned debate (3 December 2019).

*3 Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Annual report of committee activities 2018-19—Report
Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).

*4 Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Review of the renunciation by conduct and cessation provisions in the Australian Citizenship Act 2007—Report
Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).

*5 Environment and Communications References Committee—Senate Standing—Australia’s faunal extinction crisis: Environmental protections for native grasslands, and the conduct of Ministers—Interim report
Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).

*6 Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas—Select Committee—Report
Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).

Adjourned debate (3 December 2019).

Auditor-General’s reports

*1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 16 of 2019-20—Performance audit—Western Sydney Airport procurement activities: WSA Co Limited
Adjourned debate (5 December 2019).
Attendance by minister

*327 Attendance by minister—Explanation—Australian dairy industry

(1) That the Senate notes that—
   (a) the number of registered Australian dairy farms has fallen from 5699 in July 2018 to 5200 at present;
   (b) milk production has fallen from 12 billion litres in 2000 to 8 billion litres in 2019;
   (c) dairy foods play an important part in Australia’s food security and human health;
   (d) none of the recommendations contained in the final report of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s Dairy Inquiry, dated April 2018, have been implemented;
   (e) Australia is forecast to import more dairy products than it exports by 2023;
   (f) four foreign-owned milk processors control an increasing proportion of milk production in Australia setting the price at the farm gate, and that during the period 2013 to 2017, these processors had revenues in Australia of over $160 billion but paid less than $160 million in income tax or a rate of less than 1%;
   (g) the main dairy export countries, including New Zealand which is the largest dairy exporter in the world, have a regulated farm gate milk price;
   (h) regulation of farm gate milk prices is correlated with growth in milk production and increasing exports, whereas Australia’s export of dairy products has been in decline;
   (i) on 11 November 2019, the Federal Government voted against the Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019; and
   (j) on 2 December 2019, the Federal Government voted against debating the Saving Australian Dairy Bill 2019.

(2) That the Senate requires the Minister for Agriculture to attend the Senate on Thursday, 5 December 2019, at 3.30 pm, to provide an explanation of no more than 10 minutes of the Government’s plan to save the dairy industry from long-term decline.

(3) At the conclusion of the explanation, any senator may move to take note of the explanation.

(4) Any motion under paragraph (3) may be debated for no longer than 60 minutes, shall have precedence over all business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 10 minutes.

(Motion of Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) agreed to 4 December 2019.)
Orders for the production of documents

**Government response—Report—Education and Employment References Committee—Order for production of documents**

By the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, by no later than 12.45 pm on 5 December 2019, the government’s response to the report of the Education and Employment References Committee, The people behind 000: mental health of our first responders, tabled on 14 February 2019. (*Motion of Senator Urquhart agreed to 4 December 2019.*)

**Response to recommendations of the Royal Commission into Financial Services—Order for production of documents**

By the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology, by 9.30 am on 5 December 2019, the draft response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Financial Services that relate to the Banking Code of Practice enforceable provisions and penalties for non-compliance. (*Motion of Senator Roberts agreed to 4 December 2019.*)

**Census questions—Order for production of documents**

By the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer, by no later than 2 pm on 5 December 2019, all communications to the Australian Bureau of Statistics from the Assistant Treasurer, or his office, in relation to these questions, including any reasons for not proceeding with these questions in the field trial. (*Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 4 December 2019.*)

Business for future consideration

**On 31 January 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**On 3 February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1. **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2. **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia’s Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
On the next day of sitting (4 February 2020)

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 26 November 2019

1 Senator Brown: To move—That the Marine Order 47 (Offshore industry units) 2019, made under the Navigation Act 2012, be disallowed [F2019L01324].

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

Government Business—Orders of the day

1 Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

2 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

3 Wine Australia Amendment (Label Directory) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

4 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019—(Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, Senator Colbeck)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 December 2019).

*5 National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).

*6 Transport Security Amendment (Testing and Training) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 December 2019).

General Business—Notices of motion

Notice given 27 November 2019

306 Senator Lambie: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, and for related purposes. Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020.

Notice of motion altered on 27 November 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.
Notice given 4 December 2019

*354 Senator Davey: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Water Act 2007, and for related purposes. **Water Act Amendment (Critical Drought Relief for the Southern-Connected Basin) Bill 2020.**

*361 Senator Kitching: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to enable Australia to impose sanctions to promote compliance with international human rights law and respect for human rights or to deter significant corruption, and for related purposes. **International Human Rights and Corruption (Magnitsky Sanctions) Bill 2020.**

Order for Production of Documents

*333 PFAS levels—Order for production of documents
By the Minister for Defence, by 10 am on 4 February 2020, documents relating to blood and /or genetic testing on humans and livestock relating to PFAS levels.

(Motion of Senator Roberts agreed to 4 December 2019.)

On 7 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 **Economics Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the day

1 **Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019**—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

   **Seven sitting days after today (13 February 2020)**

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 14 November 2019

1 **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells):** To move—That the Helicopter Aerial Application Endorsements Exemption 2019, made under the Civil Aviation Act 1988, be disallowed [F2019L01132].

   Eight sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 21 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1 **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2019 and the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3 **Economics Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On the tenth sitting day of 2020 (26 February 2020)

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 **Legislation Committees**
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2019.

Ten sitting days after today (26 February 2020)

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

*Notice given 27 November 2019*

1 **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells):** To move—That the Telecommunications (Protecting Australians from Terrorist or Violent Criminal Material) Direction (No. 1) 2019, made under the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, be disallowed [F2019L01159].

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

On 26 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**
Report to be presented on access to medicinal cannabis.

On 27 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**
Report to be presented on the impact of changes to service delivery models on the administration and running of Government programs.
2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s declarations made under certain international laws.

On 1 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
Report to be presented on the regulation of auditing in Australia.

On 16 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

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

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia.

On 18 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 19 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 23 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s oil and gas reserves.
**Thirteen sitting days after today (24 March 2019)**

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

*Notice given 3 December 2019*

1. **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells):** To move—That the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 30 of 2019, made under the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001, be disallowed [F2019L01196].

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

**On 24 March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Legislation Committees**

   Reports to be presented on the 2019-20 additional estimates.

**On 25 March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1. **Community Affairs References Committee**

   Report to be presented on Centrelink's compliance program.

2. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

   Report to be presented on Australia’s dairy industry.

**On 26 March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

   Report to be presented on the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

**On 27 March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Community Affairs References Committee**

   Report to be presented on the adequacy of Newstart and related payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments in Australia.

**On 31 March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

   Report to be presented on the Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*
On 16 April 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 17 April 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 14 May 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1. **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on nationhood, national identity and democracy.

2. **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3. **Environment and Communications References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment.

On 15 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Community Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

On 17 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping.

On 18 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Federal Government’s drought response.
On 23 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on the 2020-21 Budget estimates.

On 25 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s sovereign naval shipbuilding capability.
2 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on unlawful underpayment of employees’ remuneration.
3 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on regional inequality in Australia.

On or before 31 July 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Road Safety—Joint Select Committee
Interim report to be presented.

On 7 September 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s faunal extinction crisis.
*2 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the review of foreign investment proposals.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2020 (9 September 2020)

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2020.

On 30 September 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on the management of the Inland Rail project.

On 1 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef.
On 7 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Australia’s Family Law System—Joint Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

On 12 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

On 14 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the road transport industry.

On or before 31 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Road Safety—Joint Select Committee**
   Final report to be presented.

On 1 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

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

2. **Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan**
   Report to be presented on the Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019.
   *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On 3 December 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On or before the first sitting day of October 2021

General Business—Order of the day

1. **Autism—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.
On the last sitting day in May 2022

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. Implementation of the National Redress Scheme—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
   (Bill received royal assent on 29 November 2018.)

   Date unspecified

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Other information

Bills currently before committees

Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019 *
   Contingent upon introduction in the Senate, referred to Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 31 January 2020)

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 *
   Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2019; reporting date: 7 February 2020)

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019 *
   Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2019; reporting date: 3 February 2020)
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia’s Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 3 February 2020)

Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017 *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 31 March 2020)

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 26 March 2020)

Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019 *
Referred to Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: 1 November 2020)

Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 7 February 2020)

Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 18 March 2020)

Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 October 2019; reporting date: 28 February 2020)

Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: 14 May 2020)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2019; reporting date: 19 March 2020)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2019 and the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 21 February 2020)
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 17 April 2020)

Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 21 February 2020)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 21 February 2020)

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

Bills discharged or negatived

Government bills

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019
Question that the bill, as amended, be agreed to was negatived in committee of the whole, 28 November 2019.

Private senators’ bills

Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018
Second reading negatived, 29 July 2019.

Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019

Questions on notice

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 935, 938 to 944, 946 to 949, 951 to 975.

The full text of Question on Notice and their answers are available online at Questions on Notice.
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 Services Australia

*Economics*
- Industry, Innovation and Science
- Treasury

*Education and Employment*
- Education
- Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, including Industrial Relations

*Environment and Communications*
- Communications and the Arts
- Environment and Energy

*Finance and Public Administration*
- Finance
- Parliament
- Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

*Legal and Constitutional Affairs*
- Attorney-General, excluding Industrial Relations
- Home Affairs

*Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*
- Agriculture
  - Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.

*(Agreed to 4 July 2019)*

**Australia’s Emissions Projections—Order of continuing effect**

(1) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, by not later than the last sitting day of each year, the report detailing Australia’s estimated future greenhouse gas emissions, *Australia’s Emissions Projections*.

(2) This order is of continuing effect.

*(Agreed to 25 November 2019)*
Environment and Communications References Committee—Determination of committee chair—Standing order 25(9)

That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:

(a) that the chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and

(b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).

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

Estimates hearings—2019-20 additional estimates; 2020-21 Budget estimates and supplementary Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2020 be scheduled as follows:

**2019-20 additional estimates:**
Monday, 2 March and Tuesday, 3 March (*Group A*)
Wednesday, 4 March and Thursday, 5 March (*Group B*).

**2020-21 Budget estimates:**
Monday, 25 May to Thursday, 28 May, and, if required, Friday, 29 May (*Group A*)
Tuesday, 2 June to Friday, 5 June, and, if required, Friday, 19 June (*Group B*)
Monday, 19 October and Tuesday, 20 October (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)
Wednesday, 21 October and Thursday, 22 October (*supplementary hearings—Group B*).

(2) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters and on Murray Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 6 March, Friday, 29 May and Friday, 23 October, 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, 24 March 2020 in respect of the 2019-20 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 23 June 2020 in respect of the 2020-21 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 14 November 2019)
Estimates questions (unanswered)—2019-20 Budget estimates

That—

(a) answers to outstanding questions taken on notice in relation to the 2018-19 additional estimates and the 2019-20 Budget estimates, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the 46th Parliament, be provided to legislation committees by 31 July 2019; and

(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering each of the unanswered questions is 31 July 2019.

(Agreed to 29 July 2019)

Formal business and suspensions of standing orders—Standing order 66—Amendment

That, in accordance with the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2019, standing order 66 be amended as follows:

After paragraph (3), insert:

(4) The question on any motion to suspend standing orders moved in the following circumstances shall be put immediately without any amendment or debate:

(a) any motion to suspend standing orders to provide for the consideration of a motion for which formality has been denied; and

(b) any other motion to suspend standing orders moved during consideration of formal business under standing order 66.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Indigenous Australians—

Closing the Gap statement—Resolution

That each year, on the day on which the Prime Minister presents the annual report on progress in meeting the ‘Closing the Gap’ targets, the sitting of the Senate be suspended 10 minutes prior to the time set for the presentation of the report in the House of Representatives, until the ringing of the bells, to enable senators to attend.

Languages—Amendment to standing order 35 and resolution

At the end of standing order 35, add:

(3) If evidence is heard by a committee in an Indigenous Australian language the transcript of that evidence shall record both:

(a) the evidence as submitted in the Indigenous Australian language; and

(b) an English translation of the evidence.

Resolution:

The Senate resolves that, where a committee has heard evidence in an Indigenous Australian language, the transcription by Hansard staff of the evidence as submitted, and its translation into English, should be assisted by the person who gave evidence or a person from their community.

(Agreed to 17 October 2019 upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s second report of 2019)
Meeting of Senate—2019
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2019 be as follows:

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

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

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Meeting of Senate—2020
That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2020 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
   Tuesday, 4 February to Thursday, 6 February
   Monday, 10 February to Thursday, 13 February
   Monday, 24 February to Thursday, 27 February
   Monday, 23 March to Thursday, 26 March

Budget sittings:
   Tuesday, 12 May to Thursday, 14 May

Winter sittings:
   Monday, 15 June to Thursday, 18 June
   Monday, 22 June to Thursday, 25 June

Spring sittings:
   Tuesday, 11 August to Thursday, 13 August
   Monday, 17 August to Thursday, 20 August
   Monday, 7 September to Thursday, 10 September
   Monday, 14 September to Thursday, 17 September
   Monday, 12 October to Thursday, 15 October
   Monday, 9 November to Thursday, 12 November
   Monday, 23 November to Thursday, 26 November
   Monday, 30 November to Thursday, 3 December.

(Agreed to 14 November 2019)
Protection visas—Order of continuing effect

(1) The Senate notes that the Australian public has a right to know vital information that is held within the Department of Home Affairs, and that regular and timely information should be reported to the Senate and the Australian people to provide oversight and transparency on activities of the Department.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, by not later than 14 days after each:
   
   (a) 31 January;
   (b) 28 February;
   (c) 31 March;
   (d) 30 April;
   (e) 31 May;
   (f) 30 June;
   (g) 31 July;
   (h) 31 August;
   (i) 30 September;
   (j) 31 October;
   (k) 30 November; and
   (l) 31 December, a monthly update of onshore protection visa lodgements.

(3) Each monthly update must include:

   (a) the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore during the period;
   (b) the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore at airports, by airport and state, during the period;
   (c) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;
   (d) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;
   (e) the total number of refugee status determinations made during the period;
   (f) the total number of individuals granted a Final Protection Visa during the period;
   (g) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;
   (h) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;
   (i) the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;
(j) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

(k) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

(l) the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that were deported during the period, and the deportation rate;

(m) the total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period; and

(n) the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that have yet to be deported at the end of the period.

(4) If the Senate is not sitting when a monthly update 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 14 November 2019)
Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation—Standing orders 23 and 25(2)(a)

(1) The standing orders be amended, with effect from 4 December 2019, as follows:

(a) omit standing order 23, substitute:

23 Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation

(1) A Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament.

(2) All instruments made under the authority of Acts of the Parliament, which are subject to disallowance, disapproval or affirmative resolution by the Senate and which are of a legislative character, shall stand referred to the committee for consideration and, if necessary, report.

(3) The committee shall scrutinise each instrument as to whether:

(a) it is in accordance with its enabling Act and otherwise complies with all legislative requirements;

(b) it appears to be supported by a constitutional head of legislative power and is otherwise constitutionally valid;

(c) it makes rights, liberties, obligations or interests unduly dependent on insufficiently defined administrative powers;

(d) those likely to be affected by the instrument were adequately consulted in relation to it;

(e) its drafting is defective or unclear;

(f) it, and any document it incorporates, may be freely accessed and used;

(g) the accompanying explanatory material provides sufficient information to gain a clear understanding of the instrument;

(h) it trespasses unduly on personal rights and liberties;

(i) it unduly excludes, limits or fails to provide for independent review of decisions affecting rights, liberties, obligations or interests;

(j) it contains matters more appropriate for parliamentary enactment; and

(k) it complies with any other ground relating to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation that the committee considers appropriate.

(4) The committee shall also scrutinise each instrument to determine whether the attention of the Senate should be drawn to the instrument on the ground that it raises significant issues, or otherwise gives rise to issues that are likely to be of interest to the Senate.

(5) The committee may, for the purpose of reporting on its terms of reference, consider any proposed or draft legislative instrument, including an exposure draft of such an instrument.
(6) (a) The committee shall consist of 6 senators, 3 being members of the government party nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and 3 being senators who are not members of the government party, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or by any minority groups or independent senators.

(b) The nominations of the opposition or any minority groups or independent senators shall be determined by agreement between the opposition and the minority groups or independent senators, and, in the absence of agreement duly notified to the President, the question of the representation on the committee shall be determined by the Senate.

(7) The committee may appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and refer to any such sub-committee any matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

(8) The committee shall elect as chair a member appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate.

(9) The committee shall elect as deputy chair a member appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and the member so elected shall act as chair of the committee when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee.

(10) Where votes on a question before the committee are equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.

(11) The committee and any sub-committee shall have power to send for persons and documents, to move from place to place, and to meet and transact business in public or private session and notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives.

(12) The committee may inquire into and report on any matter related to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation.

(13) The committee may appoint with the approval of the President a legal adviser to the committee.

(14) The committee shall be empowered to print from day to day any of its documents and evidence. A daily Hansard shall be published of public proceedings of the committee.

(15) The committee may report from time to time its proceedings and evidence and any recommendations, and shall make regular reports of the progress of the proceedings of the committee.

(b) omit standing order 25(2)(a), substitute:

(a) The legislation committees shall inquire into and report upon:

(i) estimates of expenditure in accordance with standing order 26,

(ii) bills or draft bills referred to them by the Senate,
(iii) legislative instruments made in the portfolios allocated to them,
(iv) annual reports in accordance with paragraph (20), and
(v) the performance of departments and agencies allocated to them.

(2) The initial members of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation shall be the members of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances appointed at the commencement of this Parliament.

(3) The Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation have the power to consider and use the records of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.

(Agreed to 27 November 2019)

Contingent notices of motion

Conduct of business

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

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

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

Formal business

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

To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.
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4 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)
   Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Patrick

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

Limitation of time

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

   Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
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6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

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

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

Matters of urgency

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

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

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

Questions without notice
12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick

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

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

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

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

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

Appointments to statutory authorities

National Archives of Australia Advisory Council
Senator Carr (appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
Senator Bilyk (appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust
Senators Abetz and Carr (appointed 1 August 2019).

Temporary chairs of committees

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