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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 14 October 2019

*1 Senator Patrick: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes recent statements concerning Australia’s relations with the People’s Republic of China, including:

(a) the speech of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Payne, on 19 September 2019 in which she stated that in pursuing Australian diplomacy she will advance ‘Australian values’ and that ‘at times that will mean speaking our mind or taking actions that seem disagreeable to others’;

(b) the comments of Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Dutton, on 11 October 2019 that it is necessary to have a ‘frank conversation’ about China’s global influence: its Belt and Road Initiative, expansionism in the South China Sea and growing military and aid presence in the Indo-Pacific;

(c) Mr Dutton’s further observations that the values, policies and actions of the Chinese Communist Party are ‘inconsistent’ with Australian democratic values and that ‘We’re not going to allow theft of intellectual property and we’re not going to allow our government bodies or non-government bodies to be hacked into’;

(d) the remarks of Prime Minister Scott Morrison, on 12 October 2019, that Mr Dutton’s comments ‘just simply reflect the fact we’re two different countries’ and that ‘China will do what they do in their country, and we respect that too’;

(e) the comments of the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan, on 13 October 2019 that Mr Dutton was ‘just stating the facts of the matter’ and that it is a ‘longstanding fact’ that Australia and China have different systems of government and political values;

(f) the statement of the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Wong, on 14 October 2019 that she has made ‘repeated requests’ to the Minister for Foreign Affairs that relevant agencies, such as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Office of National Intelligence, provide a detailed and comprehensive briefing for parliamentarians on Australia’s relationship with China; and

(g) Senator Wong’s further observation that the Government has still not replied to her request.

(2) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by the final sitting day of June 2020: Australia’s relations with the People’s Republic of China, with particular reference to:

(a) the management of a mutually respectful and beneficial bilateral relationship between Australia and China;
(b) Australian and Chinese perspectives on, and interests in, regional and global security issues;
(c) trade, investment and infrastructure issues, including Australia’s engagement with China’s Belt and Road Initiative;
(d) educational and research cooperation;
(e) tourism, cultural exchanges and people-to-people ties;
(f) management of diplomatic and consular arrangements;
(g) dialogue on human rights issues;
(h) the roles of Australian institutions in Australia’s relations with China, including, state and local governments, universities and other academic bodies, business and non-government organisations; and
(i) any related matters.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Higher Education Support (Charges) Bill 2019
Higher Education Support Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator O’Sullivan, in continuation, 14 October 2019).

2 Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).

3 Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Tax Integrity and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 August 2019).

4 National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Streamlined Governance) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 July 2019).

5 Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 2 and Other Measures) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 July 2019).

6 Emergency Response Fund Bill 2019
Emergency Response Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 September 2019).
7 Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

8 Migration Amendment (Streamlining Visa Processing) Bill 2019— (Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).

9 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).

10 Defence Service Homes Amendment Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

11 Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Work Test) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

12 Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020
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   Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020—
   (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

13 Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 August 2019).

**Notice of Motion**

Notice given 14 October 2019

*1 Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Senator Cash):
   To move—That, in accordance with subsection 10B(2) of the Health Insurance Act 1973, the Senate approves the Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Amendment (Eating Disorders Capping) Determination 2019 made under subsection 10B(1) of the Act on 10 September 2019.

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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 14 October 2019

*161 Senator Dean Smith: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that 10 October 2019 was World Day Against the Death Penalty,

(ii) that the aim of the 2019 World Day Against the Death Penalty is to raise awareness of the rights of children whose parents have been sentenced to death or executed, and

(iii) the bi-partisan position of Australian Governments over many years in their continued opposition to the death penalty in all circumstances for all people, and their commitment to pursuing the universal abolition of the death penalty through all avenues available; and

(b) acknowledges the Australian Government’s Strategy for Abolition of the Death Penalty, and supports the Strategy’s statement of intent: ‘Australia opposes the death penalty in all circumstances for all people. We support the universal abolition of the death penalty and are committed to pursuing this goal through all the avenues available to us.’.

*162 Senator Roberts: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by no later than 3 pm on 16 October 2019, a copy of the final report by Professor John McMillan, AO, entitled Review of the Narcotics Drugs Act 1967, dated 10 July 2019.

*163 Senator Ciccone: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) after six years under this Liberal-National Government’s watch, from 1 July 2014 to 19 August 2019:

(A) 95,943 people have come through Australia’s airports and sought asylum, as is their right to do, and

(B) in nearly the same period, bridging visas have blown out from 94,000 to almost 230,000 – an increase of over 140%,

(ii) of the protection visa applications decided by the Department of Home Affairs in that period, 62,732 – 84.2% – were rejected,

(iii) those waiting in Australia on a bridging visa as their claims for asylum are assessed are often being exploited and trafficked by labour hire companies and criminal syndicates,

(iv) stakeholders have expressed concern as racketeering around visas and asylum applications have been allowed to flourish,

(v) the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs, Mr Wood, remarked on the blowout of airplane arrivals and stated ‘Organised crime and illegitimate labour hire companies are using this loophole...’; and
the Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Dutton, stated that: ‘...If you cannot control your borders, you cannot govern the country’; and

(b) condemns the Morrison Government and the Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Dutton, for losing control of Australia’s borders and allowing exploitation, slavery and trafficking to go unchecked, having a devastating impact on workers and their families.

*164 Senators Brown and Bilyk: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the latest Government report indicates that there are 120,000 older Australians waiting for their approved package, and

(ii) more than 72,000 older Australians on the wait list have no home care package at all;

(b) recognises that:

(i) the majority of older Australians waiting for level three and level four packages have high care needs,

(ii) some older Australians have been waiting more than two years for their approved package, many of whom are in their 90s, and others who have terminal illnesses, and

(iii) older Australians are entering residential aged care or even emergency departments instead of receiving their approved home care package;

(c) condemns the Morrison Government for failing to stop the waitlist growing; and

(d) calls on the Morrison Government to listen to the growing chorus of voices for urgent action to fix the home care packages waitlist now, and properly address this national crisis.

*165 Senator Marielle Smith: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that it was National Mental Health Week from 5 to 12 October 2019, National Headspace Day on 9 October 2019 and World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2019;

(b) recognises that:

(i) in Australia around 950,000 young Australians (12 to 25) will be affected by a mental health issue each year,

(ii) Headspace has been instrumental in assisting young Australians to strengthen their wellbeing and manage their mental health,

(iii) Headspace has assisted 520,000 young people since it was established in 2006, and

(iv) more needs to be done to tackle the mental health crisis in Australia; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to take action to reduce the stigma that sadly still surrounds mental health conditions, explore greater investment opportunities in mental health and move ahead on delivering the new Headspace centres it promised during the election campaign.
*166 Senator Marielle Smith: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that it is National Children’s Week from 19 to 27 October 2019;
(b) recognises that:
(i) the first three years of life set critical foundations for learning, development and well-being into adulthood,
(ii) early childhood education and care in Australia is disproportionately funded by private sources, such as parents and families,
(iii) only one in five Australian children attend a public institution for early childhood education and care – well below the OECD average,
(iv) childcare costs are going up for working families, who are already struggling with stagnating wages, a slowing economy and skyrocketing costs of living, and
(v) all Australian children should have access to quality education at the start of life, regardless of where they live; and
(c) calls on the Federal Government to make early childhood education an economic priority, and take steps to provide long-term funding certainty for four-year-old preschool, and extend the program to three-year-olds.

*167 Senator Faruqi: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) Anti-Poverty Week runs from 13 to 19 October 2019,
(ii) the Productivity Commission has found that two-thirds of low income renters in Australia are in rental stress – spending more than 30% of their income on rent,
(iii) 170,000 Australian households are left with less than $35 a day after covering their rent, and
(iv) the Productivity Commission has stated that Commonwealth Rent Assistance has not kept up with rising rents; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to review the adequacy of Commonwealth Rent Assistance.

*168 Senators Faruqi and Waters: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that the New South Wales Parliament passed a Bill to decriminalise abortion on 25 September 2019; and
(b) congratulates and thanks all the women and activists who have worked tirelessly for decades to achieve this important reform.

*169 Senators Keneally, Bilyk, McCarthy, Lambie, Waters, Hughes and Polley: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) today marks International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day,
(ii) on this day, parents, families and friends will memorialise babies they have lost through miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death, and
(iii) Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is an opportunity to officially acknowledge the losses experienced by parents and families across Australia;
(b) acknowledges that in Australia:
   (i) it is estimated that one in four pregnancies result in miscarriage – that is 103,000 every year,
   (ii) in 2018, 2419 lives were lost due to stillbirth or newborn death,
   (iii) despite medical advancements, the stillbirth rate has not changed in two decades, and
   (iv) the rate of stillbirth and newborn death is 20% higher in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
(c) acknowledges the bipartisan Select Committee on Stillbirth Research and Education tabled its report on 4 December 2018 which contained 16 recommendations;
(d) congratulates the Federal Government for this week’s launch of the Safer Baby Bundle educational resources to support healthcare professionals with new strategies to help reduce stillbirths;
(e) looks forward to the Federal Government’s release of the National Stillbirth Action Plan, due for public consultation in early 2020, which will outline strategies to reduce stillbirth rates and provide support for bereaved families;
(f) recognises that Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of this difficult reality and start a conversation about miscarriage and infant loss;
(g) expresses sympathy to all families who have suffered a miscarriage, a stillbirth or infant death;
(h) commends each and every person who has supported parents and families through their journey from the loss of a baby; and
(i) gives special recognition to previous generations who experienced such a devastating loss during a time when not only was the subject taboo, but families were given even less of an opportunity to commemorate and remember their children.

*170 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—
  (a) notes that it is Anti-Poverty Week from 13 to 19 October 2019, and 17 October 2019 is the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty;
(b) recognises the dedication and enthusiasm of the Newstart Nannas who are in Canberra today asking federal politicians to immediately raise the rate of Newstart;
(c) notes that over a quarter of Newstart recipients are over the age of 55;
(d) acknowledges that many older women are increasingly facing financial insecurity, retiring into poverty and experiencing homelessness; and
(e) calls on the Federal Government to listen to the pleas of the Newstart Nannas for an immediate increase to Newstart and Youth Allowance.
*171 Senators Marielle Smith and Dodson: To move—that the Senate—

(a) notes that it is Anti-Poverty Week from 13 to 19 October 2019;

(b) recognises that:

(i) in Australia, 739,000 children are living below the poverty line,

(ii) the poverty rate is proportionately higher for children than adults, with one in six living below the poverty line, or 17.3% of all children, and

(iii) all children deserve a fair start in life, no matter what their parents’ circumstances; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to combat childhood poverty by lifting the rate of Newstart, ceasing their attacks on Medicare and the universality of our healthcare system, and by reversing their cuts to penalty rates to ensure working Australian families have a quality standard of living and a liveable wage.

*172 Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in 2000, the dairy industry in Australia was deregulated, and since that time milk production has fallen from close to 12 billion litres a year to 8.8 billion litres a year, while the population has increased from 19 million to 25 million people,

(ii) milk production has fallen in every state in the past 12 months with the greatest decline in Queensland, followed by South Australia and New South Wales,

(iii) the number of dairy farms has declined in Queensland from around 1500 to about 380,

(iv) Queensland dairy herds are now in immediate danger through a failure of the winter and summer seasonal crops, and the shortage of quality feed means it is likely that whole herds will be sent to the slaughterhouse and families destroyed,

(v) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s (ACCC) dairy inquiry report was handed down in April 2018, and found that an increase in the fresh milk price in supermarkets would not benefit dairy farmers, only the processors,

(vi) none of the eight recommendations in the ACCC’s report have been implemented by the Federal Government, including the Mandatory Code of Practice which means that farmers are still being forced into unfair and unconscionable contracts going forward for the next five years,

(vii) there is an immediate need to deal with the imbalance in bargaining power between dairy farmers and processors by legislating to make unfair contracts and, in particular, multi-year contracts (which bind farmers but not processors) unlawful because dairy farmers do not have the means to pursue these unfair contracts through the courts, and

(viii) it is a myth that milk prices are set by market forces because farm-gate prices for milk are set by processors that are often foreign-owned; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to:
   (i) provide immediate additional financial support to dairy farmers who cannot feed their herds,
   (ii) implement all of the ACCC recommendations, and
   (iii) regulate the price of milk per litre paid by processors to dairy farmers to ensure a viable dairy industry.

*173 Senator McKim: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs, by 5 pm on 16 October 2019, the final report on the review, led by Professor Peter Shergold, into Australia’s integration, employment and settlement outcomes for refugees and humanitarian entrants, which was delivered to the Government in February 2019.

*174 Senators Whish-Wilson and McKim: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) thermal coal combustion is a key driver of increasing greenhouse gas emissions and rising global temperatures,
      (ii) the impact the current level of global warming of just 1.1 degrees is having on Tasmania includes worsening floods, East Coast drought, marine heatwaves, increased dry lightning storms causing bushfires, coastal erosion, biosecurity threats and ecosystem stress,
      (iii) the scientific consensus is that the burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, must end in order to limit global warming to 2.0 degrees and prevent further climate breakdown,
      (iv) Western Australian-based Midland Energy has received around $50,000, and Queensland-based Junction Coal around $23,000, in grants from the Tasmanian Government for coal exploration in Tasmania, and
      (v) it is in Tasmania’s best interest to be a climate positive, clean energy island, and that any new coal mines would harm the agricultural and tourism sectors; and
   (b) calls on the Federal Government to implement a prohibition on any new thermal coal mines in Tasmania.

*175 Senators Waters and McKim: To move—That—
   (1) The Senate notes:
      (a) the Joint Select Committee on Australia’s Family Law System (the Committee) was appointed by resolution of the Senate on 18 September 2019, and resolution of the House of Representatives on 19 September 2019;
      (b) final membership of the Committee has yet to be confirmed, however, Mr Kevin Andrews, MP is to be appointed as the Chair and Senator Hanson as the Deputy Chair;
      (c) the Federal Government has yet to act on or respond to the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission review of the family law system;
      (d) up to 85% of matters in the Family Court involve family violence and abuse;
(e) since the announcement of the inquiry into Australia’s family law system, numerous women’s and children’s safety organisations, including the Government reference group and Australian Women Against Violence Alliance, have condemned the inquiry and the proposed appointment of Mr Andrews and Senator Hanson; and

(f) more than 1400 emails have been sent to the Prime Minister and other parliamentarians expressing concern that victims and survivors of family violence and abuse will not feel safe to give evidence to the inquiry, compromising the legitimacy of any recommendations made by the Committee.

(2) The Senate calls on the Federal Government to:

(a) immediately abandon the unnecessary and harmful inquiry by the Joint Select Committee on Australia’s Family Law System;

(b) respond to the recommendations of:

(i) the Australian Law Reform Commission’s review of family law, and

(ii) the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs inquiry, Better Family Law System to Support and Protect those Affected by Family Violence; and

(c) implement evidence-based strategies to make family law safer for victims and survivors of family violence.

(3) This resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

*176 Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in July 2019, former Tasmanian senator and founder of the Australian Greens, Dr Bob Brown, stated ‘The proposal to build 200 supersized wind turbines on Robbins Island cattle farm will be the death of a thousand cuts to the State’s endangered shore birds’,

(ii) the Australian Greens:

(A) have not opposed the Robbins Island Wind Farm, first proposed in 2013, even though the island is home to the Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagles, listed as endangered under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the EPBC Act),

(B) opposed the Adani coal project on the grounds that the Black-Throated Finch, listed as endangered under the EPBC Act, would become extinct if approval was given by the Queensland Government to the Carmichael coal mine, and

(C) apply double standards in respect of species extinction, because they use an endangered species listing if it might stop a coal project proceeding, but not when an endangered species listing might stop a wind farm or solar farm project,

(iii) the matter of Mr Hamish Cumming and others versus the Victorian Minister for Planning, a matter concerning brolgas (water birds) and the Golden Plains Wind Farm, has been listed for hearing in the Supreme Court of Victoria in October 2019,
(iv) the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments spent more than $40 million on the Kogan Creek Solar Boost Project, which did not deliver one milliamp of power, before being closed, and

(v) a new industry comprising a small number of environmental consultants or brokers, who commonly receive 5% of the project cost as a fee, now operates to obtain planning approval for overseas wind farm operators; and

(b) calls on the Commonwealth Government to work with State Government Planning Ministers and their departments to be vigilant in making sure projects are viable and proper arms-length processes are followed when approving wind, solar and other renewable energy projects.

*177 Senator Steele-John: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Anti-Poverty Week is from 13 to 19 October 2019, and 17 October 2019 is the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty,

(ii) individuals who have served in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) have a right to be able to access comprehensive support services to enable them to reintegrate into civilian society,

(iii) recent estimates suggest that Australian veterans experience homelessness at a rate almost triple that of the general population,

(iv) factors such as age, poor mental and physical health, substance use and abuse, lack of access to support services, length of military service and accessibility of the housing and job market increase the likelihood of recent veterans experiencing homelessness, and

(v) recent research suggests that, despite services being in place for veterans, the information provided by the ADF and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs as to entitlements is insufficient, and that understanding and accessing these entitlements remains unnecessarily burdensome to veterans and their families; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) ensure ADF personnel are comprehensively informed of their entitlements prior to discharge, provide increased information as to how to access services and invest in current services to ensure they are able to adequately support the veterans and military families who need them, and

(ii) work with veterans’ advocacy groups to develop a national strategy for the elimination of veteran homelessness as part of a national homelessness strategy.

*178 Senator Steele-John: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Thalidomide disaster was the most significant pharmaceutical regulatory failure in Australian history – thousands of affected babies died in vitro, and survivors have lived with significant impairments since birth,

(ii) there are an estimated 100 living survivors in Australia who are experiencing rapid deterioration of their health and quality of life,
(iii) the Community Affairs References Committee conducted an inquiry on support for Australia’s thalidomide survivors, and the committee reported on 22 March 2019 and found the current supports available to thalidomide survivors are inadequate; the committee made 11 recommendations, including that the Government should issue a formal apology, as well as provide compensation to enable survivors to live with their disability – the findings received unanimous support from the committee.

(iv) the Federal Government has not yet responded to the report and has indicated to survivors that they will not do so until mid-2020 – the only action taken by the Government so far has been to offer a plaque situated at the National Arboretum, and survivors have expressed the inadequacy of this offering as it is both inaccessible and unlikely to be enjoyed by survivors as many of them will be too immobile or would have passed away by the time the garden will have flourished, and

(v) further, survivors have clearly articulated the need for urgency in enacting all recommendations of the report, especially those which call for the provision of compensation to all survivors; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) urgently respond to the committee report, and

(ii) enact all recommendations of the committee report without delay.

*179 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate congratulates the Australian Capital Territory Government for reducing emissions by 40% since 1990, and this month securing 100% of the Territory’s power from renewable energy, meaning Australian Parliament House and the offices of Senator Canavan and the Member for Hughes, Mr Craig Kelly, and the Prime Minister’s Office, among others, are all running completely-on-clean energy.

*180 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes with deep concern:

(i) United States President Donald Trump’s decision to withdraw some US forces from Northeast Syria and his tacit endorsement of a Turkish invasion, which follows the Kurdish people putting their lives on the line to help defeat ISIS and help the Yazidi people escape genocide,

(ii) Turkey’s subsequent decision to unilaterally and illegally invade Syria, which seriously risks unleashing a humanitarian catastrophe, has already resulted in the deaths of civilians, and threatens to spark the re-emergence of ISIS,

(iii) the warnings from Syrian Kurds that Turkey plans to engage in ethnic cleansing and demographic engineering along the Syrian-Turkish border, and

(iv) that Human Rights Watch has stated that Turkey and its allies have previously unlawfully killed, arbitrarily arrested and wrongfully displaced civilians;
(b) further notes with concern Turkish President Erdogan’s persecution of Turkey’s Kurdish minority, including the Government’s repressive measures against elected parliamentarians, mayors and municipalities from pro-Kurdish parties;

c) expresses solidarity for the many Kurdish Australians who are deeply worried about their loved ones in the Middle East; and

d) calls on the Australian Government to demand an immediate cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of Turkish forces involved in so-called ‘Operation Peace Spring’.

*181 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the New South Wales Government plans to water down environmental rules to fast-track approvals for new dams and pipelines,

(ii) the Murray-Darling River is in environmental collapse and bypassing environmental protections will do more harm,

(iii) plans to override environmental protections will have negative impacts on downstream communities and the health of the river system, and

(iv) building dams will not make it rain; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to rule out giving any public funding to dam and water infrastructure projects that circumvent environmental assessment and do not abide by proper environmental protections.

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

(a) notes with great concern:

(i) Turkey’s military operation targeting Kurds in northern Syria,

(ii) Turkey’s actions which are causing further destabilisation in the region, worsening the humanitarian disaster in Syria, and risk undermining progress against Daesh, and

(iii) evidence that innocent civilians are being killed and injured by Turkey’s military operations in Syria;

(b) recognises that the Kurdish forces in Syria have:

(i) been instrumental in fighting Daesh as an ally of the Global Coalition to Defeat Daesh/ISIS, and

(ii) lost over 10,000 fighters in the fight against Daesh in Syria; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to urge Turkey to cease its unilateral military operations in Syria.
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (16 October 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 29 July 2019

1 Senator Patrick: To move—That the Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights — Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Instrument 2019, made under the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, be disallowed [F2019L00134].

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

Notice given 31 July 2019

2 Senator Roberts: To move—That the following legislative instruments, made under the Corporations Act 2001, be disallowed:

(a) the ASIC Corporations (Banking Code of Practice - Revocation of 2018 Approval) Instrument 2019/662 [F2019L00877]; and

(b) the ASIC Corporations (Approval of Banking Code of Practice) Instrument 2019/663 [F2019L00878].

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

Notice given 9 September 2019

3 Senators Siewert and McKim: To move—That the Quality of Care Amendment (Minimising the Use of Restraints) Principles 2019, made under the Aged Care Act 1997, be disallowed [F2019L00511].

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

Notice given 12 September 2019

4 Senator McKim: To move—That the Migration (Fast Track Applicant Class – Temporary Protection and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas) Instrument 2019, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2019L00506].

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Human Services Amendment (Photographic Identification and Fraud Prevention) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 14 October 2019

*182 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) Australia’s national parks are at risk of being privatised, to the exclusion of everyday Australians, against environmental interests, and in favour of high-end tourists for private profit,
   (ii) a private corporation, The Australian Walking Company, is planning a luxury private development on fragile coastal sites in the wild and unspoilt parts of Flinders Chase National Park on Kangaroo Island in South Australia—South Australian taxpayers have foot a $830,000 bill for this project despite not being consulted,
   (iii) the same private company has already developed parts of Cradle Mountain in Tasmania, and other locations across Australia, including Uluru and Hinchinbrook Island, are under threat, and
   (iv) the applications for these private developments lack transparency and proper scrutiny; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to honour the century-old Australian ethos that national parks should be for the people, and not for private ‘high-end’ resorts which exclude ordinary Australians and devalue prime park qualities.

On 17 October 2019

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 19 September 2019

157 Senator Waters: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to enhance the integrity of the Parliament of Australia, and for related purposes. National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2019.

159 Senators Sheldon and Bilyk: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) in the past 18 months, two comprehensive reviews and inquiries have been completed into the state of family law in Australia, making a combined 93 recommendations in total,
   (ii) the Federal Government has failed to act on over half of all the recommendations contained in the report of the House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs, A better family law system to support and protect those affected by family violence, and a further third were agreed to only in part or in principle, and
   (iii) despite commissioning an extensive review into the family law system by the Australian Law Reform Commission two years ago, the Federal Government has so far failed to respond to the 60 recommendations contained in its final report, that was provided to the Morrison Government six months ago; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to respond to the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission into the family law system.

**On 18 October 2019**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019**—*(Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)*
   Second reading—Adjourned debate *(29 July 2019).*

**On 25 October 2019**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Education and Employment Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

2 **Education and Employment Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 **Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019**—*(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)*
   Second reading—Adjourned debate *(31 July 2019).*

2 **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).*

**On 7 November 2019**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

2 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management to Cashless Debit Card Transition) 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 (Prohibiting Energy Market Misconduct) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Recovering Unpaid Superannuation) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 11 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 12 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on income support payments.

Five sitting days after today (13 November 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 1 August 2019

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Regulations 2018, made under the Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946, be disallowed [F2018L01708].

Six sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 13 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 1 August 2019


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

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 31 July 2019

84 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances in its report, Parliamentary scrutiny of delegated legislation—

(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.

On 20 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 25 November 2019

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 30 July 2019

72 Senator Kitching: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Integrity, be established to inquire into and report on the integrity of government administration, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and performance of existing integrity measures including, but not limited to:

(i) the Statement of Ministerial Standards, and
(ii) the Lobbyist Code and Register of Lobbyists;
(b) the funding, functions and performance of Commonwealth integrity agencies;
(c) the adequacy of government responses to Senate committee reports;
(d) the adequacy of government responses to Senate orders for the production of documents;
(e) the operation of the Commonwealth Procurement Framework;
(f) the administration of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 legislation;
(g) any proposals to strengthen the integrity of government administration; and
(h) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the third sitting day of 2021.

(3) That the committee consist of 8 senators, as follows:
(a) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
(b) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
(c) 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
(d) 3 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 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of 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 Australian Greens or by minor party and independent senators.

(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 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 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.

(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.

(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.

Eight sitting days after today (26 November 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 11 September 2019

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Timeshift Applications and Other Measures) Regulations 2019, made under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992, Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 and Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Act 1994, be disallowed [F2019L00357].
Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Air Services Regulations 2019, made under the Air Services Act 1995, be disallowed [F2019L00371].
Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Collecting Tobacco Duties) Regulations 2019, made under the Customs Act 1901, be disallowed [F2019L00352].
Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

4 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2018, made under the Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018, be disallowed [F2019L00198].
Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 26 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 2 July 2019

1 Senator Rice: To move—that the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 3 December 2019:

The continuing discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, intersex and queer people and their families in Australia, its prevalence and its impacts, including:

(a) existing discrimination within federal, state and territory law and policy;
(b) experience of discrimination in Australian life, including but not limited to educational settings, workplaces, aged care, healthcare, sporting clubs and organisations, religious organisations, the provision of government services, including where contracted out, and in the provision of goods, services, housing and accommodation;
(c) where discrimination is sanctioned by federal, state and territory legislation and where it is occurring in breach or potential breach of legislation;
(d) how this discrimination affects the human rights, legal rights, access to justice, health, wellbeing and educational and economic outcomes of LGBTIQ+ people in Australia;
(e) the additional and compounding impacts of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, of different or minority race, ethnicity or religion, or on the grounds of their migrant status, age, ability and socio-economic background or circumstances, who have intersectional LGBTIQ+ identities, or who have a range of these personal characteristics;
(f) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs for young people;
(g) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs based on whether they live in urban, regional, rural or remote areas;
(h) the specific discrimination, stigmatisation and human rights violations, including harmful practices in medical settings, experienced by people born with variations of sex characteristics, including infants, children and adolescents, and also encompassing prenatal interventions due to variations of sex characteristics;
(i) the broad range of sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts and associated formal and informal activities, particularly by religious organisations, and the impacts of these on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and queer people;
(j) the reforms and initiatives required to remedy prejudice, stigma and
discrimination against LGBTIQ+ people and their families, including
legislative and policy reforms, funding for training and education programs,
funding for community and government initiatives, development of funded
government strategies, better liaison between government, relevant NGOs
and the LGBTIQ+ community, and the development of national standards
for best-practice legislative, policy and program initiatives; and
(k) any other related matters.

Ten sitting days after today (28 November 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 16 September 2019

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator
Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging
Services Table) Regulations 2019, made under the Health Insurance Act 1973, be
disallowed [F2019L00563].

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

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator
Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Migration Amendment (New Skilled
Regional Visas) Regulations 2019, made under the Migration Act 1958, be
disallowed [F2019L00578].

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

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator
Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Quality of Care Amendment
(Minimising the Use of Restraints) Principles 2019, made under the Aged Care Act
1997, be disallowed [F2019L00511].

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

4 Senator McKim, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human
Rights: To move—That the Quality of Care Amendment (Minimising the Use of
Restraints) Principles 2019, made under the Aged Care Act 1997, be disallowed
[F2019L00511].

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

On 28 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Privileges—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the development of a foreign influence transparency
scheme.
2 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**  
Report to be presented on Australia’s declarations made under certain international laws.

3 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

**On 4 December 2019**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas—Select Committee**  
Report to be presented.

**On 5 December 2019**

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.)*

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

3 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register for all horses.

4 **Economics References Committee**  
Report to be presented on regional inequality in Australia.

**On 7 February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order 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.)*

**On the last sitting day in February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order 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.
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 the first sitting day in 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.

On the first sitting Wednesday in March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Centrelink’s compliance program.

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 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.

On or before 30 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

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.)
April 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 the last sitting day of the 2020 Autumn sittings

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s faunal extinction crisis.

   On the Thursday of the first sitting week in May 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 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.)

   On the last sitting day in 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 References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine
   environment.

   On the first sitting day in 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 the last sitting day in June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s sovereign naval shipbuilding capability.
On or before 31 July 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

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

General Business—Order of the Day

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

On or before the first sitting day in October 2020

General Business—Order of the Day

1 Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology—Select Committee
   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 or before the final sitting day of 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 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
   Report to be presented on a review of the operation of the amendments, dealing with foreign donations and related matters, made by the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018, to commence on the second anniversary for the Royal Assent of the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018. (Bill received royal assent on 29 November 2018.)

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
   Referred to Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 28 November 2019)

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019 ‡
   Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 July 2019; reporting date: 11 November 2019)

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: 5 December 2019)

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)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: 7 November 2019)

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

Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 20 November 2019)

Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 25 October 2019)

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 25 October 2019)

Human Services Amendment (Photographic Identification and Fraud Prevention) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 August 2019; reporting date: 16 October 2019)

Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 18 October 2019)

Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 11 November 2019)
Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: the Thursday of the first sitting week in May 2020)

Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management to Cashless Debit Card Transition) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: 7 November 2019)

Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 7 November 2019)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Recovering Unpaid Superannuation) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 7 November 2019)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVATED

Private senators’ bills

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 382, 400, 406, 416, 533, 534, 538 to 540, 544, 549, 550, 560 to 562, 565, 569, 571, 573, 574, 577, 578, 580, 586, 589 to 591, 594, 595, 599, 600, 611 to 613, 617, 618, 620, 623 to 626, 628 to 633, 637 to 640, 643, 645, 646, 648 to 652, 654, 661, 663 to 677, 689 to 706, 709 to 760, 764 to 790, 792 to 804, 806 to 901.

Question nos, as shown, from 382 to 650 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 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)

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—2018-19 additional estimates; 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates

(1) That the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
   Monday, 21 October and Tuesday, 22 October 2019 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 23 October and Thursday, 24 October 2019 (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters and on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 25 October 2019, but not restricted to that day.

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

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

Group B:
   Community Affairs
   Economics
   Education and Employment
   Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(Agreed to 4 July 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)

First speech—Senator Henderson; Valedictory statements—Senator Sinodinos

That—

(a) on Wednesday, 16 October 2019, consideration of the business before the Senate be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Henderson to make her first speech without any question before the chair; and

(b) immediately after Senator Henderson’s first speech, valedictory statements may be made relating to Senator Sinodinos.

(Agreed to 14 October 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)

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)

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.
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**

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.

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.

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

   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.

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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).

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Richard Pye
Clerk of the Senate

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Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
Minister for Housing |
| Senator the Honourable Bridget McKenzie | Minister for Agriculture  
Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management |
| Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham | Assistant Trade and Investment Minister  
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Minister for the Environment |
| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne | Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Women  
Minister for International Development and the Pacific  
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| Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck | Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians  
Minister for Youth and Sport |
| Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash | Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business  
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Minister for Home Affairs  
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| Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan | Deputy Prime Minister  
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| Senator the Honourable Linda Reynolds, CSC | Minister for Defence  
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**Key**

<—Date of Senate ⅔ Cut-Off
S—Senate sitting week only
‡—Supplementary Budget estimates
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