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GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

**Notices of motion**
A proposed resolution that a senator intends to put to the Senate for debate and/or a vote. Notice is given so others have time to consider the proposal.

**Orders of the day**
Items of business the Senate has scheduled to carry out or consider on a particular day. These can include continued debate on a bill or motion, or the presentation of a report or other document.

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**Business listed for today**

- **Matters of privilege**
  - Proposed references to the Privileges Committee

- **Business of the Senate**
  - Disallowance motions
  - References to standing committees
  - Committee reports to be presented

- **Government business**
  - Initiated by ministers
  - Government bills
  - Proposed changes to the order of business

- **General business**
  - Initiated by senators who are not ministers
  - Notices of motion
  - Continued debate on previous motions

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**Available for debate on Thursdays**

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

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

Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, will be placed at the end of the section.

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**Other information**

- **Questions on notice**
  - Numbers of all unanswered questions on notice

- **Orders of the Senate**
  - An action the Senate requires to take place
  - New or amendments of standing orders
  - Temporary orders of the Senate

- **Contingent notices**
  - Motions to suspend standing orders that can be called upon when a specific event occurs

- **Ministerial representation**
  - Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent
BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY
BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2017

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

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

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

(b) transparency and accountability measures, including:
   (i) mechanisms of transparency and accountability of public–private partnership toll road developments,
   (ii) the impact of ‘commercial-in-confidence’ provisions on transparency and public accountability, and
   (iii) assessment of, and transparency and accountability of, unsolicited bids;

(c) the interaction of toll roads with transport policy and implementation, including:
   (i) the efficacy of toll roads in meeting transport needs,
   (ii) the impact of toll road contracts with potentially competing roads and public transport initiatives,
   (iii) the influence of toll road developments on overall transport policy of state and federal governments,
   (iv) alternatives to private toll roads, including public road developments and demand management,
   (v) the interaction of tolls payable on private toll roads with other current and potential road pricing mechanisms, and
   (vi) the contribution that payment of tolls plays in overall cost of transport to the community, and equity considerations;

(d) the impact of concentration of ownership of private toll roads;

(e) the appropriateness of tolls payable over time, penalties for non-payment and debt recovery mechanisms; and

(f) any other related matter.

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

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

(b) the operation, application and effectiveness of the Better Off Overall Test (BOOT) for enterprise agreements made under the Fair Work Act 2009;
(c) the desirability of amending the *Fair Work Act 2009* to ensure that enterprise agreements do not contain terms that specify penalty rates which are lower than the respective modern award; and

(d) any other related matter.

**Orders of the Day**

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

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

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

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

5. **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
   Report to be presented on the *Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017*.  
   *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

6. **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Bill 2017* and the *Parliamentary Business Resources (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017*.  
   *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Orders of the Day**

1. **Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire) Bill 2016**—*(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)*  
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 May 2017).

2. **Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017**—*(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)*  

3. **Health Insurance Amendment (National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2017**  
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.  
   *And on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate:*

   (a) laments that health outcomes in rural and regional Australia continue to lag significantly behind the rest of the country, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
(b) recognises that the establishment of a Rural Health Commissioner represents an opportunity to examine and address the significant workforce issues which contribute to this, as well as the range of other causes; and

(c) calls for the Commissioner to be free to examine and make recommendations relating to all areas of policy reform and funding that are relevant to urgently address this issue” (Senator Williams, in continuation, 27 March 2017).

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


5 Disability Services Amendment (Linking Upper Age Limits for Disability Employment Services to Pension Age) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)


6 Crimes Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)


7 Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Polar Code) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)


8 Personal Property Securities Amendment (PPS Leases) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)


9 Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)


10 Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Representation) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2017).

11 Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

12 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Seasonal Worker Incentives for Jobseekers) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)


13 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2016).

14 Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2016

Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 149 from the House of Representatives (30 March 2017).

15 Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)

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

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

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

19 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Transition Mobility Allowance to the National Disability Insurance Scheme) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2016).

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

21 Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

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

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

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

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

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

27 Governor-General’s Opening Speech
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hume—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—
We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), in continuation, 13 September 2016).

Notices of Motion

Notice given 9 May 2017

*1 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That—

(a) so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the succeeding provisions of this resolution having effect;

(b) on Thursday, 11 May 2017, the business of the Senate notice of motion proposing the disallowance of items 1 and 4 of Schedule 1 of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Narcotic Drugs) Regulation 2016, standing in the name of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), for that day be called on no later than 4 pm; and

(c) if consideration of the motion listed in paragraph (b) is not concluded at 4.15 pm, the questions on the unresolved motion shall then be put.

*2 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That—

(1) To ensure appropriate consideration of time critical bills by Senate committees, the provisions of all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 11 May 2017 and up to and including 1 June 2017 that contain substantive provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2017 (together with the provisions of any related bill) are referred to committees for inquiry and report by 13 June 2017.

(2) The committee to which each bill is referred shall be determined in accordance with the order of 31 August 2016, allocating departments and agencies to standing committees.

(3) A committee to which a bill has been referred may determine, by unanimous decision, that there are no substantive matters that require examination and report that fact to the Senate.

(4) This order does not apply in relation to bills which contain:

(a) no provisions other than provisions appropriating revenue or moneys (appropriation bills); and

(b) commencement clauses providing only for the legislation to commence on Royal Assent.

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

Parliamentary Business Resources Bill 2017

GENERAL BUSINESS

A complete list of all general business notices of motion and orders of the day remaining on the Notice Paper is published at: www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business
Notices of Motion

Notice given 9 May 2017

*305 Senators Bushby and O’Neill: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) World MS Day takes place on 31 May 2017 with the theme “Life with MS”; and
   (ii) MS Australia seeks to raise awareness of what life with MS is like;

(b) recognises that:
   (i) people are four times more likely to be diagnosed with MS if they are born in Tasmania, compared to the national average and 7 times more likely than if they were born in North Queensland,
   (ii) MS is the most common neurological condition diagnosed in young adults,
   (iii) MS is most commonly diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40, and 75 per cent of people diagnosed are women, and
   (iv) there is no known cause or cure;

(c) acknowledges the important role of families, friends and carers of people living with MS; and

(d) confirms the need for continued action to:
   (i) increase the investment in research to find the cause and a cure for MS and other conditions, and
   (ii) improve access to support from the first experience of symptoms, through diagnosis, treatment and ongoing disease management.

*306 Senator McAllister: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, by no later than 3.30 pm on 11 May 2017, the document created by Chief Judge Pascoe at the request of Ms Sharon Claydon, MP and sent to the Attorney-General’s office on 5 April 2017 relating to resourcing, caseloads and timeframes in Newcastle’s Federal Circuit Court.

*307 Senator Carr: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Urban Infrastructure, by no later than 9.30am on 11 May 2017, the Castalia Report into parallel import laws.

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

(a) recognises that:
   (i) International Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) Awareness Week will take place from 8 to 14 May 2017, with a Thunderclap event on 12 May 2017, and
   (ii) ME Action Network Australia encourages all Australians to:
      (A) understand that ME/CFS is a debilitating illness which may have symptoms persistent for many years, and
      (B) be supportive of the need for research funding towards medical treatments;

(b) acknowledges:
   (i) the important role of families and carers of ME/CFS sufferers, and
   (ii) that ME/CFS remains a poorly understood medical condition; and
(c) calls for further research that may lead to a more comprehensive understanding of this condition.

*309 Senator McKim: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) the Nauruan environment was damaged by extensive phosphate mining throughout the twentieth century creating cadmium residue,
(ii) the World Health Organisation classifies cadmium as a human carcinogen, which has toxic effects on the kidneys, skeletal and respiratory system,
(iii) a 2005 study, by Professor John Morrison and Dr Harley Manner, was undertaken of Nauruan soil and found cadmium levels in Nauruan soil were well above global averages,
(iv) a 2012 environmental due diligence report, by Sinclair Knight Merz, for the then-Department of Immigration and Citizenship, outlined the potential risks of establishing a regional processing centre in Nauru,
(v) the studies recommended in Nauru’s National Environmental Management Strategy (1996), and highlighted in the Sinclair Knight Merz report, were never undertaken,
(vi) the levels of cadmium remain unknown and refugees and asylum seekers on Nauru are yet to be tested for elevated levels of cadmium in their bodies, and
(vii) the Australian Government contracted health provider, International Health and Medical Services, remains unwilling to test refugees and asylum seekers on Nauru for elevated cadmium levels; and
(b) calls on the Government to ensure that all refugees and asylum seekers on Nauru are immediately tested for elevated cadmium levels and receive appropriate health care.

*310 Senator Bilyk: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) the month of May is Brain Cancer Action Month,
(ii) brain cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Australians under the age of 40,
(iii) brain cancer kills more Australian children than any other disease,
(iv) the five-year survival rate for brain cancer in Australia is 22 per cent, and has barely improved in the past three decades, and
(v) in addition to brain cancers, approximately 2,000 benign brain tumours are diagnosed each year in Australia, and that these may cause permanent disability or death; and
(b) urges the Australian Government to take whatever action is necessary to improve the survival rate for brain cancer.

*311 Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate calls on the Federal Government and the board of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility to not hand over public funds to prop up the Adani Carmichael coal mine project.

*312 Senator Ludlam: To move—That, in relation to the order of the Senate of 29 March 2017, the Senate—
(a) notes the failure of the Minister for Defence to provide either:
(i) the documents relating to the Minister for Defence Industry’s visit to Saudi Arabia and military exports to that country; or
(ii) any acceptable public interest immunity claim;

(b) orders there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, by 6 pm on 10 May 2017, the itinerary for the Minister for Defence Industry’s visit to Riyadh in December 2016, and any documents relating to approvals for the military exports to Saudi Arabia since January 2016; and

c) requires, if the documents are not provided, the Minister for Defence be in the Senate at 6 pm on 10 May 2017, so that a senator may ask the Minister for Defence for an explanation, and at the conclusion of the explanation any senator may move a motion to take note of the explanation; or if the Minister for Defence fails to provide an explanation any senator may move to take note of her failure to do so.

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

(a) notes that independent journalism and a diverse media landscape play a vital role in informing public debate and maintaining a strong democracy;

(b) recognises the right of journalists to take industrial action; and

(c) supports Fairfax staff taking industrial action in response to another round of cuts to newsroom jobs.

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

(a) recognises that:

(i) many Australian consumers deliberately choose free range labelled eggs to avoid the horrific cruelty of factory-farmed eggs,

(ii) the Model Code of Practice for Domestic Poultry reflects consumers’ expectations that eggs labelled as free range are laid by chickens kept at a maximum density of 1500 chickens per hectare,

(iii) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has for years successfully prosecuted unscrupulous egg producers for incorrectly labelling their intensively stocked chickens as free range,

(iv) the development of the Australian Standard for free range labelled eggs was intended to provide consumers with confidence that free range labelled eggs are laid by hens not suffering under intensively stocked systems of over 1,500 animals,

(v) the Government’s newly announced Standards allow industrial egg producers and major supermarkets to label densities of 10,000 hens per hectare as free range, and

(vi) the new Standards do not meet community expectations of free range; and

(b) calls on the Government to review the Free Range Egg Labelling Information Standard to accurately reflect the density standard of egg-laying chickens, and to ensure that consumers have correct information about stocking densities.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) next week, 14 to 20 May 2017, is Food Allergy week,

(ii) 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy that could threaten their life every day,

(iii) over half a million (650,000) Australians have a diagnosed food allergy, and

(iv) Australia has one of the highest rates of food allergies in the developed world, and that incidence of food allergy is growing at an alarming rate; and
(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) with no known cure for food allergy, awareness and education is of utmost importance, as a severe allergic reaction and/or anaphylaxis can rapidly become life threatening, and must be treated as a medical emergency,
   (ii) Food Allergy Week is an opportunity to highlight the high rates of food allergy in Australia and to encourage Australians to be aware of food allergies and know how to respond in an emergency situation, and
   (iii) allergy sufferers, friends and family members can visit the Food Allergy Week website www.foodallergyaware.com.au or contact Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia for a range of resources, and support on living with, and responding to food allergies.

Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) 26 May 2017 marks the 20 year anniversary of the historic report, Bringing Them Home: Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families, and
      (ii) 26 May is Sorry Day, a day to acknowledge and recognise members of the stolen generations;
   (b) acknowledges:
      (i) the ongoing impacts of the intergenerational effects on the stolen generations and their families,
      (ii) that a disproportionate number of Aboriginal children are still in out-of-home care,
      (iii) that the 2016 report of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), Family Matters, found that:
         (A) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are almost 10 times more likely to be removed by child protection authorities than non-Indigenous children, and
         (B) the population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children removed by the child protection system is likely to triple by 2035,
      (iv) children in out-of-home care experience poor outcomes on a range of indicators; and
   (c) calls on state, territory and Commonwealth governments, as a matter of urgency, to implement the recommendations contained in the report of SNAICC.

Senator Burston: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes the Platform Papers publication entitled, Missing in Action: the ABC and Australian Screen Culture, in which former ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) television director Mr Kim Dalton argues that the primary concern of the ABC is to protect its institutional status and structure;
   (b) is of the opinion that the ABC should allocate at least 35 per cent of its annual funding to rural and regional areas of Australia where Australian content can be developed consistent with the ABC Charter; and
   (c) calls on the Government to make a reduction to ABC funding of $600 million over the forward estimates of $150 million per year commencing at the end of the 2017-18 financial year on the basis that the ABC has failed to develop a strategic plan to
provide at least 50 per cent local content, and to develop a policy of broadcasting programs that contribute to a sense of national identity.

*318 Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Government Procurement (Senator Xenophon): To move—That—

(a) paragraph (1) of the resolution of appointment of the Joint Select Committee on Government Procurement be amended to read as follows:

(1) That a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Government Procurement, be established to inquire and report by 30 June 2017 on the following matters; and

(b) a message be forwarded to the House of Representatives seeking the concurrence of the House in this variation to the resolution of appointment.

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

(a) notes reports alleging that male citizens of the Republic of Chechnya, assumed to be gay or bisexual, are being rounded up, placed in ‘concentration camps’ and beaten and tortured on the basis of their actual or presumed sexuality; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) work with other nations on a United Nations (UN) resolution condemning the Chechen Government’s actions, and the Russian Government’s failure to stop them,

(ii) publicly back the UN’s Free and Equal Campaign, a global public education campaign which raises awareness of homophobic and transphobic violence and discrimination, and promotes greater respect for the rights of LGBTI people globally,

(iii) be prepared to take gay and bisexual refugees from Chechnya,

(iv) update Smart Traveller references to Chechnya and Russia, and

(v) cut any trade and diplomatic links with Chechnya that Australia may have.

*320 Senators Xenophon, Griff and Kakoschke-Moore: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) on 20 April 2017 it was announced that the Makk and McLeay Aged Mental Health Care Service at Oakden (Oakden) in South Australia, the state-Government-run nursing home for vulnerable dementia patients, would be shut in the wake of allegations of mistreatment at the facility,

(ii) the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency (AACQA) has a responsibility to accredit Australian-Government-subsidised aged care homes, and had accredited Oakden,

(iii) the chief executive of the AACQA, visited the facility after the announced closures and conceded that Oakden was one of the “poorest examples” of nursing homes he had experienced,

(iv) the AACQA is now conducting a review on its own performance in relation to the accreditation of Oakden, and

(v) there is always danger in self-assessment by Government agencies; and

(b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care, by no later than 5 pm on 11 May 2017, the following Oakden-related documents for the period 2007 to date:

(i) all accreditation site audit reports,

(ii) all assessment information documents,
That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Future of Public Interest Journalism, be established to inquire into and report on:

(a) the current state of public interest journalism in Australia and around the world, including the role of government in ensuring a viable, independent and diverse service;

(b) the adequacy of current competition and consumer laws to deal with the market power and practices of search engines, social media aggregators and content aggregators, and their impact on the Australian media landscape;

(c) the impact on public interest journalism of search engines and social media internet service providers circulating fake news, and an examination of counter measures directed at online advertisers, ‘click-bait’ generators and other parties who benefit from disinformation;

(d) the future of public and community broadcasters in delivering public interest journalism, particularly in underserviced markets like regional Australia, and culturally and linguistically diverse communities;

(e) examination of ‘fake news’, propaganda, and public disinformation, including sources and motivation of fake news in Australia, overseas, and the international response; and

(f) any related matters.

That the committee present its final report on or before 7 December 2017.

That the committee consist of seven 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;

(c) one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens;

(d) one nominated by the Nick Xenophon Team; and

(e) one nominated by minority party and independent senators.

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.

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

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 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and as deputy chair the member nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens.

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

(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 three 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.

(13) That the committee have power 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.

*322 Senators Siewert, Dodson and Scullion: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that National Reconciliation Week is from 27 May to 3 June 2017 and the theme is “Let’s Take the Next Steps”;

(b) acknowledges that:

(i) the first and last day of Reconciliation Week fall on significant anniversaries: the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum and the 25th anniversary of the Mabo decision,

(ii) as a consequence of the 1967 referendum, two references in the Constitution, which discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, were removed,

(iii) the removal of these references meant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples could be counted in the census and the Federal Government could make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples,

(iv) the 1967 referendum achieved a 90.77 per cent ‘yes’ vote, the highest ‘yes’ vote of a federal referendum, and

(v) the Mabo decision overturned the doctrine of ‘terra nullius’; and

(c) calls on all levels of government to be a part of the next steps in our nation’s reconciliation journey.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (11 May 2017)
Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2017

1 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That items 1 and 4 of Schedule 1 of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Narcotic Drugs) Regulation 2016 and made under the Crimes Act 1914 and the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, be disallowed [F2016L01652].

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

Notice given 30 March 2017


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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on the management of credit and other transaction cards by the Department of Defence.

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

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

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 November 2016

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

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

42 Competition and Consumer Legislation Amendment (Small Business Access to Justice) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Gallagher)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Gallagher, in continuation, 16 February 2017).

On 22 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 31 May 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

   On 7 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

   On 9 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

   On 13 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 February 2017

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

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting
   Minors Online) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment
   (Omnibus) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 29 March 2017

302 Senator McAllister: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to
   amend the Productivity Commission Act 1998, and for related purposes. Productivity
On 14 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 30 March 2017

1 Senator Siewert: To move—that the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Specialist Disability Accommodation) Rules 2016, made under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013, be disallowed [F2017L00209].

Thirteen 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 22 March 2017

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

(1) That a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Oversight of the Implementation of Recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse be established to inquire into and report upon:
   (a) the response and implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission by the Australian Government, state and territory governments and relevant not-for-profit organisations;
   (b) the Australian Government policy, program and legal response, including the establishment and operation of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme and ongoing support of survivors; and
   (c) any matter in relation to the Royal Commission’s recommendations referred to the committee by a resolution of either House of the Parliament.

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

(3) That the committee consist of 12 members – 7 senators, and 5 members as follows:
   (a) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
   (b) 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the House of Representatives;
   (c) 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
   (d) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives;
   (e) 1 to be nominated by minority groups or independents in the Senate; and
   (f) the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch).

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

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

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

(7) That Senator Hinch be appointed as chair of the committee and the committee elect as deputy chair a member or senator nominated by the Opposition.
(8) That the deputy chair shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

On 15 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

Five sitting days after today (19 June 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):
   To move—That the Jervis Bay Territory Marine Safety Ordinance 2016, made under the Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act 1915, be disallowed [F2016L01756].
   Six sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 20 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2017


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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 21 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 Community Affairs References Committee

On 22 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on shark mitigation and deterrent measures.
4 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
Report to be presented on whistleblower protections.

On 19 July 2017

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

On 7 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Education and Employment References Committee
Report to be presented on corporate avoidance of the *Fair Work Act 2009*.

Nine sitting days after today (8 August 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 27 March 2017*

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

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

Ten sitting days after today (9 August 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 28 March 2017*

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

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

On 9 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 9 May 2017*

*1 Senator Cameron:* To move—that the Code for the Tendering and Performance of Building Work 2016, made under the *Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Act 2016*, be disallowed [F2016L01859].

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

*Notice of motion altered on 9 May 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.*
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 14 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Strengthening Multiculturalism—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

Thirteen sitting days after today (15 August 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 31 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):
To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Social Services Measures No. 4) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01922].
Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):
To move—That the Legislation (Exemptions and Other Matters) Amendment (Sunsetting and Disallowance Exemptions) Regulation 2016, made under the Legislation Act 2003, be disallowed [F2016L01897].
Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 15 August 2017

General Business—Order of the Day

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

On 23 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects.
On 31 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on asbestos.

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 13 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 14 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 18 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

On 31 October 2017
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

**On 23 November 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**On 27 November 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**On 28 November 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**On 30 November 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

**On 1 December 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 Red Tape—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

On 6 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the first sitting day in March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLs CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

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

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017‡
   Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 February 2017; reporting date: 9 August 2017)

Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017‡
   Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 10 May 2017)

Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Minors Online) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
   Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 13 June 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017 ‡
   Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 15 June 2017)
Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions];
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 23 March 2017; reporting date: 22 May 2017)

Parliamentary Business Resources Bill 2017 [provisions];
Parliamentary Business Resources (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017 [provisions];
Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 10 May 2017)

Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2017 [provisions];
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 13 June 2017)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

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

*Questions remaining unanswered*

Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 342, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 373 to 376, 395, 406 to 408, 410, 411, 416, 418, 423, 424, 427 to 429, 432, 434, 437, 439, 442 to 444, 446, 449 to 473.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 446 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.

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**Orders of the Senate**

*Allocation of departments/agencies*

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

- **Community Affairs**
  - Health
  - Social Services, including Human Services

- **Economics**
  - Industry, Innovation and Science
  - Treasury

- **Education and Employment**
  - Education and Training
  - Employment

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

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

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

- **Legal and Constitutional Affairs**
  - Attorney-General
  - Immigration and Border Protection
Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates

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

**2016-17 additional estimates:**

- Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)
- Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B).

**2017-18 Budget estimates:**

- Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)
- Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)
- Monday, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
- Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

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

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

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**

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

**Group B:**

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

(5) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
   (a) Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates; and
   (b) Tuesday, 20 June 2017 in respect of the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016; varied 8 February 2017; varied 29 March 2017 in respect of paragraph (2A))

Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice
That:
   (a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and
   (b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.

(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

First speech—Senator Georgiou
That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 14 June 2017, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Georgiou to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

(Agreed to 9 May 2017)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Spring sittings (2):**

- Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October

**Spring sittings (3):**

- Monday, 13 November to Thursday, 16 November
- Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
- Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.

*Agreed to 8 November 2016*

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**Meeting of Senate—Budget week—9 to 11 May 2017**

That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 9 May 2017 be from 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 11 May 2017 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

(a) the routine of business from 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 9 May 2017 shall be:

   (i) Budget statement and documents 2017-18, and
   (ii) adjournment; and

(b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 11 May 2017 shall be:

   (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
   (ii) adjournment.

*Agreed to 29 March 2017*

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**CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Conduct of business**

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

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

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

Formal business

3 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Senator Lambie

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

Limitation of time

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

Senator Leyonhjelm

Senator Xenophon

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

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

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

Senator Leyonhjelm

Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

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

Senator Leyonhjelm

Senator Xenophon

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

Senator Lambie

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

Questions without notice

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

Senator Lambie

Senator Leyonhjelm

Senator Xenophon

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

**Statements**

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

   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon

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

**Tabling of documents**

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

   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon

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

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**APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES**

**Advisory Council on Australian Archives**
Senator Moore *(appointed 12 February 2015, for a period of 3 years).*

**Council of the National Library of Australia**
Senator Moore *(appointed 10 November 2016, for a period of 3 years).*

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

**RICHARD PYE**
Clerk
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