The Senate meets at 12.30 pm

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Temporary Chairs of Committees

Senators Back, Bernardi, Gallacher, Ketter, Marshall, O'Sullivan, Reynolds, Sterle and Whish-Wilson

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GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

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

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

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

Available for debate on Thursdays

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

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.

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
Notice of Motion

Notice given 30 November 2016

1 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2017:

The tax and royalties collected from the extraction and sale of Australia’s oil and gas resources, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and integrity of the existing Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(b) compliance with the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(c) responsibilities and effectiveness of state and Federal Government departments in administering the existing PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(d) the suitability of the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime in the modern global economy;
(e) the comparison of tax and royalty regimes with other oil and gas producing countries that export to the Asia-Pacific region;
(f) principles for modification of the PRRT as it applies to gas;
(g) principles for an extended Commonwealth royalty regime covering offshore oil and gas projects in Commonwealth waters; and
(h) any other related matters.

Orders of the Day

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

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

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

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

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

1 Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Petroleum Pools and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 November 2016).

2 Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (29 November 2016).

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

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

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

6 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 November 2016).

7 Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016—(Minister for Regional Development, Senator Nash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 November 2016).

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

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

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

11 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).
12 Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 November 2016).

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

14 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).

15 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).

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 24 November 2016


Notice given 1 December 2016

*168 Senator O’Neill: To move—

(1) That the Senate—

(a) notes the national framework agreed to by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in 2008 to tackle Indigenous disadvantage and the six priority areas for change identified by COAG;

(b) further notes that reports are presented by the Prime Minister to the Australian Parliament annually on progress in meeting these ‘Closing the Gap’ targets;

(c) is of the view that the presentation of these annual reports should be marked by a special parliamentary procedure in recognition of the significance of these initiatives to all Australians;
(d) therefore proposes to the House of Representatives that it consider marking the presentation of the Prime Minister’s annual report on ‘Closing the Gap’ by:
   (i) hosting a meeting of the House to which senators are invited in a similar manner as senators are invited to attend addresses by foreign Heads of State, and
   (ii) inviting senior Indigenous leaders to be present when the Prime Minister’s annual report is presented; and

(e) resolves that, on its presentation to the Senate, the Prime Minister’s annual report on ‘Closing the Gap’ and accompanying ministerial statement be listed for consideration as a government business order of the day, and that the Government undertake to provide for at least 2 hours consideration of the statement during government business time, not more than eight sitting days following the presentation of the report to the Senate.

(2) This order have continuing effect.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (8 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 29 November 2016

1 Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Waters): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 23 August 2017:

   The rehabilitation of mining and resources projects as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities, for example under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act), with regard to:

   (a) the cost of outstanding rehabilitation obligations of currently operating projects;
   (b) the adequacy of existing regulatory, policy and institutional arrangements to ensure adequate and timely rehabilitation;
   (c) the adequacy and transparency of financial mechanisms, including assurances, bonds and funds, to ensure that mining and resources projects are rehabilitated without placing a burden on public finances;
   (d) the effectiveness of current Australian rehabilitation practices in safeguarding human health and repairing and avoiding environmental damage;
   (e) the effectiveness of existing abandoned mines programs, with regard to repairing environmental damage and safeguarding human health;
   (f) whether any mining or resources companies have engaged in conduct designed to avoid fulfilling their rehabilitation obligations;
(g) the potential social, economic and environmental impacts, including on matters of national environmental significance under the EPBC Act, of inadequate rehabilitation;

(h) the potential social, economic and environmental benefits of adequate rehabilitation, including job opportunities in communities affected by job losses in the mining and resources sectors;

(i) international examples of effective rehabilitation policy and practice;

(j) proposals for reform of rehabilitation of mining and resources projects; and

(k) any other related matters.

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Final report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Two sitting days after today (9 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 October 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/010, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00377].

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

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/007, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00455].

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

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/008, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00456].

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

On 13 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill—Select Committee

Report to be presented.
*2 Economics Legislation Committee
  Report to be presented on the provisions of the Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 14 February 2017

Government Business—Order of the Day

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

*2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
  Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Code of Procedure Harmonisation) Bill 2016. (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 (Digital Readiness and Other Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 15 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

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.
Five sitting days after today (15 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 November 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) By-Laws 2016, made under the Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986, be disallowed [F2016L00619]. Six sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 16 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

*1 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Cooperation and Other Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 24 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

*2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the operation of the Administrative Arrangements Order.

On 28 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the penalties for white collar crime or misconduct.
2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Seven sitting days after today (20 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 November 2016

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

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

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Industry, Innovation and Science Measures No. 2) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L00672].

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

On 20 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 21 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 22 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the non-payment of the Superannuation Guarantee.
On the tenth sitting day of 2017 (22 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 24 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 29 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Fourteen sitting days after today (30 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 1 December 2016

*1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Army and Air Force (Canteen) Regulation 2016, made under the Defence Act 1903, be disallowed [F2016L01455].

Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
*2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Agriculture and Water Resources Measures No. 3) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01576].

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

*3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education and Training Measures No. 4) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01583].

Fifteen 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 Williams): To move—That the Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules 2016 (No. 3), made under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007, be disallowed [F2016L01596].

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

On 30 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

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

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 31 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on carbon risk disclosure.

On 27 April 2017

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

On 28 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future of Australia’s aged care sector workforce.
2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

On 10 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
*1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the complaints process under the Health Practitioners Regulation National Law.

On 11 May 2017

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

On 25 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on non-conforming building products.
On 31 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 20 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 22 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

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

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

General Business—Order of the Day

1 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.

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.
   (select committee to be established on 27 March 2017)

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—Order of the Day

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

On 30 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 18 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date (final): 8 February 2017)

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 16 February 2017)

Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 13 February 2017)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Cooperation and Other Measures) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 16 February 2017)
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Commonwealth Entities) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 24 November 2016; reporting date: 7 February 2017)

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

Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 13 October 2016; reporting date: the last sitting day in March 2017)

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 28 February 2017)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Code of Procedure Harmonisation) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 14 February 2017)

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

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

Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2016; reporting date: 14 February 2017)

Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Digital Readiness and Other Measures) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 14 February 2017)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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


Question nos, as shown above, from 67 to 333 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

Orders of the Senate

Administration—Former ministers—Meetings—Order for production of documents

That—

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

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

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

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

(c) what topics were considered at each of the meetings.

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

(3) In this order:

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

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

(5) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 23 November 2016)

Address-in-reply—Suspension of standing order 3(4)
That standing order 3(4) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider business other than that of a formal character before the address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s opening speech has been adopted.

(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

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

Community Affairs
  Health
  Social Services, including Human Services

Economics
  Industry, Innovation and Science
  Treasury

Education and Employment
  Education and Training
  Employment

Environment and Communications
  Communications and the Arts
  Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
  Finance
  Parliament
  Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  Attorney-General
  Immigration and Border Protection

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
  Agriculture and Water Resources
  Infrastructure and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)
Chamber photographs
That the order of the Senate of 21 March 2002 restricting photography in the Senate chamber ceases to have effect on and from 7 November 2016.
(Agreed to 13 October 2016; varied 7 November 2016)

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

Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates
(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2017 be scheduled as follows:

2016-17 additional estimates:
Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)
Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B).

2017-18 Budget estimates:
Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)
Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)
Monday, 30 October and Tuesday, 31 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 1 November and Thursday, 2 November (supplementary hearings—Group B).

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

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

Group A:
Environment and Communications
Finance and Public Administration
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Group B:
Community Affairs
Economics
Education and Employment
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(5) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
(a) Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates; and
(b) Tuesday, 20 June 2017 in respect of the 2017-18 Budget estimates.
(Agreed to 8 November 2016)

Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice
That:
(a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and
(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.
(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

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

Autumn sittings:
Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
Monday, 13 February to Thursday, 16 February
Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

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

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

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

Spring sittings (2):
Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October
Spring sittings (3):
Monday, 13 November to Thursday, 16 November
Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.
(Agreed to 8 November 2016)

Privileges Committee—163rd report
That, in relation to the matter referred to the Privileges Committee on 31 August 2016, relating to the disposition of documents over which claims of parliamentary privilege have been made, the Senate:
(a) empowers the committee to access and examine the material identified in paragraph (1) of the resolution referring the matter, which is in the custody of the Clerk of the Senate, for the purposes of its inquiry; and
(b) empowers the committee to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the inquiry, with the approval of the President.
(Agreed to 1 December 2016)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Culleton
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(ii) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Rodney Norman Culleton was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.
(Agreed to 7 November 2016)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Day
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Robert John Day was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, Mr Day was at any time incapable of sitting as a Senator prior to the dissolution of the 44th Parliament and, if so, on what date he became so incapable;
(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(e) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 7 November 2016)

Rotation of senators
That, pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, the senators chosen for each state be divided into two classes, as follows:

(1) Senators listed at positions 7 to 12 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall be allocated to the first class and receive 3 year terms.

(2) Senators listed at positions 1 to 6 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall be allocated to the second class and receive 6 year terms.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Amendment to standing order 24—Temporary order
That:

(a) where the Scrutiny of Bills Committee writes to a minister it expects a response to be received in time to be considered by the committee and reported on while the bill is still before the Parliament;

(b) if the committee has not completed its inquiry due to the failure of a minister to respond to the committee’s concerns, senators should have the right to ask the responsible minister why the Scrutiny of Bills Committee has not received a response; and therefore:

(c) the following amendment to standing order 24 operate as a temporary order from the first sitting day of 2017 to the last sitting day of March 2018:

Add the following paragraph:

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

(i) any senator may ask the minister for an explanation as to why the minister has not provided a response to the committee, and

(ii) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice either a motion relating to the consideration of the bill or - That the Senate take note of the explanation; or

(iii) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the minister’s failure to provide an explanation.”

(Agreed to 29 November 2016)
Standing orders—Amendments to standing order 169 and standing order 175

Standing order 169—Motions after tabling
At the end of standing order 169, add:
(3) If a ministerial statement is presented to or tabled in the Senate other than in accordance with standing order 61, it shall be in order for a senator to move a motion without notice to take note of the statement. On any such motion, a senator may speak for not more than 10 minutes and paragraph (2) applies to the total time limit for individual or successive motions.
(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016)

Standing order 175—Conduct of visitors
Paragraph (3) be amended in the following terms with immediate effect:
(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply in respect of a senator breastfeeding an infant or, at the discretion of the President, a senator caring for an infant briefly, provided the business of the Senate is not disrupted.
(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016)

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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 put immediately and determined without amendment or debate.
4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

Limitation of time
   Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon

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

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

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

   Senator Lambie

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

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

Matters of urgency

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

Order of business

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

Senator Lambie

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

Questions without notice

14  Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
    Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
    Senator Lambie
    Senator Leyonhjelm
    Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

15  Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
    Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
    Senator Lambie
    Senator Leyonhjelm
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To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.
Tabling of documents

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.

RICHARD PYE
Acting Clerk of the Senate

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