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Business for today

Private senators’ bills—Order of the day

7  Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Senator Griff)
Second reading (restored 4 July 2019).

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 13 November 2019

1  Senator Patrick: To move—
(1) That the Senate notes that, in respect to the development of Greater Sunrise oil and gas fields:
   (a) on 6 March 2018, Australia and Timor-Leste signed a maritime boundaries treaty establishing permanent maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea, and a legal framework for developing the Greater Sunrise gas fields, together and sharing in the benefits— the treaty has now been ratified by both countries and entered into force on 30 August 2019;
   (b) there are two options for processing the Greater Sunrise gas fields:
      (i) onshore in Australia, or
      (ii) onshore in Timor Leste, as part of the Timor-Leste Government’s Tasi Mane development strategy for a corridor of petroleum infrastructure along the southwest coast of the country;
   (c) the Australian Government stated, in response to a question asked during the estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 4 September 2019, that ‘Australia wants Greater Sunrise to be developed in a commercially sound way that maximises the return for the parties, and therefore contributes to Timor Leste’s economic development priorities. Provided these conditions are met, Australia is neutral as to whether Greater Sunrise gas is processed in Timor-Leste or Australia’; and
   (d) the establishment of a corridor of petroleum infrastructure along the southwest coast of Timor-Leste would be a more complex and challenging endeavour than processing in existing facilities in Australia.
(2) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and to report by the final sitting day of June 2020, relating the Tasi Mane project:

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

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

(c) opportunities for Australian industry to assist with the design, development and execution of the Tasi Mane project;

(d) opportunities for the Australian Government to assist Timor-Leste, in respect of activities and projects incidental to the Tasi Mane project;

(e) opportunities for Australian industry, in respect of activities and projects incidental to the Tasi Mane project; and

(f) any related matters.

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019, the VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019 and the Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government business—Orders of the day

1 Customs Amendment (Growing Australian Export Opportunities Across the Asia-Pacific) Bill 2019
   Customs Tariff Amendment (Growing Australian Export Opportunities Across the Asia-Pacific) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

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

3 Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Air Pollution) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 14 November 2019).
4 Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019
VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019
Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019—
(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

5 Aged Care Legislation Amendment (New Commissioner Functions) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 October 2019).

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

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

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

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

10 Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 September 2019).

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

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

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

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

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

General business—Notices of motion

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

Notice given 30 July 2019

Senator Kitching: To move—

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

(a) the adequacy and performance of existing integrity measures including, but not limited to:
   (i) the Statement of Ministerial Standards, and
   (ii) the Lobbyist Code and Register of Lobbyists;
(b) the funding, functions and performance of Commonwealth integrity agencies;
(c) the adequacy of government responses to Senate committee reports;
(d) the adequacy of government responses to Senate orders for the production of documents;
(e) the operation of the Commonwealth Procurement Framework;
(f) the administration of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 legislation;
(g) any proposals to strengthen the integrity of government administration; and
(h) any related matters.

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

(3) That the committee consist of 8 senators, as follows:

(a) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
(b) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
(c) 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
(d) 3 nominated by minor party and independent senators.
(4) That:
(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator; and
(b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee.

(5) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.

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

(7) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and as deputy chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens or by minor party and independent senators.

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

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

(10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

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

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

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

Notice given 11 November 2019

226 Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
(i) the overall national toll for women killed by violence, since the start of 2019, now stands at 47, as reported by Counting Dead Women Australia from Destroy The Joint,
(ii) there is no national government reporting program to record the ongoing toll of women killed by violence in real-time,
(iii) on average, one woman is murdered every week by her current or former partner,
(iv) according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey 2016:
   (A) more than 370,000 Australian women are subjected to violence from men each year,
   (B) 1 in 3 Australian women has experienced physical violence,
   (C) 1 in 5 Australian women has experienced sexual violence,
   (D) 1 in 6 Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner,
   (E) 1 in 4 Australian women has experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner,
   (F) Australian women are nearly three times more likely than men to experience violence from an intimate partner, and
   (G) Australian women are 2.5 times more likely to be hospitalised for assault injuries arising from family and domestic violence than men, with hospitalisation rates rising by 23% since 2014-15,
(v) in 2017, young women aged between 15-34 accounted for more than half of reported sexual assaults,
(vi) there is growing evidence that women with disabilities are more likely to experience violence,
(vii) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women report experiencing violence at 3.1 times the rate of non-Indigenous women,
(viii) in 2016-17, Indigenous women were 32 times as likely to be hospitalised due to family violence as non-Indigenous women,
(ix) the Fourth Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022, states that the overall prevalence of violence against women will only start to decrease in the very long term as gender roles change, and
(x) the Fourth Action Plan recognises that demand for domestic and family violence services has increased, and will continue to increase; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to:
   (i) recognise domestic violence against women as a national security crisis,
   (ii) adequately fund frontline domestic, family and sexual violence and crisis housing services to ensure that all women seeking safety can access these services when and where they need them,
   (iii) legislate for 10 days paid domestic and family violence leave so that women do not have to choose between paying the bills and seeking safety,
   (iv) ensure that all government-funded counselling services for domestic and family violence are delivered by expert family violence service providers, in accordance with the National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions,
(v) implement all 25 recommendations contained in the report of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee on domestic violence in Australia, tabled on 20 August 2015, and

(vi) maintain and publish an official real-time national toll of women killed by violence in Australia.

Notice given 13 November 2019

249 Senators Sheldon and Gallacher: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the road transport industry is Australia’s deadliest industry,

(ii) a 2016 report by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics stated ‘Heavy trucks are disproportionately involved in casualty crashes: approximately 16% of road crash fatalities and 4% of injuries involve these vehicles’ – Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that trucks represent just 3.6% of registered motor vehicles,

(iii) the latest quarterly report from the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics shows 183 people died from truck crashes in the year to June 2019,

(iv) Safe Work Australia shows transport workers have the highest numbers of deaths out of any profession – so far this year, 41 transport workers have been killed on the job out of a total of 121 workers killed,

(v) on 15 October 2019, Channel 9 News aired shocking evidence of a disregard for safety: safety doors blocked, fire equipment hemmed in, chaotic food storage, filthy floors, faulty electrics, poor lighting for truck drivers delivering goods and a flooded yard outside a loading dock at Aldi stores across Australia, and

(vi) on 16 October 2019, truck drivers across Australia took part in nationwide protests to highlight concerns they have with safety at Aldi;

and

(b) congratulates transport workers and their worker representatives, the Transport Workers Union of Australia, on helping bring the safety issues at Aldi to light.

260 Senator Roberts: To move—That the Senate notes that:

(a) valid scientific data proving cause-and-effect is vital as the only credible justification for policies claimed to be based on science; and

(b) the ultimate arbiter of science is empirical scientific evidence, being:

(i) objectively verified hard data as physical measurements and/or physical observations, and

(ii) presented in a logical framework proving cause and effect.
262 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) as of October 2019, there are 289,489 people of a total of 686,000 people on Newstart who are categorised as having a ‘partial capacity to work’ meaning 42% of Newstart recipients now have an illness or disability,

(ii) 128,820 people (44%) of those with a ‘partial capacity to work’, have a psychological or psychiatric impairment,

(iii) poverty is a well-established social determinant of health, including psychological health, and persistent poverty plays a demonstrable role in increasing levels of psychological distress, and

(iv) the Minister for Health (Mr Hunt) stated on World Mental Health Day 2019 that ‘supporting mental health and suicide prevention is the Government’s highest health priority, and is a central feature of our Long Term National Health Plan. It is also a personal priority for the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, and myself’;

(b) expresses concern that so many Australians with mental ill health are being forced to live in poverty on Newstart and Youth Allowance; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to recognise the impact poverty has on mental health, and immediately increase Newstart and Youth Allowance to enable people in our community to have dignified standard of living.

264 Senators Watt, Green, Chisholm, Ayres, Keneally, McAllister, O’Neill, Sheldon, Pratt, Sterle, Lines and Dodson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) New South Wales and Queensland and parts of Western Australia are currently in the midst of devastating bushfires,

(ii) these fires have led to three people tragically losing their lives, more than 30 people injured and over 170 homes destroyed,

(iii) well over 100 fires are burning across New South Wales and Queensland and parts of Western Australia, and

(iv) New South Wales and Queensland remain in a State of Emergency, with severe fire dangers continuing today and expected to continue into the weekend;

(b) offers its condolences to the Australians who have lost their loved ones, and the Australians who have lost their homes;

(c) expresses its gratitude to the brave firefighters, both paid and voluntary, and emergency services personnel who are working through the day and night to keep communities safe; and

(d) urges those Australians in affected areas to listen to warnings and stay safe.

Notice of motion altered on 13 November 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.
*265 Senator Brown: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) the Department of Home Affairs employs over 100 dedicated and hardworking Tasmanians to process visa applications,
   (ii) this is crucial work that ensures the integrity of our visa processing system and is the cornerstone of our sovereignty as a nation,
   (iii) the Federal Government’s plan to privatise Australia’s visa system threatens the livelihoods of over 100 Tasmanians and their families, and
   (iv) privatising Australia’s visa system will lead to increased costs of visas, greater risks of worker exploitation, data security breaches and will make protecting national security more difficult;
(b) condemns the Federal Government for auctioning Australian jobs off to the highest bidder, and for undermining the integrity of our visa processing system and our nation’s sovereignty; and
(c) calls on the Federal Government to guarantee the protection of these 104 jobs in Tasmania, and the 2000 jobs across Australia, which will be lost under the Morrison Government if they persist with their efforts to privatise Australia’s visa system.

*266 Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) the parliamentary inquiry into Australia’s Family Law System is going ahead, despite the strong opposition of the women’s safety sector,
   (ii) specialist services across the women’s safety sector have been contacted by survivors who are concerned that the inquiry is going ahead, and concerned they will not be believed when they speak of family violence,
   (iii) concerns continue to be raised by the women’s safety sector, including from the Australian Women Against Violence Alliance, that:
      (A) this inquiry is unnecessary and harmful,
      (B) many victims and survivors of family violence will not feel safe to give evidence, and
      (C) those victims, survivors and other persons who do wish to give evidence should be supported to do so, having regard to mental and physical health risks,
   (iv) specialist domestic and family violence services expect an increase in demand while the inquiry remains under way, and
   (v) the Joint Select Committee on Australia’s Family Law System has been informed about the essential safeguards that are needed to mitigate these concerns, but no commitments have yet been made; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to take action to ensure that witnesses who choose to give evidence to the inquiry can do so safely, and that evidence given to the inquiry is treated respectfully, by:

(i) putting in place the essential safeguards being called for by women’s safety experts to protect witnesses during the conduct of the inquiry, including rules about giving evidence in confidence or remotely, ensuring safe access to hearing venues, and media protocols,

(ii) not holding hearings until such safeguards and support for survivors of violence are implemented, and

(iii) adequately funding frontline domestic, family and sexual violence and crisis housing services and community legal services to ensure that all survivors can access these services when and where they need them.

Notice of motion altered on 14 November 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.

*267 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—

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

(2) This order is of continuing effect.

*268 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Newstart has not had an increase in real terms for 25 years, and

(ii) Newstart is a poverty trap; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to raise the rate of Newstart immediately.

General business—Orders of the day

*2 Deferred vote—Export policy

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 14 November 2019, vote to be taken on the motion moved by Senator Patrick—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Australia has a propensity to simply export its raw materials and commodities to countries that then profit by doing the value add and selling it back to us, and

(ii) this approach denies Australia economic activity and job opportunities; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to adjust policy and support settings to ensure we value add before exporting. (14 November 2019)
Orders for production of documents

**Draft dairy code of conduct—Order for production of documents**

By the Minister for Agriculture to table, by 5 pm on 25 November 2019, drafting instructions and correspondence relating to the current exposure draft dairy code of conduct. (*Motion of Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson) agreed to 13 November 2019.*)

**Franchising Taskforce—Order for production of documents**

By the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business to table, by no later than 3.30 pm on 25 November 2019, documents received by the Franchising Taskforce. (*Motion of Senator O'Neill agreed to 14 November 2019.*)

Business for future consideration

**On the next day of sitting (26 November 2019)**

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

*Notice given 2 July 2019*

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

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

(a) existing discrimination within federal, state and territory law and policy;
(b) experience of discrimination in Australian life, including but not limited to educational settings, workplaces, aged care, healthcare, sporting clubs and organisations, religious organisations, the provision of government services, including where contracted out, and in the provision of goods, services, housing and accommodation;
(c) where discrimination is sanctioned by federal, state and territory legislation and where it is occurring in breach or potential breach of legislation;
(d) how this discrimination affects the human rights, legal rights, access to justice, health, wellbeing and educational and economic outcomes of LGBTIQ+ people in Australia;
(e) the additional and compounding impacts of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, of different or minority race, ethnicity or religion, or on the grounds of their migrant status, age, ability and socio-economic background or circumstances, who have intersectional LGBTIQ+ identities, or who have a range of these personal characteristics;
(f) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs for young people;
(g) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs based on whether they live in urban, regional, rural or remote areas;

(h) the specific discrimination, stigmatisation and human rights violations, including harmful practices in medical settings, experienced by people born with variations of sex characteristics, including infants, children and adolescents, and also encompassing prenatal interventions due to variations of sex characteristics;

(i) the broad range of sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts and associated formal and informal activities, particularly by religious organisations, and the impacts of these on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and queer people;

(j) the reforms and initiatives required to remedy prejudice, stigma and discrimination against LGBTIQ+ people and their families, including legislative and policy reforms, funding for training and education programs, funding for community and government initiatives, development of funded government strategies, better liaison between government, relevant NGOs and the LGBTIQ+ community, and the development of national standards for best-practice legislative, policy and program initiatives; and

(k) any other related matters.

Order for Production of Documents

*255 New South Wales water access licences—Order for production of documents

By the Minister representing the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management to table, by no later than midday on 26 November 2019, documents relating to the Commonwealth purchase of water concerning New South Wales water access licences. (Motion of Senator Patrick agreed to 14 November 2019.)

On 27 November 2019

General Business—Notice of motion

Notice given 31 July 2019

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

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

(a) omit standing order 23, substitute:

23 Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation

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

(2) All instruments made under the authority of Acts of the Parliament, which are subject to disallowance, disapproval or affirmative resolution by the Senate and which are of a legislative character, shall stand referred to the committee for consideration and, if necessary, report.
(3) The committee shall scrutinise each instrument as to whether:
   (a) it is in accordance with its enabling Act and otherwise complies with all legislative requirements;
   (b) it appears to be supported by a constitutional head of legislative power and is otherwise constitutionally valid;
   (c) it makes rights, liberties, obligations or interests unduly dependent on insufficiently defined administrative powers;
   (d) those likely to be affected by the instrument were adequately consulted in relation to it;
   (e) its drafting is defective or unclear;
   (f) it, and any document it incorporates, may be freely accessed and used;
   (g) the accompanying explanatory material provides sufficient information to gain a clear understanding of the instrument;
   (h) it trespasses unduly on personal rights and liberties;
   (i) it unduly excludes, limits or fails to provide for independent review of decisions affecting rights, liberties, obligations or interests;
   (j) it contains matters more appropriate for parliamentary enactment; and
   (k) it complies with any other ground relating to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation that the committee considers appropriate.

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

(5) The committee may, for the purpose of reporting on its terms of reference, consider any proposed or draft legislative instrument, including an exposure draft of such an instrument.

(6) (a) The committee shall consist of 6 senators, 3 being members of the government party nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and 3 being senators who are not members of the government party, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or by any minority groups or independent senators. (b) The nominations of the opposition or any minority groups or independent senators shall be determined by agreement between the opposition and the minority groups or independent senators, and, in the absence of agreement duly notified to the President, the question of the representation on the committee shall be determined by the Senate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(15) The committee may report from time to time its proceedings and evidence and any recommendations, and shall make regular reports of the progress of the proceedings of the committee.
(b) omit standing order 25(2)(a), substitute:

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

(i) estimates of expenditure in accordance with standing order 26,
(ii) bills or draft bills referred to them by the Senate,
(iii) legislative instruments made in the portfolios allocated to them,
(iv) annual reports in accordance with paragraph (20), and
(v) the performance of departments and agencies allocated to them.

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

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

Three sitting days after today (28 November 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

Notice given 16 September 2019

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

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

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

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

On 28 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Privileges—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the development of a foreign influence transparency scheme.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
Order for Production of Documents

219 Gender and sexuality census questions—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer to table, by 28 November 2019, documents relating to the Australian Bureau of Statistics census and questions on gender and sexuality. (Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 13 November 2019.)

On 3 December 2019

General Business—Notice of motion

Notice given 11 November 2019

217 Senator Brown: To move—That the Senate notes:
(a) that 3 December 2019 is the International Day of People with Disability;
(b) that the theme for 2019 is ‘Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality’;
(c) that 3 December is recognised each year as the day for the celebration of the achievements of people living with disability;
(d) that it is also the day when we promote awareness of the challenges faced by people with disability, and the role that communities and society can play in accelerating the eradication of barriers to social inclusion, equality, participation and citizenship;
(e) that approximately 1 billion people worldwide, and 3.96 million people in Australia, live with disability – this represents 15% of the global population and 20% of the population of Australia; and
(f) the remarkable contributions people with disability make to Australia, and congratulates all of the organisations and communities throughout Australia that are celebrating this important day.

On 4 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

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

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

On 5 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on the feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register for all horses.

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

**On 3 February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

**On 7 February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

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

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

Government Business—Order of the day

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

**On 12 February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

Fourteen sitting days after today (13 February 2020)

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

*Notice given 14 November 2019

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

Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On the tenth sitting day of 2020 (26 February 2020)

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

*1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2019.

On 27 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the impact of changes to service delivery models on the administration and running of Government programs.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s declarations made under certain international laws.

On 28 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 1 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 16 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

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

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia.
On 19 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 23 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s oil and gas reserves.

On 24 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

*1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2019-20 additional estimates.

On 25 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s dairy industry.

On 26 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 27 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On or before 30 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Road Safety—Joint Select Committee
   Interim report to be presented.
On 31 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On 14 May 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

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

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

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

On 15 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 17 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 18 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 23 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

*1. Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2020-21 Budget estimates.
On 25 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1. **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Australia’s sovereign naval shipbuilding capability.

2. **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on unlawful underpayment of employees’ remuneration.

On or before 31 July 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Legislation Committees**
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2020.

On 30 September 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the management of the Inland Rail project.

On 1 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef.

On 7 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 12 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.
On 14 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1. Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the road transport industry.

On 1 November 2020

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

On 3 December 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1. Effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day in May 2022

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

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1. Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
   (Bill received royal assent on 29 November 2018.)

Date unspecified

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1. Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula.
Other information

Bills currently before committees

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

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

**Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019 ‡**
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 July 2019; reporting date: 4 December 2019)

**Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019 ‡**
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2019; reporting date: 3 February 2020)

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

**Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019 ‡**
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 5 December 2019)

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

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

**Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019 [provisions], the VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019 [provisions] and the Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡**
Referred to Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 17 October 2019; reporting date: 22 November 2019)
Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 October 2019; reporting date: 28 February 2020)

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

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

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

Bills discharged or negatived

Private senators’ bills

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

Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019

Questions on notice

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 904 to 910, 912, 913, 920 to 925, 927 to 944, 946 to 953.

The full text of Question on Notice and their answers are available online at Questions on Notice.
Orders of the Senate

Allocation of departments/agencies

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

Community Affairs
   Health
   Social Services, including Services Australia

Economics
   Industry, Innovation and Science
   Treasury

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

Environment and Communications
   Communications and the Arts
   Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
   Finance
   Parliament
   Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

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

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

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Environment and Communications References Committee—
Determination of committee chair—Standing order 25(9)

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

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

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

(Agreed to 2 November 2011; varied 13 September 2016)
Estimates hearings—2019-20 additional estimates; 2020-21 Budget estimates and supplementary Budget estimates

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

**2019-20 additional estimates:**

- Monday, 2 March and Tuesday, 3 March (*Group A*)
- Wednesday, 4 March and Thursday, 5 March (*Group B*).

**2020-21 Budget estimates:**

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

(2) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters and on Murray Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 6 March, Friday, 29 May and Friday, 23 October, but not restricted to these days.

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

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

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

(5) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:

(a) Tuesday, 24 March 2020 in respect of the 2019-20 additional estimates; and

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

(Agreed to 14 November 2019)

Estimates questions (unanswered)—2019-20 Budget estimates

That—

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

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

(Agreed to 29 July 2019)
Formal business and suspensions of standing orders—Standing order 66—Amendment

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

After paragraph (3), insert:

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

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

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

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Indigenous Australians—

Closing the Gap statement—Resolution

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

Languages—Amendment to standing order 35 and resolution

At the end of standing order 35, add:

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

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

(b) an English translation of the evidence.

Resolution:

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

(Agreed to 17 October 2019 upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s second report of 2019)

Meeting of Senate—2019

That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2019 be as follows:

Winter sittings:

   Monday, 22 July to Thursday, 25 July
   Monday, 29 July to Thursday, 1 August
Spring sittings:
  Monday, 9 September to Thursday, 12 September
  Monday, 16 September to Thursday, 19 September
  Monday, 14 October to Thursday, 17 October
  Monday, 11 November to Thursday, 14 November
  Monday, 25 November to Thursday, 28 November
  Monday, 2 December to Thursday, 5 December.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

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

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

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

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

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

(Agreed to 14 November 2019)

Protection visas—Order of continuing effect
(1) The Senate notes that the Australian public has a right to know vital information that
    is held within the Department of Home Affairs, and that regular and timely
    information should be reported to the Senate and the Australian people to provide
    oversight and transparency on activities of the Department.
(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, by not later than 14 days after each:

(a) 31 January;
(b) 28 February;
(c) 31 March;
(d) 30 April;
(e) 31 May;
(f) 30 June;
(g) 31 July;
(h) 31 August;
(i) 30 September;
(j) 31 October;
(k) 30 November; and
(l) 31 December, a monthly update of onshore protection visa lodgements.

(3) Each monthly update must include:

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

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

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

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

(5) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 14 November 2019)

Contingent notices of motion

Conduct of business

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

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

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

Formal business

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

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

Limitation of time
5 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick

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

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

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

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

Order of business
11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick
To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

Questions without notice
12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick
To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements
13 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick
To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.
Tabling of documents

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

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

Appointments to statutory authorities

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

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

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

Temporary chairs of committees

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

Richard Pye
Clerk of the Senate
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| Senator the Honourable Jane Hume                                          | Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts                       |
| Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology |
| Senator the Honourable Zed Seselja                                         | Assistant Defence Minister                                                   |
| Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters            | Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel                                  |
| Senator the Honourable Jonathon Duniam                                     | Minister for Defence Industry                                                |
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### Key
- Date of Senate ⅔ Cut-Off
- Senate sitting week only
- Supplementary Budget estimates
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