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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

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## 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 given 18 October 2017

1 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of May 2018:

Fraudulent, misleading and exploitative practices within the Australian casino industry, and reforms to regulatory frameworks for casinos to ensure:

(a) that suitable and fit and proper persons are operating or providing services to a casino;
(b) that consumer harm is minimised and responsible gambling is promoted;
(c) the integrity of the gambling systems operated;
(d) public confidence and trust in the casino industry;
(e) best practice standards of transparency, probity, whistleblowing protections and anti-corruption practices are met;
(f) that casinos are contributing a net economic benefit to regional and national economies;
(g) that Australia’s national security interests are protected and not compromised by the commercial objectives of casino operators;
(h) that casinos are meeting international best practice regulatory benchmarks; and
(i) any other related matters.

Notice given 5 December 2017

*2 Senators Williams and Hinch: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 20 September 2018:

The need for regulation of mobility scooters, also known as motorised wheelchairs, including:

(a) the number of deaths and injuries attributed to accidents involving mobility scooters in Australia since their introduction;
(b) the causes of these accidents;
(c) any current regulations governing the use of mobility scooters throughout Australia;
(d) comparison of Australian regulations with international standards;
(e) what support structures are in place to ensure the safe operation of mobility scooters;
(f) the regulatory role of government and non-government bodies; and
(g) any related matter.
Senator Fawcett: To move—That the following matter be referred to the
Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by
28 February 2018:

(a) the failures in TAFE SA that have resulted in suspension of courses, as well
as quality issues with the provision of training;
(b) the effective use by the South Australian Labor Government of
$771 million provided over six years from the Federal Government to
support vocational education and training in South Australia;
(c) the role and impact of the scrapped Skills for All policy;
(d) the role and impact of the replacement WorkReady policy, and the
associated decision to award TAFE SA, from June 2015, 46 000 of the
51 000 new training places in South Australia to the detriment of private
training providers;
(e) the impact and frequency of changes made by the South Australian
Government to their Training Subsidy List;
(f) the adequacy of the oversight of TAFE SA by its leadership, board and the
South Australian Government, as well as national regulatory oversight by
the Australian Skills Quality Authority and other agencies; and
(g) any other relevant matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation
   Amendment (Housing Affordability) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of
   Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation
   Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of
   Bills Committee report.)

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

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

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

Orders of the Day

1 Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Consumers First—Establishment of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Ketter, in continuation, 5 December 2017).

2 Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017
   In committee (18 October 2017).

3 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKim, in continuation, 16 October 2017).

4 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs, Senator Seselja)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Cameron, in continuation, 19 October 2017).

5 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

6 Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

7 Statute Update (Smaller Government) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 29 November 2017).

8 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).

9 Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
10 Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 August 2017).

11 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
   Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McGrath, in continuation, 4 December 2017).

12 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 2) Bill 2017

13 Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Nation-building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

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

15 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2017).

16 Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2016
   Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 149 from the House of Representatives (30 March 2017).
17 **Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2017**
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 268 from the House of Representatives (13 November 2017).

18 **Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017**—*(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

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

20 **Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 1) Bill 2017**—*(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

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

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

23 **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).

24 **Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

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

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

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

28 **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).
29 **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).*

30 **Budget statement and documents 2017-18**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents *(11 May 2017).*

**Notices of Motion**

*Notice given 5 December 2017*


*2* **Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*, and for related purposes. *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Amendment Bill 2017.*

*3* **Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, and for related purposes. *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2017.*

*4* **Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation, and for other purposes. *National Broadcasters Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Transparency) Bill 2017.*

*5* **Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Copyright Act 1968*, and for related purposes. *Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017.*

*6* **Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to communications, and for other purposes. *Communications Legislation Amendment (Regional and Small Publishers Innovation Fund) Bill 2017.*

*7* **Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to communications, and for other purposes. *Communications Legislation Amendment (Online Content Services and Other Measures) Bill 2017.*
*8 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Broadcasting Services Act 1992, and for other purposes. Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Foreign Media Ownership and Community Radio) Bill 2017.

*9 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to broadcasting, and for other purposes. Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2017.

*10 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Enhancing Online Safety Act 2015, and for other purposes. Enhancing Online Safety (Non-consensual Sharing of Intimate Images) Bill 2017.

*11 Attorney-General (Senator Brandis): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to family law, and for related purposes. Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017.


*13 Attorney-General (Senator Brandis): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the criminal law and law enforcement, and for related purposes. Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Notices of Motion

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

(a) notes:

(i) the results of the Queensland state election, held on 25 November 2017, during which there was at least a seven per cent swing against the Liberal National Party (LNP),

(ii) that the LNP was the only political party in the Queensland state election to support the Adani Group’s bid for a $1 billion taxpayer-funded federal loan through the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) for its Carmichael coal mine rail line;

(b) confirms that a Labor State Government in Queensland committed during the election to veto any NAIF loan to the Adani Group for its Carmichael coal mine or associated infrastructure;
(c) acknowledges widespread community concern expressed by Queenslanders during the election campaign regarding the environmental, agricultural and climate impacts of the Carmichael mine; and

(d) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, by no later than 12.45 pm on 7 December 2017, a copy of the letter, should one be received from the incoming Queensland Government, confirming its stated intention to veto any potential NAIF loan to the Adani Group’s coal rail line project.

Notice given 4 December 2017

634 Senator Patrick: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010 (AIC Act) establishes three independent statutory office holders:

(A) the Information Commissioner,
(B) the Freedom of Information (FOI) Commissioner, and
(C) the Privacy Commissioner,

(ii) paragraphs 11(5)(a) and (b), and paragraphs 12(5)(a) and (b) of the AIC Act describe the independence of each commissioner,

(iii) in the six months following the AIC Act’s Royal Assent, three commissioners were appointed to the three office-holder’s positions,

(iv) since the unsuccessful attempt by the Abbott Government to abolish the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, two commissioners have left office and have not been replaced,

(v) currently Mr Timothy Pilgrim fills the statutory positions of the Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner, and the position of FOI Commissioner is vacant on account of Mr Pilgrim not holding the legal qualifications required in section 14 of the AIC Act,

(vi) on 23 March 2017, then Senator Xenophon wrote to the Attorney-General calling on him to immediately arrange for the appointment of both an FOI Commissioner and a Privacy Commissioner in accordance with the Act,

(vii) on 4 May 2017, the Attorney-General responded stating that it is the Government’s intention to leave Mr Pilgrim as the Information Commissioner and the Privacy Commissioner and it proposed to leave the position of FOI Commissioner vacant,

(viii) on 29 November 2017 the Senate passed a motion calling on the Government to immediately commence the process of appointing an independent Privacy Commissioner and an independent FOI Commissioner in accordance with the AIC Act – the Government did not support the motion,

(ix) pursuant to an Administrative Arrangement Order of the Governor-General, the AIC Act is administered by the Attorney-General, and

(x) the AIC Act requires the appointment of three independent statutory office-holders and the Government is constitutionally bound to maintain and execute the laws of the land; and
(b) resolves that, until such time as the position of the Privacy Commissioner and the position of the FOI Commissioner have been gazetted, the Attorney-General shall be prohibited from sitting at the table of the Senate and shall be allocated a seat by the President in the front seats reserved for ministers.

635 **Senator Bernardi:** To move—That the Senate—
(a) commends the Prime Minister and the Government for talking about the need for income tax relief for middle-income earners affected by bracket creep; and
(b) encourages the Government to propose relief for bracket creep – either in the Mid-Year Budget Review or in the 2018-19 Budget – and bring a bill to that effect to the Parliament at the earliest opportunity.
*Notice of motion altered on 4 December 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.*

642 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) in December 2016, the celebrity gardener Mr Don Burke appeared in a Facebook video with the then Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources and Deputy Prime Minister (Mr Barnaby Joyce), discussing favourably the relocation of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority from Canberra to the Minister’s electorate, and
   (ii) this video is no longer available;
(b) further notes that:
   (i) allegations of long-term sexual harassment and abuse against prominent identities raise serious concerns about the culture of silence that has been allowed to prosper in the media industry,
   (ii) the decision of any Government minister to associate with media identities facing multiple allegations of sexual harassment and abuse would call into question their capacity to responsibly execute their ministerial responsibilities,
   (iii) scrubbing one’s social media of references to figures facing allegations of sexual harassment and abuse would represent an acknowledgement that the association was inappropriate in the first place, and
   (iv) any member of the Government who chooses to associate with a figure whose alleged behaviour was, to quote one report, “an open secret for years”, cannot, for their own benefit, pick and choose when to withdraw that association; and
(c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 6.30 pm on 7 December 2017:
   (i) any documents produced by, with, or featuring celebrity gardener Mr Burke from 1 November 2016,
   (ii) any advice provided to the Minister by the Department relating to social media featuring Mr Burke since 1 November 2016 and prior to 4 December 2017,
(iii) any documents relating to social media featuring the Minister and Mr Burke since 1 November 2016 and prior to 4 December 2017, and

(iv) any related documents.

643 Senator Patrick: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in 2015, the Government commenced consultation with the local community of Kimba in South Australia on whether the town might host a radioactive waste management facility, in order to ascertain if there was ‘broad community support’,

(ii) in an early 2016 vote on the issue, the community was shown to be split down the middle – 51 per cent in favour to 49 per cent against,

(iii) a late 2016 vote was then held, where the numbers changed slightly to 56 per cent in favour to 41 per cent against,

(iv) on 22 March 2017, the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, responding to a question from then Senator Xenophon on the meaning of ‘broad community support’, advised the Senate that the Government had taken a proposal forward in the Hawker region in South Australia where support was at 65 per cent,

(v) the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia further advised that, while the Government has not put a definitive figure on what constitutes ‘broad community support’, the Government would need a figure in the range of the support received in Hawker,

(vi) Kimba voted a third time in July this year, with a total of 88 per cent of the community voting – the results have come in at 57 per cent for and 43 per cent against,

(vii) at no stage has the 65 per cent ‘broad community support’ criteria the Government set itself been reached, and

(viii) on 27 June 2017, the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia announced that two proposed sites for a radioactive waste management facility at Kimba will proceed to the next phase of assessment; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, by no later than 3.30 pm on 7 December 2017, the brief provided to the Minister and used by him to make the decision that two proposed sites for a radioactive waste management facility at Kimba will proceed to the next phase of assessment.

Notice given 5 December 2017

*644 Senator McCarthy: To move—

(1) That the Senate:

(a) acknowledges the historic agreement between First Nations people, the Gumatj, and Equatorial Launch Australia (ELA) which has secured land in North East Arnhem Land to establish Australia’s first commercial space centre;

(b) commends the Northern Territory Government, the Gumatj, ELA and Developing East Arnhem Limited on their partnership for including
the world’s oldest culture in the creation of the newest technologies; and

(c) congratulates the work of the Gumatj clan and the Northern Land Council for securing a 99 year head lease for the township of Gunyangara, and the future economic opportunity and security this represents.

(2) That governments across Australia continue to work with First Nations people for the betterment of their communities and the nation as a whole.

*645 Senator Cameron: To move—

(1) That the Senate—

(a) notes the claim for public interest immunity that the Minister for Employment (Senator Cash) has made relating to matters concerning the raid by the Australian Federal Police on the offices of the Australian Workers Union;

(b) further notes that Odgers’ Australian Senate Practice states that “for this ground to be invoked it should be established that there are investigations in progress by a law enforcement agency, such as the police, and the provision of the information sought could interfere with those investigations” and “this is a matter for the law enforcement agency concerned to assess, this ground should normally be raised directly by the law enforcement agency, not by some other official who can merely speculate about the relationship of the information to the investigation”;

(c) calls on the Australian Federal Police to provide a statement to the Senate, substantiating the claim of public interest immunity and outlining the scope of the investigation, its expected duration and the potential harm that could be caused by questions in this area;

(d) notes the Minister for Employment also asserted that it was not possible to provide answers to questions on the basis of the sub judice convention;

(e) further notes that Odgers’ Australian Senate Practice states that “the sub judice convention applies to proceedings in committees, but not so as to prevent an inquiry which the Senate has directed” and that it “is a restriction on debate which the Senate imposes upon itself, whereby debate is avoided which could involve a substantial danger of prejudice to proceedings before a court, unless the Senate considers that there is an overriding requirement for the Senate to discuss a matter of public interest”;

(f) regards these matters as matters of public interest that may be discussed without restriction; and

(g) reaffirms the values contained in section 10 of the Public Service Act 1999, in particular subsection (5) concerning impartiality, which states “The APS is apolitical and provides the Government with advice that is frank, honest, timely and based on the best available evidence”.

(2) That the Minister for Employment (Senator Cash) be required to attend the Senate at 9.30 am on Thursday, 7 December 2017 to make a statement of not more than 20 minutes, addressing:

(a) why the Senate should accept the Minister’s claims of public interest immunity and sub judice; and
her competence to administer her portfolio responsibilities given she has:

(i) presided over the resignation of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner (Mr Hadgkiss) for breaching the law he was supposed to uphold,

(ii) presided over the resignation of the Australian Building and Construction Commission Deputy Commissioner (Mr Southall) in order “to totally disassociate himself from the conduct of Mr Hadgkiss”,

(iii) without a proper assessment of the grounds for his defence, approved taxpayers paying almost half a million dollars for Mr Hadgkiss to drag out his defence for more than 12 months before admitting breaching the Fair Work Act,

(iv) lost an adviser for leaking a federal police investigation to the media, which has resulted in an Australian Federal Police investigation into her office’s conduct,

(v) misled the Senate five times, and

(vi) fatally politicised each of the regulators she is responsible for.

Any senator may move a motion to take note of the Minister for Employment’s statement and any such motion have precedence over all other government business until determined.

Senators Fierravanti-Wells, Pratt and Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 5 December 2017, the world will observe International Volunteer Day, an opportunity for Australia to thank all our volunteers—past and present, both in Australia and overseas—for their selfless contributions to worthy causes, including Australia’s aid program,

(ii) the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (the global plan to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change) explicitly recognises volunteer groups as stakeholders to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

(iii) this year’s theme for International Volunteer Day, ‘Volunteers Act First. Here. Everywhere’, is a reflection of how volunteers around the world are responding in times of crisis and supporting longer-term social and economic development, at home and abroad,

(iv) Australia has a long and proud history of volunteering, with the 2016 Census revealing around 3.6 million Australian volunteers give their time to support local and regional communities and those in need overseas—since 1951, when our first international volunteers went to Indonesia, successive Australian Governments have supported more than 14 000 Australians to volunteer through Australia’s aid program,

(v) the 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper recognises the importance of Australian volunteers creating links between communities and people in our region—advancing Australia’s reputation overseas,

(vi) each year, through the Government’s flagship Australian Volunteers Program, over 1,000 Australians offer their time and skills to volunteer in developing countries—through this program, skilled Australian volunteers share their knowledge with people and
organisations in about 25 developing countries and by contributing to global economic growth and poverty reduction, Australian volunteers are helping make our region more stable, secure and prosperous,

(vii) by helping our neighbours to be healthier, well-educated and able to make a meaningful contribution to the economy, support for Australian volunteers across successive governments ensures less reliance on aid in the future, and

(viii) Australian volunteers give a lot to their host communities but they also receive a lot in return – Australian volunteers increase their understanding of our region and bring new knowledge, skills and relationships back to Australia; these life-long personal and professional relationships are building strength and diversity in Australia’s connections to the world; and

(b) recognises:

(i) United Nations (UN) resolution, Integrating volunteering into peace and development: the plan of action for the next decade and beyond, adopted in November 2015 by consensus by the UN General Assembly, which recognises that volunteering can be a powerful means of implementation for the SDGs,

(ii) that, through Australia’s aid program, Australian volunteers play a valuable part in contributing to regional development and stability, and

(iii) the strong commitment from Australian volunteers, business, government and non-government organisations to support volunteers to share our culture, our values and our multicultural way of life with the world.

*647 Senator Polley: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) there are currently 413,106 Australians living with dementia, with around 244 people diagnosed with dementia each day,

(ii) more than 500,000 Australians will have dementia by 2025 and more than 1 million by 2050, and

(iii) dementia is the leading cause of death for Australian women and, within the next five years, will be the leading cause of death for all Australians;

(b) acknowledges that:

(i) people living with dementia, their families and carers are significantly lonelier than the general public, and

(ii) for many of us, Christmas represents joy, happiness and time with family and loved ones, but for others it can be a very sad and lonely time; and

(c) urges all levels of Government to:

(i) keep those living with dementia, their families and carers in mind this Christmas, and

(ii) continue raising awareness of dementia within their communities so that people living with dementia and their families feel less isolated and alone.
*648 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that 5 December 2017 marked the 45th anniversary of the swearing-in of the first Whitlam Labor Government;
   (b) also notes that spending as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product:
      (i) soon after Mr Whitlam’s swearing-in, rocketed from 18.9 per cent that financial year to 24.3 per cent the year Mr Whitlam left office in 1975,
      (ii) had been reduced to lower than that level when the Howard Government left office in 2007, and
      (iii) now sits at higher levels than when Mr Whitlam left office, at a budgeted 25.2 per cent, and projected to remain at a similar level into forward estimates; and
   (c) expresses its in-principle support for legislative measures that will help chart a pathway to budget surplus achieved by reducing spending and waste, not by increasing taxes.

*649 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) cardiovascular disease (CVD) and its most common form, heart disease, causes one-fifth of all deaths in Australia, and it affects more Australians than any other disease,
      (ii) inequality is rife in CVD, with the huge impact of this disease disproportionately borne by those already facing socio-economic disadvantage, those in remote locations, women, and those with lack of access to health services and, most significantly, for Indigenous Australians, as made clear in a report earlier this year by the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence to Reduce Inequality in Heart Disease, *The Heart of Inequality*,
      (iii) an estimated 970 000 Australians (13 per cent of 45 to 74 year olds) are at high risk of a CVD event within the next five years and many are receiving suboptimal care – heart health checks have not been incorporated well in routine general practice and Australia’s performance on CVD risk reduction compares poorly with that of other countries, and
      (iv) recent work by a network of leading Australian health experts and organisations, with the Australian Health Policy Collaboration, a public policy ‘think tank’ at Victoria University, has compiled the evidence for a national screening program for all Australians to directly reduce preventable cardiovascular disease for all and, particularly, for those groups that are most at risk; and
   (b) calls on the Government to implement the recommendations of the recent report, *Heart Health: the first step to Getting Australia’s Health on Track*, for a national screening program to be implemented as an urgent priority, comprising:
      (i) a national screening program to promote uptake of the heart health screening tool, Absolute Cardiovascular Risk Assessment, through promotion, training and decision-support software for all general practices,
(ii) amendment of the current Medicare Benefits Schedule health assessment items to include Absolute Cardiovascular Risk Assessment, with a management plan for all assessed as at risk,

(iii) establishment of a target for population coverage rates, and with a national aim to achieve assessment of more than 90 per cent of 45 to 74 year olds within five years, and

(iv) the involvement of Primary Health Networks in the support of general practices and through public annual reporting on the population assessed in their areas.

*650 Senators Griff and McKim: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that 10 December 2017 is Human Rights Day which represents the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly which established the equal dignity and worth of every person;

(b) recognises that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights represents a milestone document in the history of human rights which proclaimed the inalienable rights that everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status;

(c) observes that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was drafted by representatives of diverse legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world and sets out universal values and a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations;

(d) notes that:

(i) children, as well as adults, have human rights and children also have the right to special protection because of their vulnerability to exploitation and abuse,

(ii) December also commemorates Australia’s ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1990, and

(iii) Australia’s ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child means that Australia has a duty to ensure that all children in its care enjoy the rights set out in the treaty;

(e) further notes that:

(i) it has been over three years since the publication of ‘The Forgotten Children’ report – the report revealed that the prolonged, mandatory detention of asylum seeker children causes them significant mental and physical illness and developmental delays,

(ii) at the time of the report’s publication there were 132 children in detention in Nauru and 39 children remain in detention in Nauru, according to the Government’s statistics, published on 31 October 2017,

(iii) section 4AA(1) of the Migration Act 1958 explicitly states that “a minor shall only be detained as a measure of last resort”, and

(iv) whilst the Government has reduced the number of children in detention, the fact that children remain in detention in unacceptable; and

(f) calls on the Government, as a matter of urgency, to end the prolonged and mandatory detention of asylum seeker children in Nauru.
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters for inquiry and report by 6 February 2018:

The implications of recent decisions by the Court of Disputed Returns concerning section 44 of the Constitution on questions referred by the Parliament under section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, with particular reference to:

(a) the decisions in connection with the disqualification of former Senators Bob Day and Rodney Culleton;
(b) a regime for disclosing information relating to aspects other than section 44(i), for which the Parliament has already provided;
(c) the form such a process might take and how it could be implemented; and
(d) any related matters.

Senators Siewert and Di Natale: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are the First Peoples of these lands and waters;
(b) recognises that 26 January is considered a day of mourning for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as it represents the beginning of colonisation;
(c) acknowledges the growing calls from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and organisations, local governments and the community to change the date;
(d) urges all Australians to respectfully engage in conversations about changing the date of Australia Day; and
(e) calls on the Federal Government to respectfully engage and consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples about changing the date of Australia Day, so that all Australians can participate in celebrating this national day.

Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the 2016 Senate committee inquiry into contamination of Australia’s Defence Force facilities and other Commonwealth, state and territory sites in Australia, concluded that there were many points of failure in the Department of Defence’s response to PFOS/PFOA contamination at RAAF Williamtown, and
   (ii) on 19 November 2017, the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority announced that the investigation area adjacent to RAAF Williamtown, known as the “red zone”, had been expanded by 50 per cent, drawing in a further 250 households; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to:
   (i) coordinate urgent action to stop the continued contamination around RAAF Williamtown,
   (ii) extend and improve testing regimes for blood and the surrounding environment, and
   (iii) investigate financial arrangements for affected properties adjacent to RAAF Williamtown.
Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes comments made, on 5 December 2017, by the Acting Special Minister of State (Senator Cormann) that the current regulatory regime surrounding foreign donations risks the “inappropriate foreign interference in our democratic system”; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Acting Special Minister of State, by no later than 6.30 pm on 7 December 2017, documents relating to all donations to the Liberal Party of Australia and state branches, made between 1 January 2015 and 5 December 2017, by Chinese national Ms Sally Zou or by entities owned or operated by her.

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Environment and Communications References Committee—Australia’s video game development industry—Government response—Order for production of documents

By the Minister for Communications, by no later than 3 pm on 6 December 2017, the government’s response to the report of the Environment and Communications References Committee on Australia’s video game development industry. (Motion of Senators Steele-John and O’Neill agreed to 5 December 2017.)

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (7 December 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Procedure—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on a proposal for a Parliamentary Code for Respecting Cultural Diversity.

2 Procedure—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on a proposal to amend standing order 193.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 4 December 2017

Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Trump administration has succeeded in passing, through both Houses of the Congress of the United States of America (US), over USD$1 trillion in company tax cuts over 10 years, including a cut in the corporate tax rate from 35 per cent to potentially 20 per cent;

(b) expresses concern that these US company tax cuts will affect Australian companies’ global competitiveness;
(c) also notes the Australian Department of Treasury research, published earlier this month, revealing that if Australia’s corporate tax rate was cut from 30 per cent to 25 per cent by 2026, there would be $30 billion in additional company tax revenue due to stronger economic growth, and increased GST revenue from additional consumer spending;

(d) further notes the recent comments of the Business Council of Australia and the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry supporting Australian company tax cuts; and

(e) supports tax relief for Australian companies to ensure our companies remain globally competitive.

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

57 Taxation Administration Amendment (Corporate Tax Entity Information) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Gallagher)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Gallagher, in continuation, 14 August 2017).
(Bill only to be debated if the bills listed in the order of the Senate of 30 November 2017, as amended, have been finally considered.)

On 12 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 14 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 15 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the 1800RESPECT Domestic and Sexual Violence National Counselling Service.

2 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs.
On 2 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017 and the Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2017. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017**
   Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2017—(Minister for Education and Training, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 December 2017).

On the first day of sitting in 2018 (5 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

On 5 February 2018

General Business—Notices of Motion

*Notice given 18 October 2017*

545 **Senator Dodson**: To move—

(1) That a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Progress Towards Indigenous Recognition, be established to inquire into and report on pathways to constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians, with particular reference to:

   (a) consulting further with Indigenous Australians, academics and the broader community on the details of any proposal to go to referendum, including any design issues that might need clarification prior to a proposal being put to the people;

   (b) working with constitutional experts to develop an appropriate question that genuinely reflects the recommendations of the Referendum Council;

   (c) advising the Parliament on the necessary steps to be taken towards a referendum, including a proposed timeline;

   (d) advising the Parliament on the appropriate steps that could be taken to ensure the referendum has the best possible chance of success, including proposals for a constitutional convention or other mechanisms for increasing the awareness of the proposal amongst the broader community; and

   (e) advising the Parliament on any other matters in relation to constitutional recognition.
(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the first Tuesday in June 2018, on which both the Senate and the House of Representatives are sitting.

(3) That the committee consist of 11 members, as follows:
(a) two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
(b) two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
(c) two nominated by the Government Whip in the House of Representatives;
(d) two nominated by the Opposition Whip in the House of Representatives;
(e) one senator or member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens;
(f) one senator nominated by minor party and independent senators; and
(g) one member of the House of Representatives nominated by minor party and independent members.

(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, the Government Whip in the House of Representatives, the Opposition Whip in the House of Representatives, or any minority party or independent senator or member of the House of Representatives; 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 every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

(7) That Senate standing order 29 applies in determining a quorum in the committee and any subcommittees.

(8) 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.

(9) 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 Government Whip in the House of Representatives.

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

(11) That Senate standing order 31 applies to voting in the committee and any subcommittees.
(12) 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, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(13) 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.

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

(15) 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.

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

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

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

**Notice given 27 November 2017**

595 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for and regulate access to voluntary assisted dying, to establish the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board, and for related purposes. Voluntary Assisted Dying Framework Bill 2018.

**On 6 February 2018**

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

**Notice given 13 November 2017**

1 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Social Security (Administration) (Trial Area) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 2017, made under the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999, be disallowed [F2017L01170].

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 7 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 5 December 2017

*1 Senators Brown, Hinch and Rice: To move—that items 1, 3 to 8, 11 to 13, 16 to 19, 21 to 25, 28 to 30, and 33 to 36 of Schedule 1 of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Due Diligence Improvements) Regulations 2017, made under the Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012, be disallowed [F2017L01338].

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

*2 Publications—Joint Standing Committee—Inquiry into the printing standards for documents presented to Parliament—Report
   Consideration (5 December 2017).

On 9 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017 and the Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).
On the second sitting Tuesday in 2018 (13 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order 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.

On the second sitting Tuesday in February 2018 (13 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Report to be presented on the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage.

Eight sitting days after today (14 February 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 November 2017

1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—that the Basin Plan Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 1), made under the Water Act 2007, be disallowed [F2017L01462].

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

On 14 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on transvaginal mesh implants.

On 16 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).
On 18 February 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on aged care assessment and accreditation.

On 7 March 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia.

On 13 March 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 and the Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the first sitting day in March 2018 (19 March 2018)
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 19 March 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).

Tuesday of the first sitting week in March 2018 (20 March 2018)
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.
Twelve sitting days after today (21 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 30 November 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the ASIC Credit (Flexible Credit Cost Arrangements) Instrument 2017/780, made under the National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009, be disallowed [F2017L01141].

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

On 22 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on implications of climate change for Australia’s national security.

On 26 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the second last sitting day in March 2018 (27 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulatory framework governing water use.

On the second last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018 (27 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects.
On 28 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Final report to be presented on the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin.

On the last sitting day in March 2018 (28 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on cyberbullying.

2 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018 (28 March 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.

On 29 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities.

By 31 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.
On 24 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

On 27 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa.

On 30 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
   Final report to be presented on non-conforming building products.

On 9 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services.

On 30 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on corporate tax avoidance.

On 13 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the waste and recycling industry in Australia.

On the first sitting Thursday in June 2018 (21 June 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Future of Work and Workers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
On 27 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

On the final sitting day of November 2018 (29 November 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 29 November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

On 3 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

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

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 16 February 2018)

Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 November 2017; reporting date: 19 March 2018)
Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 [provisions]
Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 November 2017; reporting date: 13 March 2018)

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 9 February 2018)

Proceeds of Crime Amendment (Proceeds and Other Matters) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: not specified)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 26 March 2018)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 6 December 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Housing Affordability) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 19 October 2017; reporting date: 6 December 2017)

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 November 2017; reporting date: 2 February 2018)

Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 6 February 2018)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.
BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

**Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017**
Discharged, 18 October 2017 (pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 September 2017).

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

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

Private senators’ bills

**A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment (Make Electricity GST Free) Bill 2017**
Second reading negatived, 7 September 2017.

**Lands Acquisition Amendment (Public Purpose) Bill 2017**
Second reading negatived, 14 September 2017.

**Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2017**
Second reading negatived, 14 August 2017.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 446, 473, 493, 494, 498, 502, 503, 506, 514, 524, 525, 533 to 537, 555, 557, 571, 575, 577 to 587, 616 to 623, 625, 626, 628 to 651.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 587 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

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ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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

Community Affairs
- Health
- Social Services, including Human Services

Economics
- Industry, Innovation and Science
- Treasury

Education and Employment
- Education and Training
- Employment

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

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

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Attorney-General
- Immigration and Border Protection

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

(Agreed to 31 August 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, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

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

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

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

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

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

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

(a) Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates;
and

(b) Tuesday, 20 June 2017 in respect of the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

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

Estimates hearings—2017-18 additional estimates; 2018-19 Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2018 be scheduled as follows:

**2017-18 additional estimates:**
Monday, 26 February and Tuesday, 27 February (Group A)
Wednesday, 28 February and Thursday, 1 March (Group B).

**2018-19 Budget estimates:**
Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May, and, if required, Friday, 25 May (Group A)
Tuesday, 29 May to Friday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 22 June (Group B)
Monday, 22 October and Tuesday, 23 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 24 October and Thursday, 25 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October, but not restricted to these days.

(3) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October 2018, but not restricted to these days.

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

(5) 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.

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

(a) Tuesday, 27 March 2018 in respect of the 2017-18 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 26 June 2018 in respect of the 2018-19 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 15 November 2017; varied 16 November 2017 in respect of paragraph (1))

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 31 August 2016)

Hours of meeting and routine of business—Week commencing 4 December 2017—Variation

(1) That in the week commencing Monday, 4 December 2017, the following bills shall have precedence over all government and general business until proceedings on the bills are concluded, and proposals under standing order 75 not be proceeded with:
Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017
Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
First Home Super Saver Tax Bill 2017
Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Consumers First—Establishment of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority) Bill 2017
Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017
Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017

(1A) That the Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017 shall be considered before the other bills listed in paragraph (1).

(2) That, if by 4.30 pm on Thursday, 7 December 2017, the bills have not been finally considered then:
(a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment;
(b) the routine of business from not later than 4.30 pm shall be the bills listed above in paragraph (1) only;
(c) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
(d) the Senate shall adjourn without debate after it has finally considered the bills, or a motion for the adjournment is moved by a minister, whichever is the earlier.

(Agreed to 30 November 2017; varied 4 December 2017 in respect of paragraph (1) to omit three bills)

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

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

Autumn sittings (2):
Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March
Budget sittings:
   Tuesday, 9 May to Thursday, 11 May

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

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

Spring sittings (2):
   Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October

Spring sittings (3):
   Monday, 13 November to Thursday, 16 November
   Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
   Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016)

Meeting of Senate—2018
That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2018 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
   Monday, 5 February to Thursday, 8 February
   Monday, 12 February to Thursday, 15 February

Autumn sittings (2):
   Monday, 19 March to Thursday, 22 March
   Monday, 26 March to Wednesday, 28 March

Budget sittings:
   Tuesday, 8 May to Thursday, 10 May

Winter sittings:
   Monday, 18 June to Thursday, 21 June
   Monday, 25 June to Thursday, 28 June

Spring sittings:
   Monday, 13 August to Thursday, 16 August
   Monday, 20 August to Thursday, 23 August
   Monday, 10 September to Thursday, 13 September
   Monday, 17 September to Thursday, 20 September

Spring sittings (2):
   Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 18 October
Spring sittings (3):
Monday, 12 November to Thursday, 15 November
Monday, 26 November to Thursday, 29 November
Monday, 3 December to Thursday, 6 December.
(Agreed to 15 November 2017)

Private senators’ bill—Consideration
That, if the bills listed in the order of the Senate of 30 November 2017 varying the routine of business have been finally considered then, general business order of the day no. 57 (Taxation Administration Amendment (Corporate Tax Entity Information) Bill 2017 be considered on Thursday, 7 December 2017 at the time for private senators’ bills.
(Agreed to 4 December 2017)

Scrubiny of Bills Committee—Standing order 24—Amendment
That:
(a) the Senate adopt the recommendation at paragraph 4.10 of Scrutiny Digest 13 of 2017 of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills, proposing an amendment to standing order 24; and
(b) the temporary order of the Senate of 29 November 2016, concerning an amendment to standing order 24, cease to have effect.

Accordingly, standing order 24 was amended, with immediate effect, as follows:

At the end of paragraph (1), add:

(d) The committee shall maintain on its website a list of bills in relation to which the committee has sought advice from the responsible minister and not yet received a response.

(e) Where the committee has not finally reported on a bill because a ministerial response has not been received, then:
   (i) immediately prior to the consideration of government business on any day; or
   (ii) immediately prior to the consideration of the bill,
   any senator may ask the minister for an explanation of why the minister has not provided a response to the committee.

(f) Where an explanation is sought under paragraph (e) and a minister provides an explanation, then at the conclusion of the explanation the senator may move, without notice, a motion:
   (i) relating to the consideration of the bill; or
   (ii) that the Senate take note of the explanation.

(g) Where an explanation is sought under paragraph (e) and the minister does not provide an explanation, then the senator may, without notice, move a motion relating to:
   (i) the consideration of the bill; or
   (ii) the minister’s failure to provide an explanation.
(h) The procedures in paragraphs (e) to (g) may only be used once on any sitting day in respect of any bill or bills taken together.

(Agreed to 29 November 2017)

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)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator O’Sullivan
   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 Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Senator O’Sullivan
   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 Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   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)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Patrick

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.

Matters of urgency

8 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.

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

Order of business

10 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
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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

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
    Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
    Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
    Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
    Senator Bernardi
    Senator Leyonhjelm
    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

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
    Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
    Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
    Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
    Senator Bernardi
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    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

13 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
    Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
    Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
    Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
    Senator Bernardi
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    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

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

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

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

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Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cyber Security |
| Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann  
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Acting Special Minister of State  
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Minister for Small Business |
| Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion  
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Acting Minister for Regional Development  
Acting Minister for Local Government and Territories  
Minister for Urban Infrastructure |
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Minister for the Arts  
Acting Minister for Regional Communications  
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Minister for Human Services |
| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne  
Minister for Defence | Minister for Defence Industry  
Minister for Veterans’ Affairs  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC  
Minister for Defence Personnel |
| Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash  
Minister for Employment  
Minister for Women  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service | Minister for Immigration and Border Protection |
| Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham  
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| Senator the Honourable Arthur Sinodinos AO  
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| Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan  
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