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GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

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

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

Business listed for today

- Matters of privilege
  - Proposed references to the Privileges Committee

- Business of the Senate
  - Includes:
    - disallowance motions
    - references to standing committees
    - committee reports to be presented

- Government business
  - Initiated by ministers
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Business listed for future consideration

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

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

Other information

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

- Orders of the Senate
  - An action the Senate requires to take place
    - new or amendments of standing orders
    - temporary orders of the Senate

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

- Ministerial representation
  - Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent
BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS

Orders of the Day

59 High Speed Rail Planning Authority Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Farrell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Farrell, in continuation, 4 September 2017).

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2018

1 Senator Pratt: To move—That the following instruments, made under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, be disallowed:

Temperate East Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00321]
North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00322]
North Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00324]
South-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00326]

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

Notice given 22 March 2018

*2 Chair of the Education and Employment References Committee (Senator Marshall): To move—That the following matters be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of September 2018:

The framework surrounding the prevention, investigation and prosecution of industrial deaths in Australia, with particular reference to:

(a) the effectiveness and extent of the harmonisation of workplace safety legislation between the states, territories and Commonwealth;
(b) jurisdictional issues surrounding workplace investigations which cross state and territory boundaries;
(c) issues relating to reporting, monitoring and chains of responsibility between states, territories and the Commonwealth;
(d) safety implications relating to the increased use of temporary and labour hire workers;
(e) the role of employers and unions in creating a safe-work culture;
(f) the effectiveness of penalties in situations where an employer has been convicted of an offence relating to a serious accident or death; and

(g) any other related matters.

*3 Senator Cameron: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 7 May 2018:

The ‘Commitment to the Senate’ (the Commitment) issued by the Business Council of Australia (BCA) on 21 March 2018, and commitments to stronger wages and employment, with particular reference to:

(a) annually measurable benchmarks, for the period of the proposed Enterprise Tax Plan, for the companies that have co-signed the Commitment and other senior members of the BCA membership, including:
   (i) company wage growth estimates,
   (ii) employment estimates, and
   (iii) schedules of investment by state and territory,

and in each case how they vary if the Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan No. 2) Bill 2017 is enacted, or there is no change to the existing tax law;

(b) corporate tax data for the companies that have co-signed the Commitment, and other senior members of the BCA membership, including:
   (i) the total tax paid over the past five years, and
   (ii) the expected tax benefit from the Enterprise Tax Plan; and

(c) other related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 2) Bill 2018 and Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the National Broadcasters Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Transparency) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan No. 2) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Molan, in continuation, 22 March 2018).

2 Communications Legislation Amendment (Online Content Services and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

3 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 5) Bill 2017
ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Amendment Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

4 Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding for Proprietary Companies) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

5 Intelligence Services Amendment (Establishment of the Australian Signals Directorate) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

6 Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 2) Bill 2018
Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

7 Security of Critical Infrastructure Bill 2017
Security of Critical Infrastructure (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017—(Senate bills)—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

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

Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

10 Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 1) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
11 Export Control Bill 2017
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—
That this bill be now read a second time.

And on the amendment moved by Senator Brown—At the end of the motion, add
“but the Senate notes that Australian exporters and agriculture industries are facing
a number of challenges relating to trade” (5 February 2018).

12 Communications Legislation Amendment (Regional and Small Publishers
Innovation Fund) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime
Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

13 Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill
2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator
Fierravanti-Wells)

14 Criminal Code Amendment (Impersonating a Commonwealth Body) Bill
2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 February 2018).

15 Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Cooperation and Other
Measures) Bill 2018—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 March 2018).

16 Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 February 2018).

17 Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention
Facilities) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator
McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2018).

18 Investigation and Prosecution Measures Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous
Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

19 Treasury Laws Amendment (Illicit Tobacco Offences) Bill 2018—(Minister for
International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

20 Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2018
Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017
In committee (15 February 2018).

21 Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2018—(Minister for
International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

22 Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures)
Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator
Fierravanti-Wells)
23 Crimes Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme—Worker Screening) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

24 Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

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

26 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

27 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

28 Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Operational Efficiency) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

29 Imported Food Control Amendment Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2018).

30 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).

31 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

32 Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

33 Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Acting Special Minister of State, Senator Cormann)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

34 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan Base Rate Entities) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 February 2018).
35 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).

36 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Foreign Media Ownership and Community Radio) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

37 Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

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

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

40 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).

41 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).

42 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).

43 Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).
44 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)

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

46 National Broadcasters Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Transparency) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

47 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).

48 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).

49 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).

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

51 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).
52 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).

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

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

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

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

57 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).

58 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).

59 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).
GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Notices of Motion

Notice given 22 March 2018

*763 Senator O’Sullivan: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that Professor Gary Dowsett is:

(i) currently employed as Deputy Director at the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University, and

(ii) is the author of an article entitled, “Boiled Lollies and Bandaids: Gay men and Kids”, in Gay Information Quarterly Journal (Spring 1982) in which he stated the following:

“And a new political position is needed for there are significant political struggles at stake. First we have three legal/social questions to win: custody rights for gay men and lesbians; the legal right of paedophiles and their young lovers; and finally the sexual rights of children as a whole....”

“How different then is that gentle, tentative sexuality between parent and child from the love of a paedophile and his/her lover? From all their accounts and from many academic studies (some worse than others) that kind of love, warmth, support and nurture is an important part of the paedophilic relationship. I am not saying that mothering/fathering is paedophilic; but I am saying they are not mutually exclusive....”

“...The current paedophilia debate is then crucial to the political processes of the gay movement: paedophiles need our support, and we need to construct the child/adult sex issue on our terms.”

“We need to protect the youthful partners in paedophilia against the legal and social management systems which treats them as delinquents....”,

(b) condemns:

(i) any statement that supports any form of legal rights or political freedoms specifically for paedophiles, and

(ii) as “vulgar and reprehensible” Professor Dowsett’s past statements regarding advocacy for paedophilia and any connection between parenting and sexual/paedophilic “pleasures”;

(c) acknowledges that an overwhelming number of Australian parents would be concerned about any individual who has made past statements regarding advocacy for paedophilia to continue to be employed at any Australian university;

(d) calls on Professor Dowsett to publically explain:

(i) his past statements regarding advocacy for paedophilia, and detail his current beliefs specifically on the question of whether the LGBTI community should “support” paedophiles, and
(ii) whether his past statements regarding advocacy for paedophilia jeopardise his credibility among the parents of students at La Trobe University; and

(e) calls on La Trobe University to:
   (i) provide a public explanation regarding why Professor Dowsett continues to be employed by La Trobe University, and continues to be afforded close contact with young people,
   (ii) publically explain what due diligence has been undertaken – throughout any period of Professor Dowsett’s employment at the University – to investigate what risk and/or impact Professor Dowsett’s past statements and any current views held consistent with those statements, regarding paedophilia might place on the wellbeing of young students at its institution, and
   (iii) immediately investigate the current status of Professor Dowsett’s views.

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) Australia hosted the ASEAN-Australia Special Summit in Sydney on 18 March 2018, and
   (ii) the joint statement of the Summit, the “Sydney Declaration”, affirms that ASEAN members and Australia are “committed to the promotion of common values such as peace, harmony, intercultural understanding, the rule of law, good governance, respect, trust, tolerance, inclusiveness, moderation, social responsibility and diversity”, and renews the resolve to “promote and protect the human rights of our peoples”;

(b) expresses disappointment that the Australian Government refused to condemn egregious human rights abuses committed by, or under the watch of, ASEAN leaders, in particular State Counsellor of Myanmar, Aung San Suu Kyi and Cambodian Prime Minister, Hun Sen;

(c) notes with deep concern that:
   (i) Cambodia’s Prime Minister, Hun Sen, has been systematically dismantling independent voices and political opposition in Cambodia, arresting and imprisoning opposition members, and threatening members of Australia’s Cambodian community with physical violence, in clear violation of the 1991 Paris Peace Accords, and
   (ii) the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has stated that his office strongly suspects that “acts of genocide” may have taken place against the Rohingya people in Myanmar last year, and a recent report from Amnesty International documents the continued destruction of villages and militarisation of Rakhine state; and

(d) calls on the Australian Government to:
   (i) publicly express its concern at ongoing human rights abuses in Cambodia and Myanmar, including through its seat on the UN Human Rights Council,
(ii) implement targeted sanctions against members of Hun Sen’s Government who have been involved in undermining Cambodia’s democracy, and members of Myanmar’s military and Government involved in human rights abuses against the Rohingya people, and

(iii) suspend military cooperation with Myanmar and Cambodia.

*765 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Labor Party has announced its intention to reform cash refunds for excess dividend imputation credits, an idea first proposed by the Australian Greens,

(ii) this policy will predominantly impact on wealthy individuals and, if done properly, will reduce inequality, and

(iii) since making this announcement, the Australian Labor Party has:

(A) refused to release the Parliamentary Budget Office costing of their policy, and

(B) effectively conceded that they had not properly accounted for the impact of their policy on pensioners, with the Leader of the Opposition saying they will have “more to say about this”; and

(b) calls on all parties, especially those who say they are committed to progressive taxation, to ensure that this measure will not impact on low income pensioners with few assets.

Notice of motion altered on 22 March 2018 pursuant to standing order 77.

*766 Senator Griff: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) it has been over 25 years since the decision of Mabo v Queensland (No 2), and almost 18 years since the Kaurna Nation first lodged the Native Title claim in the Federal Court,

(ii) on 21 March 2018, Justice Mortimer, of the Federal Court, granted native title rights over metropolitan Adelaide and Adelaide Hills to the Kaurna people,

(iii) the judgment officially recognises the Kaurna people as the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains, and

(iv) this is the first time that a Native Title Agreement that covers an Australian capital city has been accepted by the Federal Court;

(b) further notes that the Deputy Premier of South Australia, the Honourable Vickie Chapman, has stated that the South Australian Liberal Government will ensure that the Indigenous Land Use Agreement, formalising the Federal Court’s landmark decision, is finalised within six months; and

(c) acknowledges:

(i) the strength and depth of the relationship of Indigenous Australians with their land,

(ii) that the Australian Human Rights Commission describes Native Title as “a relationship to land which is the very foundation of Indigenous religion, culture and well-being”, and
(iii) that the non-discriminatory protection of Native Title is a recognised human right protected by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

*767 Senator Griff: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) 2 April 2018 is World Autism Awareness Day,
   (ii) the theme for this year’s World Autism Awareness Day is ‘Empowering Women and Girls with Autism’,
   (iii) there are approximately 164 000 individuals in Australia on the autism spectrum,
   (iv) World Autism Awareness Day celebrates the unique talents of those on the autism spectrum, and
   (v) Autism SA affirms that World Autism Awareness Day is about awareness, understanding, participation, inclusion and self determination, and it is a day to remind us all about how we should embrace difference and individual choices every day;

(b) encourages all Australians to participate in the planned events across Australia as part of World Autism Awareness Day;

(c) recognises that:
   (i) only around 40 per cent of adults on the autism spectrum in Australia are employed – many of those are working in jobs below their educational or professional level – compared with 53 per cent of working-age people with disability and 83 per cent of people without disability,
   (ii) many people on the autism spectrum have a unique skill set, including excellent visual perception and the ability to remain highly focused in certain situations, which makes them excellent candidates for certain businesses and contracts,
   (iii) companies, such as DXC Technology Australia, with its Dandelion Program and its partnership with ANZ in its Spectrum Program, integrate people on the autism spectrum into the workforce, capitalising on their inherent skills for careers within the technology field,
   (iv) DXC’s Dandelion Program, which commenced in Australia in 2014, employs close to 60 people in Adelaide, Canberra and Brisbane, many of them working in Federal Government departments, including Defence, Human Services and Home Affairs, and
   (v) ANZ’s inaugural Spectrum Program has employed 9 people on the autism spectrum, with four employed in cybersecurity roles, and five as test analysts;

(d) further encourages other Australian companies to employ Australians on the autism spectrum to realise their potential;
(e) acknowledges that:

(i) in Australia, the right to educational opportunities is protected by law,
(ii) people on the autism spectrum are less likely than others to complete an educational qualification beyond school and have needs for support that differ from people with other disabilities,
(iii) girls with disabilities are less likely to complete primary school and more likely to be marginalised or denied access to education,
(iv) contemporary education focuses on the whole student – removing children on the autism spectrum from mainstream educational environments would remove a significant social learning opportunity for every student to understand the world of differences and similarities,
(v) Australian classrooms today showcase diversity at its best as they reflect the world that our children are growing up in – they should include children from different ethnic backgrounds, different cultures, with different abilities and from different family structures, all of which society embraces, and
(vi) Autism SA strongly advocates for individuals on the autism spectrum to contribute and participate in mainstream social and economic environments, and this extends to the inclusion and participation of children in mainstream environments; and

(f) affirms that children with disabilities have the same education rights as all other children, whether they attend mainstream schools or schools with a specific purpose.

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

751 Australian Building and Construction Commission—Order for production of documents

By the Minister for Jobs and Innovation, by not later than the conclusion of question time on 26 March 2018, the advice, documents and details of discussions, communications and conversations requested in the questions taken on notice at the 2017-18 Supplementary Budget estimates by the Minister, the former Department of Employment and the Australian Building and Construction Commission. (Motion of Senator Cameron agreed to 21 March 2018.)
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (27 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Community Affairs; Economics; Environment and Communications; Finance and Public Administration; Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; Legal and Constitutional Affairs; Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2017-18 additional estimates.

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

Two sitting days after today (28 March 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 7 December 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Broadcasting Services (Technical Planning) Guidelines (Consequential Amendments) Instrument 2017 (No. 2), made under the Radiocommunications Act 1992, be disallowed [F2017L01302].
   Three sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Allocation - Multi-band Auction) Determination 2017, made under the Radiocommunications Act 1992, be disallowed [F2017L01255].
   Three sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Retirement Savings Accounts Tax File Number approval No. 1 of 2017, made under the Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997, be disallowed [F2017L01270].
   Three sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

4 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Migration Agents (IMMI 17/047: CPD Activities, Approval of CPD Providers and CPD Provider Standards) Instrument 2017, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2017L01236].
   Three sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 28 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 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.

3 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.)

4 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.)

Order for Production of Documents

*756 Regional Forest Agreements—Forestry Ministers Meetings—Order for production of documents
   By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 9.30 am on 28 March 2018, documents related to Regional Forest Agreements as considered by, or arising from, the Forestry Ministers Meetings held on 14 December 2016 in Melbourne, on 31 March 2017 in Sydney, and on 30 August 2017 in Launceston, and any subsequent meetings, including agendas, minutes, appendices, attachments and documents resulting from actions arising in those meetings. (Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 22 March 2018.)

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.

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 4 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2017-18 additional estimates.

On 20 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

2 Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

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 7 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

*1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018 and the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018. (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 (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018

On 8 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 February 2018

1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—that the Basin Plan Amendment (SDL Adjustments) Instrument 2017, made under the Water Act 2007, be disallowed [F2018L00040].

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
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 10 May 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 14 May 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.

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 5 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

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.
Six sitting days after today (18 June 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 February 2018

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) (Individual Transmitter Amounts) Determination 2017, made under the Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Act 2017, be disallowed [F2017L01375].

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

On 19 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on mitochondrial donation.

On 20 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

Report to be presented on PFAS contamination.

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 26 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legislation Committees

Reports to be presented on the 2018–19 Budget estimates.

2 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.

On 27 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee

Report to be presented on the impact of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure.
3 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the regulatory framework governing water use.

**On or before 30 July 2018**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
Interim report to be presented.

**On 31 July 2018**

Business of the Senate—Order 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.

**On 14 August 2018**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on a national radioactive waste management facility at Kimba and Hawker, South Australia.

2 Education and Employment References Committee
Report to be presented on the work health and safety of workers in the offshore petroleum industry.

**On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2018 (11 September 2018)**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2018.

**On 20 September 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 mobility scooters.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities.
On 30 September 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the Franchise Code of Conduct and Oil Code of Conduct.

On 17 October 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on mental health services in rural and remote Australia.

On 28 November 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 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 or before 29 November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
   Final report to be presented.

On 29 November 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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 3 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 4 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the last sitting day in June 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

As soon as practicable after the High Court makes a declaration following a special count from the 2016 Senate election

Order for Production of Documents

1. Rotation of senators—Section 13 of the Constitution—Order for production of documents
   That—
   (a) as soon as practicable, after the High Court orders a special count of the ballots from the 2016 Senate election for any state and makes an order declaring that a person identified by that count is duly elected as a senator for that state, there be laid on the table a copy of the statement of results report for that count; and
   (b) if such a report is tabled, in relation to any state, then the order of the Senate of 31 August 2016, made pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, have effect in relation to senators from that state as if a reference to the certificate of election were a reference to the most recent statement of results report. (Motion of the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) agreed to 13 February 2018.)
OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 4 December 2018)

Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 8 February 2018; reporting date: 8 May 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: 28 March 2018)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 20 April 2018)

Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 20 April 2018)

Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 26 March 2018)

Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 8 May 2018)

Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 5 June 2018)

National Broadcasters Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Transparency) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 8 February 2018; reporting date: 26 March 2018)

National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018 ‡
National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018 ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2018; reporting date: 7 May 2018)
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 28 March 2018)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2018; reporting date: 7 May 2018)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 2) Bill 2018 [provisions]
Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 23 March 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.
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, 524, 525, 533 to 537, 555, 557, 575, 577 to 586, 620, 644, 650, 652, 687 to 694, 697, 698, 700 to 708, 710 to 712, 715 to 729, 733 to 737, 739 to 754.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 697 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Adjournment debates—Temporary order

[Amendment to standing order 54(5) to provide for 5-minute speeches, rather than 10-minute speeches on Wednesdays. Amendment to standing order 54(6) to remove the option for 20-minute speeches during the open ended adjournment on Tuesdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]

Adjournment without motion

(5) On Monday and Thursday debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 10 minutes.

On Wednesday debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 5 minutes.

On Tuesday at the conclusion of debate, and on other days at the expiration of 40 minutes, at the conclusion of debate, or at the time specified for adjournment, whichever is the earlier, or if there is no debate, the President shall adjourn the Senate without putting the question.

(6) On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator shall speak to that question for not more than 5 minutes, except that if no other senator wishes to speak for up to 5 minutes, a senator who has not already spoken may speak for up to 10 minutes.

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

Allocation of departments/agencies

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

Community Affairs
Health
Human Services
Social Services
Economics
   Jobs and Innovation (Industry, Innovation and Science)
   Treasury

Education and Employment
   Education and Training
   Jobs and Innovation (Jobs and Small Business)

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
   Home Affairs

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016; varied 12 February and 15 February 2018)

Budget week 2018—Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation
That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 8 May 2018 be from midday to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 10 May 2018 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:
   (a) the routine of business from 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 shall be:
      (i) Budget statement and documents 2018-19, and
      (ii) adjournment; and
   (b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 10 May 2018 shall be:
      (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
      (ii) adjournment.

(Agreed to 22 March 2018)

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—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 2018, 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)

First speeches—Senators Martin and Keneally
That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:

(a) Wednesday, 21 March 2018—Senator Martin; and

(b) Tuesday, 27 March 2018—Senator Keneally.

(Agreed to 20 March 2018)

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)

Meeting times—Temporary order
[Amendment to standing order 55 to add 30 minutes at the start of sittings on Tuesdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]
(1) The days and times of meeting of the Senate in each sitting week shall be:
Monday 10 am – 6.30 pm, 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm
Tuesday 12 pm – adjournment
Wednesday 9.30 am – 8 pm
Thursday 9.30 am – 8.40 pm
(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

Outstanding orders for the production of documents—Report—Continuing order
(1) That there be laid on the table by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, not later than 2 calendar months after the last day of each financial year and calendar year, a list showing details of all orders for the production of documents made during the current Parliament which have not been complied with in full, together with a statement indicating whether resistance to them is maintained and why, and detailing any changing circumstances that might allow reconsideration of earlier refusals.
(2) This order is of continuing effect.
(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

Private senators’ bills—Temporary order
[Amendments to standing order 57 and 59 to move consideration of private senators’ bills general business from Thursday to Monday and provide for government business to occur at the start of the day on Thursdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]
57 Routine of business
(1) The routine of business shall be:
(a) On Monday:
   (i) General business orders of the day for consideration of bills only
   (ia) At 12.20 pm, government business only
   …
(d) On Thursday:
   (i) Government business only
   (ii) At 11.45 am, petitions
   …
59 Government and general business

Government business shall take precedence over general business, except that general business shall take precedence over government business as follows:

(a) On Mondays, from 10 am until 12.20 pm general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills shall be considered; and

(b) from not later than 4.30 pm, for a period not exceeding 2½ hours, general business orders of the day shall take precedence over general business notices of motion on alternate Thursdays.

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

Publications Committee—Report—Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament—Adoption of recommendation

5.6 That the Senate and House of Representatives pass the following resolution:

That unless otherwise ordered, and provided that they conform to the printing standards, the following documents shall be made Parliamentary Papers upon their presentation to the Senate/House of Representatives:

- substantive reports of parliamentary committees;
- annual reports of Commonwealth entities;
- a report of a royal commission;
- a report of the Productivity Commission;
- a report of the Auditor-General;
- a report of the Australian Human Rights Commission;
- a report of the Australia Law Reform Commission;
- a report of the Australian Electoral Commission on the redistribution of electoral division boundaries;
- Australian Government white papers;
- a report in a series that has previously been included in the Parliamentary Papers Series on the recommendation of a Publications Committee; and
- budget papers and ministerial statements presented following the presentation of the appropriation bills.

(Agreed to 8 February 2018)

Rotation of senators

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

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

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)
That—

(a) as soon as practicable, after the High Court orders a special count of the ballots from the 2016 Senate election for any state and makes an order declaring that a person identified by that count is duly elected as a senator for that state, there be laid on the table a copy of the statement of results report for that count; and

(b) if such a report is tabled, in relation to any state, then the order of the Senate of 31 August 2016, made pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, have effect in relation to senators from that state as if a reference to the certificate of election were a reference to the most recent statement of results report.

(Agreed to 13 February 2018)

**Scrutiny 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 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 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 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.

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

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

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   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Patrick

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Statements

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Tabling of documents

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