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BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY
BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 30 August 2016

1 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—That the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Shotguns and Shotgun Magazines) Regulation 2016, made under the Customs Act 1901, be disallowed [F2016L01255].

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

Notice given 11 October 2016

*2 Senator Lambie: To move—That—

(1) With regard to Indigenous recognition in Tasmania, the Senate notes that the Premier of Tasmania made an historic Australia Day speech on the 21 January 2016 where he disclosed that something was very wrong with Indigenous policy because:

(a) the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported that, from 2014, there were 25,845 Indigenous people in Tasmania while yet the Tasmanian Government estimated that there were only 6,000 Indigenous Tasmanians;

(b) there are Tasmanian families who identify as Tasmanian Aboriginals, yet the official statistics indicate that, potentially, only one in three members are actually recognised as such by this state;

(c) Federal Government funding represents the greatest proportion of support received by Tasmanian Aboriginals, contributing almost half a billion dollars in funding to Aboriginal Tasmanians, compared to about $8 million from the state government; and

(d) Tasmania’s existing Indigenous policy is a long way from aligning with the Commonwealth’s process; this means Tasmanians can be recognised as an Aboriginal in a national context, but not in their own home state.

(2) The Commonwealth funding of Indigenous Tasmanians be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 28 November 2016, with particular reference to whether hundreds of millions of dollars in Commonwealth funds over the last decade were unfairly, unjustly, or illegally allocated to, and spent on, only 6,000 Indigenous Tasmanians, rather than almost 26,000.

*3 Senators Waters and Dastyari: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and interim report by 28 November 2016 and final report by 1 February 2017:

(a) the experience of unplanned mass closures of electricity generators and other large industrial assets on workers and communities, both in Australia and overseas;
(b) whether regulated planned closures can alleviate and minimise the economic, social and community costs of large electricity generation and other industrial asset closures, drawing on experiences in Australia and overseas;

(c) policy mechanisms for the planned and regulated retirement of coal-fired power stations from the National Electricity Market, having regard to:
   (i) the ‘Paris Agreement’ to keep global warming below 2 degrees celsius, and ideally below 1.5 degrees celsius,
   (ii) the state and expected life span of Australia’s coal-fired power plants,
   (iii) the increasing amount of electricity generated by renewable energy and likely future electricity demand,
   (iv) maintenance of electricity supply, affordability and security, and
   (v) any other relevant matters;
(d) policy mechanisms to give effect to a just transition for affected workers and communities likely impacted by generator closures, as agreed in the ‘Paris Agreement’, including:
   (i) mechanisms to ensure minimal community and individual impact from closures, and
   (ii) mechanisms to attract new investment and jobs in affected regions and communities;
(e) the appropriate role for the Federal Government in respect of the above; and
(f) any other relevant matters.

*4 Senators Cameron, Xenophon, Rhiannon and Lambie: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2016:

The impact of the Government’s Workplace Bargaining Policy and approach to Commonwealth public sector bargaining, with particular reference to:

(a) the failure of the Abbott and Turnbull Governments to conclude workplace bargaining across the Australian Public Service almost three years after the process began – a process that has impacted on more than 150,000 staff nationally and 115 agencies in this time;

(b) the impact of the protracted dispute on service provision, particularly in regional Australia, and for vulnerable and elderly people;

(c) the impact on Australia’s tourism industry and international reputation as a result of ongoing international port and airport strikes;

(d) the impact on agency productivity and staff morale of the delay in resolving enterprise agreements across the Australian Public Service;

(e) the effect of the implementation of the Workplace Bargaining Policy on workplace relations in the Commonwealth public sector;

(f) the effect of the implementation of the Workplace Bargaining Policy on the working conditions and industrial rights of Commonwealth public sector employees;

(g) the extent to which the implementation of the Workplace Bargaining Policy impacts on employee access to workplace flexibility, and with particular regard to flexibility for employees with family or caring responsibilities;
(h) whether the Workplace Bargaining Policy and changes or reductions in employees’ working conditions and industrial rights, including access to enforceable domestic and family violence leave, are a factor in the protracted delay in resolving enterprise agreements;

(i) the failure of Ministers Abetz and Cash, as Ministers Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service, to assume their responsibility and discharge their obligations as an employing authority in the Public Service; and

(j) any other related matter.

Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2016.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Treasury Laws Amendment (Income Tax Relief) Bill 2016
In committee (11 October 2016).

2 Water Legislation Amendment (Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

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

4 Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2016—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

5 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).

6 Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Bill 2016—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).
7 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2016).

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

9 Criminal Code Amendment (High Risk Terrorist Offenders) Bill 2016—
(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).

Notices of Motion

Notice given 11 October 2016

*1 Attorney-General (Senator Brandis): To move—That the following bill be
introduced: A Bill for an Act to apply the Regulatory Powers (Standard

*2 Attorney-General (Senator Brandis): To move—That the following bill be
introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Privacy Act 1988, and for related
purposes. Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016.

*3 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That consideration
of the business before the Senate on Thursday, 13 October 2016, be interrupted at
approximately 4 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable
Senator Griff to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

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 10 October 2016

64 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the large storm that lashed South Australia on 28 and 29 September
2016;
(b) acknowledges the incredible effort of hundreds of emergency services
personnel and volunteers who responded to the storm damage under very
difficult circumstances; and
(c) expresses support for the renewable energy industry in South Australia and
endorses South Australia’s strong renewable energy target.

69 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
   (i) the video games industry is the fastest-growing entertainment
   industry in the world,
in recent years the industry in Australia has generated over $2 billion in retail revenue, and it continues to grow,

the industry is larger than the local film industry, but receives no Federal Government assistance,

the Senate inquiry into the future of Australia’s video game development industry was held from June 2015 to April 2016, with the final report presented on 29 April 2016, which was unanimously agreed to, and

under resolution of the Senate, the Government is required to respond to Senate inquiries within three months of reporting; and

orders that there be laid on the table no later than 2 pm on Thursday, 13 October 2016, by the Minister for the Arts, the Government’s response to the report of the Environment and Communications References Committee on the future of Australia’s video game development industry.

*79 Senator Lambie: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) clauses in trade agreements restrict Australia’s sovereignty and ability to fairly regulate and legislate in the public interest,

(ii) ISDS clauses in trade agreements empower multi-national corporations to sue Governments for decisions which impede company profits,

(iii) approximately 52 per cent of ISDS claims were partly or fully successful in the multi-national corporations’ favour, and 60 per cent of the cases decided on merits were won by investors,

(iv) ISDS clauses are a drain on the taxpayer and government resources,

(v) in 2009, Swedish energy company Vattenfall brought a successful ISDS claim against the German Government, for imposing quality controls for waste waters released from their power plant which supposedly made their investment project “unviable”, and

(vi) in 2015, United States company Bilcon, brought a successful ISDS claim against the Canadian Government, for not allowing it to build a quarry and marine terminal in an ecologically sensitive coastal area in eastern Canada; and

(b) calls on the Government to ban Investor-State Dispute Settlement for all trade agreements.

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

(a) notes that the National Bank of Australia has announced a voluntary ban on all political donations to avoid perceptions of impropriety or graft; and

(b) calls on all parties and members of Parliament to refuse political donations from all banks and financial institutions to avoid perceptions of impropriety or graft.
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*81 Senators Kakoschke-Moore, Xenophon and Griff and the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act 1995, and for related purposes, Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2016.

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

(a) notes that the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) recently called for Geraldton man, Mr Marlon Noble, to have the conditions of his release lifted after serving more than ten years in prison without a conviction;

(b) acknowledges that people with cognitive impairment or intellectual disability are being incarcerated for an indefinite period without conviction; and

(c) calls on the Western Australian Government to commit to implementing the CRPD recommendation to lift the conditions on Mr Marlon Noble’s release.

*83 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) welcomes the decision by BP to withdraw its application to drill for oil in the Great Australian Bight; and

(b) calls on the Turnbull Government to permanently ban all oil exploration and drilling in the Great Australian Bight.

*85 Senator Lambie: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes various media and other reports which indicate:

(i) China claims almost all of the South China Sea and has sought to bolster its case by building a series of artificial islands capable of supporting military facilities,

(ii) a United Nations-backed tribunal ruled in July, in a case brought by the Philippines, that any extensive claims to the sea had no legal basis and that China’s construction of artificial islands in disputed waters was illegal,

(iii) Beijing has reacted furiously, with foreign ministry spokesman, Lu Kang, implicitly threatening military action and a “decisive response” if anyone took “any provocative action against China’s security interests based on the award”,

(iv) China and Russia have recently staged war games in the South China Sea, in a show of force after an international tribunal invalidated the Chinese Communist Government’s extensive claims in the area,

(v) Australian warships, planes and soldiers have begun annual joint military exercises with four strategic allies in the sensitive South China Sea region involving around 400 Australia ADF personnel,

(vi) those 400 Australian Defence and thousands of our allies military personnel’s lives are now at serious risk from a hostile Communist Government threatening military action, while we exercise a right of freedom of navigation in international waters, and

(vii) according to research undertaken by the Department of the Parliamentary Library, the same Communist Government have been
allowed to spend tens of billions of dollars and buy into major Australian infrastructure critical to our national security, including Port Melbourne, Darwin Port and Hydro Tasmania; and

(b) taking into the above facts, a resolution be placed before the next joint sitting of Parliament which calls on the Australian Government to ban all sales of major Australian infrastructure to the Chinese Communist Government and its various associated investment companies while ever a military threat exists to Australian Defence Personnel who abide by international laws and United Nations Tribunals’ rulings.

*86 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee into the Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World, be established to inquire into and report on, by 10 February 2017, the following matters:

(a) the role of storage technologies and localised, distributed generation to provide Australia’s electricity networks with the resilience to withstand the increasing severity and frequency of extreme weather events driven by global warming;

(b) recommend measures that should be taken by federal, state and local governments to hasten the rollout of such technologies in order to:

(i) create jobs in installation, manufacture and research of storage and distribution technologies,

(ii) stimulate household and business demand for storage technologies,

(iii) anticipate the rapid deployment of localised distributed generation through changes to market rules,

(iv) drive the reduction in technology costs through economies of scale, and

(v) seize on the opportunities to be a global leader in deploying storage technologies because of Australia’s high fixed electricity tariffs and significant penetration of rooftop solar; and

(c) any other relevant matters.

(2) That the committee consist of 7 senators, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens and 1 nominated by minority groups and independent senators.

(3) 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 Leader of the Australian Greens or any minority party or independent senator;

(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; and

(c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.
(4) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

(5) That the committee elect as chair a member nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens and, as deputy chair, a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

(6) 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.

(7) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.

(8) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

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

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

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

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

54 World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Trade Tourism and Investment, by no later than 3.30 pm on 12 October 2016, documents relating to the Australian offer made and responses to date to that offer. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 10 October 2016.)

58 Government response to committee report—Grape and wine industry—Order for production of document
By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 3.30 pm on 12 October 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee on the Australian grape and wine industry, dated 12 February 2016. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 10 October 2016.)
By the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, by the start of business on the next day of sitting (12 October 2016), the legal advice referred to by the Australian Statistician during his appearance on 7.30 on 3 August 2016. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 11 October 2016.)

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (13 October 2016)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on the planned acquisition of the Joint Strike Fighter.

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of law enforcement and justice services.

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 12 September 2016

34 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—That the order of the Senate of 21 March 2002 restricting photography in the Senate chamber ceases to have effect on and from 10 October 2016.

Notice given 11 October 2016

*84 Senator Burston: To move—That the Senate—

(a) supports the efforts of the Department of Defence to deal with health issues arising out of the firefighting foam contamination at Williamtown Air Base in New South Wales and Oakey Army Aviation Centre in Queensland, including engaging the University of Newcastle Family Action Centre (UNFAC) to develop and deliver mental health awareness and stress management activities in the Williamtown area;

(b) notes that:

(i) landholders in the immediate vicinity of Williamtown Air Base and Oakey Army Aviation Centre are facing uncertainty due to the adverse impact on land values of the firefighting foam contamination,

(ii) landholders have lost equity in their properties to the point where they cannot borrow against reduced property valuations to undertake soil remediation and they cannot sell the land at reduced values in order to purchase new properties,

(iii) the Department of Defence has met with a number of lending institutions and the Australian Property Institute to discuss property lending policies and practices and how valuations are conducted in the Williamtown area, and
(iv) the Department of Defence has committed to review the issue of
property acquisition once detailed environmental investigations at
the RAAF Base Williamtown and the Army Aviation Centre at
Oakey have been concluded; and

(c) calls on the Government to expedite environmental investigations of the
impact of firefighting foam contamination at Williamtown and Oakey to
enable landholders to address the dilemma of land remediation or
relocation, and move on with their lives and deal with issues of mental
health and stress management.

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

6 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill
2015—(Senate bill)—(Senator Wong)
Second reading (restored 31 August 2016).

On 14 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry
(Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and the Building and Construction Industry
(Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to
Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered
Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills
Committee report.)

On 7 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 September 2016

1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—that the
Legal Services Amendment (Solicitor-General Opinions) Direction 2016, made
under the Judiciary Act 1903, be disallowed [F2016L00645].

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Broadcasting Legislation
Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills
Committee report.)
2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 8 November 2016
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on Consultations prior to the making of directions concerning opinions of the Solicitor-General.

On 14 November 2016
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 16 November 2016
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the medical complaints process.

On 21 November 2016
Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion
Notice given 10 October 2016
1 Senator Xenophon: To move—that the Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Part 101) Regulation 2016, made under the Civil Aviation Act 1988 and Transport Safety Investigation Act 2003, be disallowed [F2016L00400].
Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Order for Production of Documents
1 Government response to committee report—Select Committee on Wind Turbines—Order for production of document
By the Minister representing the Minister for Environment and Energy, by 3.30 pm on 21 November 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines. (Motion of Senators Leyonhjelm, Day, Xenophon, Lambie, Griff, Kakoschke-Moore, Burston, Culleton and Roberts, the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) and Senator Hinch agreed to 1 September 2016.)
On 23 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on large capacity fishing vessels.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the access by children to internet pornography.

On 24 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on 2016 Census.

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on domestic violence and gender inequality.

On 29 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment.

On 30 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Lyme-like illness in Australia.

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

On 1 December 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on recent fires in remote Tasmanian wilderness.

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

3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future role and contribution of regional capitals.
On 6 December 2016
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 7 February 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 24 February 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the second last sitting day in February 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 February 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the penalties for white collar crime or misconduct.

On the tenth sitting day of 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the second last sitting day in March 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight.
On 30 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australian veterans.

On the last sitting day in March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Nauru and Manus Island regional processing centres.
2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector.

On 31 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
*1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on carbon risk disclosure.
*2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.
*3 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the implications of financial advice reforms.

On 28 April 2017

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

On 25 May 2017

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

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.
2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity.

*3 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on foreign bribery.

On 19 July 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 18 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 1 December 2017

General Business—Order of the Day

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.
OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date: 30 November 2016)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 7 November 2016)

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [provisions]‡
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 October 2016)

Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 November 2016)

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 October 2016)

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 6 December 2016)

National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date: 7 November 2016)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee
No. 9—12 October 2016

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 3 to 7, 12, 13, 19, 20, 24, 59 to 63, 66, 67, 69 to 72, 78, 79, 82 to 86, 88, 94, 95, 100, 101, 105 to 115, 117, 119, 121 to 150 and 152 to 175.

Question nos, as shown above, from 3 to 101 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

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

(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

Address by the Prime Minister of Singapore
That, on Wednesday, 12 October 2016 the sitting of the Senate shall be suspended at 10.30 am to noon to enable senators to attend the address by His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.

(Agreed to 11 October 2016)

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

  Community Affairs
  Health
  Social Services, including Human Services

  Economics
  Industry, Innovation and Science
  Treasury

  Education and Employment
  Education and Training
  Employment

  Environment and Communications
  Communications and the Arts
  Environment and Energy
Finance and Public Administration
Finance
Parliament
Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Attorney-General
Immigration and Border Protection

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

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

(Agreed to 2 November 2011; varied 13 September 2016)

Estimates hearings
(1) That the 2016-17 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
   Monday, 17 October and Tuesday, 18 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 19 October and Thursday, 20 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That, pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008 and 23 June 2015, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 21 October 2016.

(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.
(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

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

First speeches
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:
Wednesday, 31 August 2016—Senator Hume
Thursday, 1 September 2016—Senators Dodson and Duniam
Monday, 12 September 2016—Senator Hinch
Tuesday, 13 September 2016—Senators Roberts and Watt
Wednesday, 14 September 2016—Senators Hanson and McCarthy
Tuesday, 11 October 2016—Senators Kakoschke-Moore and Burston
Wednesday, 12 October 2016—Senators Chisholm and Culleton.
(Agreed to 31 August, 1 September, 12 September, 15 September and 11 October 2016)

Legislation—Exemption of bills from the cut-off order
That the provisions of paragraph (6) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:
Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016
Corporations Amendment (Auditor Registration) Bill 2016
Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Bill 2016
Statute Update Bill 2016
(Agreed to 13 September 2016)
Meeting of Senate
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2016 be as follows:

**Spring sittings:**
- Thursday, 1 September
- Monday, 12 September to Thursday, 15 September

**Spring sittings (2):**
- Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October

**Spring sittings (3):**
- Monday, 7 November to Thursday, 10 November
- Monday, 21 November to Thursday, 24 November
- Monday, 28 November to Thursday, 1 December.

*(Agreed to 31 August 2016)*

Ministerial statements—Consideration—Temporary order
That the following amendment to standing order 169 operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2017:

At the end of standing order 169, add:

(3) If a ministerial statement is presented to or tabled in the Senate other than in accordance with standing order 61, it shall be in order for a senator to move a motion without notice to take note of the statement. On any such motion, a senator may speak for not more than 10 minutes and paragraph (2) applies to the total time limit for individual or successive motions.

*(Agreed to 31 August 2016; originally agreed to 11 November 2015 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s third report of 2015)*

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)*
CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

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

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

Formal business

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

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

Limitation of time

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

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

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

Matters of urgency

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

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

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

Order of business

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

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

Senator Lambie

13 To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.
Questions without notice

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

Statements

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

Tabling of documents

16 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the
   Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the
   senator moving that the document be tabled.

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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  Minister for Local Government and Territories  
  Minister for Regional Communications  
  Deputy Leader of The Nationals | Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
  Minister for Urban Infrastructure  
  Minister for Health and Aged Care |
| Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann  
  Minister for Finance  
  Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate  
  Leader of The Nationals | Treasurer  
  Minister for Revenue and Financial Services  
  Minister for Small Business |
| Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion  
  Minister for Communications  
  Minister for the Arts  
  Manager of Government Business in the Senate | Minister for Sport |
| 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  
  Minister for Education and Training | Minister for the Environment and Energy |
| Senator the Honourable Arthur Sinodinos AO  
  Cabinet Secretary | Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment  
  Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science |
| Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan  
  Minister for Resources and Northern Australia  
  Minister for International Development and the Pacific | Deputy Prime Minister  
  Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources |
| Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells  
  Special Minister of State  
  Minister Assisting the Cabinet Secretary | Minister for Social Services  
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