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Temporary Chairs of Committees

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

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GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

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

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

Business listed for today
- Matters of privilege
  - Proposed references to the Privileges Committee
- Business of the Senate
  - disallowance motions
  - references to standing committees
  - committee reports to be presented
- Government business
  - initiated by ministers
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- General business
  - initiated by senators who are not ministers
    - motions of motion
    - continued debate on previous motions

Available for debate on Thursdays
- Private senators' business
- Documents
- Committee reports and government responses
- Auditor-General's reports

Business listed for future consideration
Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered at a specific time in the future. For example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date. Dates on which ministers have been ordered to produce documents are included here.
Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, will be placed at the end of the section.

Other information
- Questions on notice
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- 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
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- Ministerial representation
  - Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent
BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY
BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 15 February 2017


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

Notice given 28 March 2017

2 Senator Xenophon: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by 16 October 2017:

(a) claims that many employees working for large employers receive lower penalty rates under their enterprise agreements on weekends and public holidays than those set by the relevant modern award, giving those employers a competitive advantage over smaller businesses that pay award rates;

(b) the operation, application and effectiveness of the Better Off Overall Test (BOOT) for enterprise agreements made under the Fair Work Act 2009;

(c) the desirability of amending the Fair Work Act 2009 to ensure that enterprise agreements do not contain terms that specify penalty rates which are lower than the respective modern award;

(d) the provisions of the Fair Work (Pay Protection) Bill 2017; and

(e) any other related matter related to penalty rates in the retail, hospitality and fast-food sectors.

Notice of motion altered on 11 May 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 30 March 2017


Eleven sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
4 Senators Leyonhjelm and Bernardi: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 14 September 2017:
(a) the participation of Australians in online poker;
(b) the nature and extent of any personal or social harms and benefits arising from participating in online poker; and
(c) whether the current regulatory approach, in particular, the recently amended Interactive Gambling Act 2001, is a reasonable and proportionate response to those harms and benefits.

5 Senators Xenophon, Griff and Kakoschke-Moore: To move—That, in response to the neglect and abuse in aged care exposed by the Makk and McLeay Aged Mental Health Care Service at Oakden in South Australia, which has led to its closure, the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 7 December 2017:
(a) the effectiveness of the Aged Care Quality Assessment and accreditation framework for protecting residents from abuse and poor practices, and ensuring proper clinical and medical care standards are maintained and practised;
(b) the adequacy and effectiveness of complaints handling processes at a state and federal level, including consumer awareness and appropriate use of the available complaints mechanisms;
(c) concerns regarding standards of care reported to aged care providers and government agencies by staff and contract workers, medical officers, volunteers, family members and other healthcare or aged care providers receiving transferred patients, and the adequacy of responses and feedback arrangements;
(d) the adequacy of medication handling practices and drug administration methods used by staff;
(e) the adequacy of injury prevention, monitoring and reporting mechanisms and the need for mandatory reporting and data collection for serious injury and mortality incidents;
(f) the division of responsibility and accountability between residents (and their families), agency and permanent staff, aged care providers, and the state and the federal governments for reporting on and acting on adverse incidents; and
(g) any related matters.

Notice of motion altered on 8 June 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

6 Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 14 February 2018:
Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa, with particular reference to:
(a) existing trade and investment relationships;
(b) emerging and possible future trends;
(c) barriers and impediments to trade and investment;
(d) opportunities to expand trade and investment;
(e) the role of government in identifying opportunities and assisting Australian companies to access existing and new markets; and
(f) any related matters.

Notice given 11 May 2017

Senator Ludlam: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 4 December 2017:
The implications of climate change for Australia’s national security, with particular reference to:
(a) the possible effects of climate change, including sea level rise, hotter and more extreme weather, impacts on water and food security and migration, on the Australian, Asia-Pacific and global security environments, for the full range of projected emission scenarios;
(b) the Australian Defence Force’s (ADF’s) preparedness and mission and operational resilience to climate change, including:
   (i) facilities, equipment, personnel and logistics, and
   (ii) disaster relief, humanitarian assistance and forced migration;
(c) the ADF’s climate change preparedness in comparison to Australia’s allies;
(d) the preparedness of Australia’s intelligence services in assessing climate change national security risks;
(e) the role of Australia’s development program and climate financing in building regional resilience and contributing to national security risk reduction;
(f) the role of climate mitigation policies in reducing national security risks;
(g) additional responses Australia should take to reduce the risks posed by climate change; and
(h) any other related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016.

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

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Minors Online) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
*5 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*6 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to the order of the Senate of 10 May 2017.)

*7 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017, the Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017, the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017, the Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017, the Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017, and the Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to the order of the Senate of 10 May 2017.)

*8 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Foreign Resident Capital Gains Withholding Payments) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to the order of the Senate of 10 May 2017.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.
And on the amendment moved by Senator McCarthy—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate expresses its disappointment with the regrettable way in which the Government has managed the process for consultation on the changes contained in the bill, which has been a source of unnecessary angst, confusion and delay” (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 11 May 2017).

2 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Seasonal Worker Incentives for Jobseekers) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

3 Health Insurance Amendment (National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2017
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.
And on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate:
(a) laments that health outcomes in rural and regional Australia continue to lag significantly behind the rest of the country, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
(b) recognises that the establishment of a Rural Health Commissioner represents an opportunity to examine and address the significant workforce issues which contribute to this, as well as the range of other causes; and

(c) calls for the Commissioner to be free to examine and make recommendations relating to all areas of policy reform and funding that are relevant to urgently address this issue” (Senator Williams, in continuation, 27 March 2017).

4 Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

5 Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill 2017—
   (Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)

6 Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Representation) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—
   (Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2017).

7 Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

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

9 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).

10 Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2017—
    (Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)

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

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

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

14 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).
15 **Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016**—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

16 **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).

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

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

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

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

21 **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).

22 **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).

23 **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 24 November 2016

127 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—That the Senate notes the wide ranging problems with Australia’s justice system, including access to justice.

Notice given 29 March 2017


Notice given 9 May 2017

306 Senator McAllister: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, by close of business on 17 May 2017, the document created by Chief Judge Pascoe at the request of Ms Sharon Claydon, MP and sent to the Attorney-General’s office on 5 April 2017 relating to resourcing, caseloads and timeframes in Newcastle’s Federal Circuit Court.

Notice of motion altered on 10 May 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 10 May 2017

323 Senator Gallagher: To move—That the Senate condemns the Turnbull Government’s unfair Budget that delivers tax handouts for multinationals and millionaires while hurting every Australian family.

324 Senator Smith: To move—That the Senate—

(a) congratulates Professor David Cooper on being awarded the James Cook Medal in recognition of his outstanding contribution to both science and human welfare;

(b) notes that the James Cook Medal is awarded periodically by the Royal Society of New South Wales for outstanding contributions to science and human welfare in and for the southern hemisphere;

(c) acknowledges the significant contribution Professor Cooper has made over many years in the research and treatment of HIV and AIDS, including in the areas of antiretroviral therapy, HIV pathogenesis and complications of HIV treatment;

(d) notes the important role that Professor Cooper continues to play in the fight against HIV and AIDS in the developing world, in particular, his work in co-founding HIV-NAT, a clinical research and trials collaboration based at the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre in Bangkok; and

(e) notes that Professor Cooper joins other respected recipients of the James Cook Medal, including Sir Frank M Burnet, Sir Ian Clunies Ross, Sir Marcus Oliphant, Sir Gustav Nossal and Professor Brien Holden.
326 Senators Hanson-Young and Rhiannon: To move—that the Senate—
(a) recognises the infrastructure projects, including inland rail construction, that the Federal Government committed to delivering in the 2017-18 Federal Budget;
(b) acknowledges that the steel producing communities of Whyalla in regional South Australia and the Illawarra in New South Wales are struggling with high unemployment and low job security; and
(c) calls on the Turnbull Government to guarantee that they will support Australian jobs by committing to a local procurement policy, mandating the use of Australian steel in infrastructure projects committed to in the 2017-18 Federal Budget.

327 Senator Smith: To move—that the Senate—
(a) congratulates the Honourable Michael Kirby, AC, CMG on receiving the high honour of being awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, by the Emperor of Japan in recognition of his contribution to promoting international understanding of the situation of human rights in North Korea, including the issue of the abduction of Japanese nationals;
(b) notes the outstanding contribution Mr Kirby has made in promoting the significance of human rights worldwide through his work, including but not limited to his appointments as Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia and a member of the High Commissioner for Human Rights’ Judicial Reference Group; and
(c) notes the exceptional effort Mr Kirby has made to address the HIV and AIDS epidemic globally, through his service on international bodies, including the World Health Organisation’s Global Commission on AIDS, UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights, and UNDP Global Commission of HIV and the Law.

Notice of motion altered on 30 May 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

328 Senator Waters: To move—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and for other purposes. Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017.

329 Senator Moore: To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) the return of 82 young women held captive for three years by Islamist militants in Nigeria, and
(ii) that in April 2014, as part of a world-wide campaign calling for the release of the group of 270 schoolgirls captured from their high school, women from across the Australian Parliament, gathered in the forecourt to show their support for the ‘Bring Them Home’ project;
(b) acknowledges the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Swiss and Nigerian governments to negotiate appropriate settlement to ensure the safety and the return of these young women;
(c) supports continuing efforts to complete the return of the many young women still believed held by Boko Haram; and
(d) condemns the actions of the militants in the region.

330 Senator Kakoschke-Moore: To move—That the Senate—
(a) congratulates Indigenous Australian Mr Isaiah Firebrace on winning a place in the final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2017;
(b) wishes Mr Firebrace every success in the final of the Eurovision Song Contest; and
(c) notes:
   (i) the theme of this year’s contest is ‘Celebrate Diversity’,
   (ii) Australia is a culturally-rich diverse nation, and
   (iii) Mr Firebrace’s inclusion as a young Indigenous Australian is also a celebration of Australia’s cultural diversity.

331 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
   (i) the unanimous findings of the Environment and Communications References Committee report, Game on: more than playing around – The future of Australia’s video game development industry, received on 29 April 2016, and
   (ii) the absence of any government response to the findings of this inquiry; and
(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Communications, by no later than 3.30 pm on 11 May 2017, a copy of the government response to this report.

332 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
   (i) the Government’s deeply disappointing decision to once again cut funding to aid in the 2017-18 Federal Budget by $300.3 million across the forward estimates,
   (ii) Australia’s Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) is currently at a record low as a proportion of Gross National Income (GNI), and will now plunge even further to 0.2 per cent of GNI by 2020, and
   (iii) this decision comes as there are 60 million displaced people in the world, famines in parts of Africa and the Middle East, and increasing threats to prosperity as a result of climate change, amongst other global concerns; and
(b) calls on the Government to reverse these cuts, and as soon as possible identify a year by which Australia’s ODA will reach the target of 0.7 per cent of GNI, as is our commitment to the United Nations, and as other comparable nations such as the United Kingdom have already achieved.
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (14 June 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2017

1 Senator Rice: To move—that the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 8 August 2017:

The ownership and operations of existing and proposed toll roads in Australia, including:

(a) the economics of existing and proposed private toll roads, including assessment of financial arrangements with state governments;

(b) transparency and accountability measures, including:

(i) mechanisms of transparency and accountability of public–private partnership toll road developments,

(ii) the impact of ‘commercial-in-confidence’ provisions on transparency and public accountability, and

(iii) assessment of, and transparency and accountability of, unsolicited bids;

(c) the interaction of toll roads with transport policy and implementation, including:

(i) the efficacy of toll roads in meeting transport needs,

(ii) the impact of toll road contracts with potentially competing roads and public transport initiatives,

(iii) the influence of toll road developments on overall transport policy of state and federal governments,

(iv) alternatives to private toll roads, including public road developments and demand management,

(v) the interaction of tolls payable on private toll roads with other current and potential road pricing mechanisms, and

(vi) the contribution that payment of tolls plays in overall cost of transport to the community, and equity considerations;

(d) the impact of concentration of ownership of private toll roads;

(e) the appropriateness of tolls payable over time, penalties for non-payment and debt recovery mechanisms; and

(f) any other related matter.

Notice given 30 March 2017

2 Senator Siewert: To move—that the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Specialist Disability Accommodation) Rules 2016, made under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013, be disallowed [F2017L00209].

Eleven sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 22 March 2017

269 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—

(1) That a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on oversight of the implementation of redress related recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse be established to inquire into and report upon:

(a) the Australian Government policy, program and legal response, including the establishment and operation of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme and ongoing support of survivors; and

(b) any matter in relation to the Royal Commission’s recommendations referred to the committee by a resolution of either House of the Parliament.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 1 December 2018.

(3) That the committee consist of 12 members – 7 senators, and 5 members as follows:

(a) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;

(b) 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the House of Representatives;

(c) 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;

(d) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives;

(e) 1 to be nominated by minority groups or independents in the Senate; and

(f) the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch).

(4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

(6) 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.

(7) That Senator Hinch be appointed as chair of the committee and the committee elect as deputy chair a member or senator nominated by the Opposition.
(8) That the deputy chair shall act as chair of the committee at any time when
the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when
the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the
members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.

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

(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 papers and
evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such
proceedings as take place in public.

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

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

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

Notice of motion altered on 1 June pursuant to standing order 77.

On 15 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017.
   (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

   Three sitting days after today (19 June 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator
   Williams): To move—That the Jervis Bay Territory Marine Safety Ordinance
   2016, made under the Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act 1915, be disallowed
   [F2016L01756].

   Four sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument
   will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 20 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2017

1 Senator Bernardi: To move—that the Extradition (People’s Republic of China) Regulations 2017, made under the Extradition Act 1988, be disallowed [F2017L00185].

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

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

On 21 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 Community Affairs References Committee

On 22 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products into Australia.

3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the matters raised by New South Wales Police Strike Force CIVET.
On 29 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

4 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on whistleblower protections.

5 Government Procurement—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 12 July 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 19 July 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 7 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on corporate avoidance of the *Fair Work Act 2009*. 
On 8 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Eight sitting days after today (9 August 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 28 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Migration Amendment (Review of the Regulations) Regulation 2016, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L01809].

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

On 9 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 May 2017

1 Senator Cameron: To move—that the Code for the Tendering and Performance of Building Work 2016, made under the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Act 2016, be disallowed [F2016L01859].

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

Notice of motion altered on 9 May 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

*2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 14 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Privileges—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the implications for the use of intrusive powers by law enforcement and intelligence agencies on the privileges and immunities of members of Parliament.

2 Strengthening Multiculturalism—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

Eleven sitting days after today (15 August 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 31 March 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Social Services Measures No. 4) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01922].

Twelve 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 Legislation (Exemptions and Other Matters) Amendment (Sunsetting and Disallowance Exemptions) Regulation 2016, made under the Legislation Act 2003, be disallowed [F2016L01897].

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

On 15 August 2017

General Business—Order of the Day

1 National Integrity Commission—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

On 23 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee

Report to be presented on the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects.

On 31 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on asbestos.
On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2017 (6 September 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2017.

On 13 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 14 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

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.

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

On 31 October 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 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on non-conforming building products.
On 23 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 27 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 30 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.

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

On 1 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s steel industry.

2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

3 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
On 6 December 2017

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 7 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the first sitting day in March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

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

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 February 2017; reporting date: 9 August 2017)

Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 11 May 2017; reporting date: 14 June 2017)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 11 May 2017; reporting date: 8 August 2017)
Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Minors Online) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 13 June 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 15 June 2017)

Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 11 May 2017; reporting date: 9 August 2017)

Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017 [provisions] /
Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017 [provisions] /
Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017 [provisions] /
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017 [provisions] /
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017 [provisions] /
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 June 2017; reporting date: 13 June 2017)

Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017[provisions] ‡
Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 11 May 2017; reporting date: 13 June 2017)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Foreign Resident Capital Gains Withholding Payments) Bill 2017 [provisions] /
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 1 June 2017; reporting date: 13 June 2017)

Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] /
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 24 May 2017; reporting date: 13 June 2017)

Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 13 June 2017)

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

/ Referred pursuant to the order of the Senate of 10 May 2017.

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED
Government bills

**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.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Questions remaining unanswered*


Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 473 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).


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**ORDERS OF THE SENATE**

**Allocation of departments/agencies**

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

- **Community Affairs**
  - Health
  - Social Services, including Human Services

- **Economics**
  - Industry, Innovation and Science
  - Treasury

- **Education and Employment**
  - Education and Training
  - Employment

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

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

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

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

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

*(Agreed to 31 August 2016)*

**Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates**

1. That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2017 be scheduled as follows:
   - **2016-17 additional estimates:**
     - Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)
     - Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B).
   - **2017-18 Budget estimates:**
     - Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)
     - Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)
     - Monday, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
     - Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

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

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

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

4. That committees meet in the following groups:
   - **Group A:**
     - Environment and Communications
     - Finance and Public Administration
     - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
     - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
   - **Group B:**
     - Community Affairs
Economics
Education and Employment
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

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

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

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

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

Estimates—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 speech—Senator Georgiou

That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 14 June 2017, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Georgiou to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

(Agreed to 9 May 2017)

Meeting of Senate—2017

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

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

Autumn sittings (2):
Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

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

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

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

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

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

*(Agreed to 8 November 2016)*

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**Referral of time critical bills**

That—

1. To ensure appropriate consideration of time critical bills by Senate committees, the provisions of all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 11 May 2017 and up to and including 1 June 2017 that contain substantive provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2017 (together with the provisions of any related bill) are referred to committees for inquiry and report by 13 June 2017.

2. The committee to which each bill is referred shall be determined in accordance with the order of 31 August 2016, allocating departments and agencies to standing committees.

3. A committee to which a bill has been referred may determine, by unanimous decision, that there are no substantive matters that require examination and report that fact to the Senate.

4. This order does not apply in relation to bills which contain:
   - (a) no provisions other than provisions appropriating revenue or moneys (appropriation bills); and
   - (b) commencement clauses providing only for the legislation to commence on Royal Assent.

*(Agreed to 10 May 2017)*

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**CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Conduct of business**

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

Formal business

3 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved 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.

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APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

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

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

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

RICHARD PYE
Clerk

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  Leader of the Government in the Senate | Prime Minister  
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  Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cyber Security |
| Senator the Honourable Fiona Nash  
  Minister for Regional Development  
  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  
  Minister for Aged Care  
  Minister for Indigenous Health |
| Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann  
  Minister for Finance  
  Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate | Treasurer  
  Minister for Revenue and Financial Services  
  Minister for Small Business |
| Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion  
  Minister for Indigenous Affairs  
  Leader of The Nationals in the Senate |  |
| Senator the Honourable Mitchell (Mitch) Fifield  
  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  
  Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science | Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment |
| Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan  
  Minister for Resources and Northern Australia | Deputy Prime Minister  
  Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources |
| Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells  
  Minister for International Development and the Pacific |  |
| Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan  
  Special Minister of State  
  Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cabinet | Minister for Social Services  
  Minister for Human Services |
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| Senator the Honourable Anne Ruston  
  Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources |  |
| Senator the Honourable James McGrath  
  Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister |  |
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**Key**

- **♂** = Date of Senate ⅓ Cut-Off
- **B** = Budget
- **S** = Senate sitting week only
- † = Additional estimates
- ‡ = Budget estimates
- ± = Supplementary Budget estimates
- ⊙ = Cross portfolio estimates
- hearings on Indigenous matters, and Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters