## Senate Notice Paper

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Business for today

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

Notice given 9 September 2019

1 Senators Siewert and McKim: To move—that the Quality of Care Amendment (Minimising the Use of Restraints) Principles 2019, made under the Aged Care Act 1997, be disallowed [F2019L00511].

Last day for resolving**

**Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the regulation will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 14 November 2019

(Notice given on 13 November 2019)

Notice given 13 November 2019

*2 Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle): To move—that the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2020:

The Federal Government’s response to the drought, and the adequacy and appropriateness of policies and measures to support farmers, regional communities and the Australian economy, with particular reference to:

(a) loans and financial support;
(b) water availability, infrastructure, agreement and supply measures;
(c) various market impacts of the measures;
(d) interaction with existing legislative and regulatory instruments across jurisdictions;
(e) the response to the Drought Coordinator’s report;
(f) preparedness for the current drought and the capacity of the Australian Government to prepare for future drought; and
(g) any other related matters.

*3 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—that the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 February 2020:

The current barriers to patient access to medicinal cannabis in Australia, including:

(a) the appropriateness of the current regulatory regime through the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Special Access Scheme (SAS), Authorised Prescriber Scheme and clinical trials;
(b) the suitability of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for subsidising patient access to medicinal cannabis products;
the interaction between state and territory authorities and the Commonwealth, including overlap and variation between state and territory schemes;

(d) Australia’s regulatory regime in comparison to international best practice models for medicinal cannabis regulation and patient access;

(e) the availability of training for doctors in the current TGA regulatory regime for prescribing medicinal cannabis to their patients;

(f) the education of doctors in the Endogenous Cannabinoid System (ECS), and the appropriateness of medicinal cannabis treatments for various indications;

(g) sources of information for doctors about uses of medicinal cannabis and how these might be improved and widened;

(h) delays in access, and the practice of product substitution, due to importation of medicinal cannabis and the shortage of Australian manufactured medicinal cannabis products;

(i) the current status of the domestic regulated medicinal cannabis industry;

(j) the impacts on the mental and physical wellbeing of those patients struggling to access medicinal cannabis through Australia’s regulatory regime;

(k) the particular barriers for those in rural and remote areas in accessing medicinal cannabis legally;

(l) the significant financial barriers to accessing medicinal cannabis treatment;

(m) the number of Australian patients continuing to rely on unregulated supply of medicinal cannabis due to access barriers and the impacts associated with that; and

(n) any related matters.

Senator Patrick: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that, in respect to the development of Greater Sunrise oil and gas fields:

(a) on 6 March 2018, Australia and Timor-Leste signed a maritime boundaries treaty establishing permanent maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea, and a legal framework for developing the Greater Sunrise gas fields, together and sharing in the benefits – the treaty has now been ratified by both countries and entered into force on 30 August 2019;

(b) there are two options for processing the Greater Sunrise gas fields:

(i) onshore in Australia, or

(ii) onshore in Timor Leste, as part of the Timor-Leste Government’s Tasi Mane development strategy for a corridor of petroleum infrastructure along the southwest coast of the country;
(c) the Australian Government stated, in response to a question asked during the estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 4 September 2019, that ‘Australia wants Greater Sunrise to be developed in a commercially sound way that maximises the return for the parties, and therefore contributes to Timor Leste’s economic development priorities. Provided these conditions are met, Australia is neutral as to whether Greater Sunrise gas is processed in Timor-Leste or Australia’; and

(d) the establishment of a corridor of petroleum infrastructure along the southwest coast of Timor-Leste would be a more complex and challenging endeavour than processing in existing facilities in Australia.

(2) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and to report by the final sitting day of June 2020, relating the Tasi Mane project:

(a) assistance and co-operation offered, to date, by the Australian Government to the Tasi Mane project;
(b) possible future assistance and co-operation by the Australian Government in relation to the Tasi Mane project;
(c) opportunities for Australian industry to assist with the design, development and execution of the Tasi Mane project;
(d) opportunities for the Australian Government to assist Timor-Leste, in respect of activities and projects incidental to the Tasi Mane project;
(e) opportunities for Australian industry, in respect of activities and projects incidental to the Tasi Mane project; and
(f) any related matters.

Government business—Orders of the day

1 National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Streamlined Governance) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)
In committee (13 November 2019).

2 Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Air Pollution) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

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

4 Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 2) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
5 National Health Amendment (Safety Net Thresholds) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

6 Education Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019—
(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

7 Defence Service Homes Amendment Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

8 Treasury Laws Amendment (International Tax Agreements) Bill 2019—
(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

9 Medical and Midwife Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2019—
(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

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

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

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

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

14 Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).

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

16 New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
17 **Customs Amendment (Growing Australian Export Opportunities Across the Asia-Pacific) Bill 2019**

**Customs Tariff Amendment (Growing Australian Export Opportunities Across the Asia-Pacific) Bill 2019**—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

18 **Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019**—(Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (29 July 2019).

19 **Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019**—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

20 **Migration Amendment (Streamlining Visa Processing) Bill 2019**—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).

**Government business—Notices of motion**

*Notice given 13 November 2019*

*1 Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston): To move—That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2020 be as follows:

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

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

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

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

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Monday, 30 November to Thursday, 3 December.

*2 Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston): To move—

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

**2019-20 additional estimates:**
Monday, 2 March and Tuesday, 3 March *(Group A)*
Wednesday, 4 March and Thursday, 5 March *(Group B)*.

**2020-21 Budget estimates:**
Monday, 25 May to Thursday, 28 May, and, if required, Friday, 29 May *(Group A)*
Tuesday, 2 June to Friday, 5 June, and, if required, Friday, 19 June *(Group B)*
Monday, 19 October and Tuesday, 20 October *(supplementary hearings—Group A)*
Wednesday, 21 October and Thursday, 22 October *(supplementary hearings—Group B)*.

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

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

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

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

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

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

(b) Tuesday, 23 June 2020 in respect of the 2020-21 Budget estimates.
General business—Notices of motion

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

Notice given 11 November 2019

226 Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the overall national toll for women killed by violence, since the start of 2019, now stands at 47, as reported by Counting Dead Women Australia from Destroy The Joint,

(ii) there is no national government reporting program to record the ongoing toll of women killed by violence in real-time,

(iii) on average, one woman is murdered every week by her current or former partner,

(iv) according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey 2016:

(A) more than 370,000 Australian women are subjected to violence from men each year,

(B) 1 in 3 Australian women has experienced physical violence,

(C) 1 in 5 Australian women has experienced sexual violence,

(D) 1 in 6 Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner,

(E) 1 in 4 Australian women has experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner,

(F) Australian women are nearly three times more likely than men to experience violence from an intimate partner, and

(G) Australian women are 2.5 times more likely to be hospitalised for assault injuries arising from family and domestic violence than men, with hospitalisation rates rising by 23% since 2014-15,

(v) in 2017, young women aged between 15-34 accounted for more than half of reported sexual assaults,

(vi) there is growing evidence that women with disabilities are more likely to experience violence,

(vii) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women report experiencing violence at 3.1 times the rate of non-Indigenous women,

(viii) in 2016-17, Indigenous women were 32 times as likely to be hospitalised due to family violence as non-Indigenous women,

(ix) the Fourth Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022, states that the overall prevalence of violence against women will only start to decrease in the very long term as gender roles change, and

(x) the Fourth Action Plan recognises that demand for domestic and family violence services has increased, and will continue to increase; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) recognise domestic violence against women as a national security crisis,
(ii) adequately fund frontline domestic, family and sexual violence and crisis housing services to ensure that all women seeking safety can access these services when and where they need them,
(iii) legislate for 10 days paid domestic and family violence leave so that women do not have to choose between paying the bills and seeking safety,
(iv) ensure that all government-funded counselling services for domestic and family violence are delivered by expert family violence service providers, in accordance with the National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions,
(v) implement all 25 recommendations contained in the report of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee on domestic violence in Australia, tabled on 20 August 2015, and
(vi) maintain and publish an official real-time national toll of women killed by violence in Australia.

Notice given 13 November 2019

*246 Senator Keneally: To move—

(1) The Senate notes that the Australian public has a right to know vital information that is held within the Department of Home Affairs, and that regular and timely information should be reported to the Senate and the Australian people to provide oversight and transparency on activities of the Department.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, by not later than 14 days after each:

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

(3) Each monthly update must include:

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

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

(5) This order is of continuing effect.

*247 Senator Keneally: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 21 November is National Agriculture Day,
(ii) farmers are the lifeblood of this country, and we have always relied on Australia’s farming sector to underpin our economic growth and prosperity,
(iii) current workforce shortages in the horticultural industry are adversely impacting production on our farms and, in turn, the livelihoods of our farmers,
(iv) this workforce labour shortage is now a crisis, as stated by the Member for Mallee, and demonstrated in a recent expose by *The Project*,
(v) the demand for workers is being met by unscrupulous labour hire companies who trade on the vulnerable,
Australia’s airports have become a pathway for criminal syndicates and people smugglers to traffic migrant workers into Australia, and exploit the loopholes and delays caused by the Minister for Home Affairs (Mr Dutton) and the Department of Home Affairs,

although the Federal Government has refused to acknowledge the issue, the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs has written that ‘Organised crime and illegitimate labour-hire companies are using this loophole to bring out illegal workers who are often vulnerable and open to exploitation’,

while the Federal Government has ignored this issue, the people smugglers have changed their business model from boats to planes, and

the people smugglers victimise both foreign workers and our farmers by exploiting loopholes in our visa system, putting the livelihood of farmers and the lives of vulnerable people at risk; and

calls on the Federal Government to take immediate action to combat workforce shortages in our horticultural industry by preventing the ongoing trafficking and exploitation of foreign workers by criminal syndicates and people smugglers.

Senator Urquhart: To move—That the Senate—

notes that:

the National Relay Service (NRS) allows deaf and hearing impaired Australians to make and receive telephone calls through the use of text relay services,

the NRS can be accessed through different options including CapTel, teletypewriters, SMS and internet relay,

the Federal Government has decided to end access to CapTel for NRS users as of 1 February 2020,

CapTel currently carries up to 60% of total call minutes generated by users who rely on the NRS,

according to Australian Bureau of Statistics National Health Survey, the number of Australians over the age of 65 who are deaf or hearing impaired has increased from 1.016 million in 2012 to 1.211 million in 2018,

the Federal Government is reducing operational funding to the NRS from $27.7 million to $22 million per annum – a reduction of 20%, and

up to 3,500 elderly Australians, some whom live alone, currently rely on CapTel to stay in touch with family and friends, and to access emergency services;

further notes that:

the average age of a CapTel user is 82 years old,

many elderly deaf Australians impacted by this decision consider CapTel is the best technology to support their communications needs,

the Federal Government did not consult CapTel users on its decision, and
(iv) the Federal Government is seeking to force many CapTel users onto teletypewriters – in 2016, the Department of Communications referred to this technology as ‘legacy’ and sought views on phasing it out;

(c) condemns the Federal Government for not consulting elderly CapTel users, or their concerned family members, before making a decision that would affect their welfare; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to stop imposing inferior communications options on CapTel users, and instead consult the community to find the best outcome.

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

(a) notes that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*250 Senator Dean Smith: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the 2019 Western Australian Education Awards were announced on 28 October 2019;

(b) further notes that there are 11 award categories, including WA Beginning Teacher of the Year, which is awarded to a new teacher who brings fresh ideas, enthusiasm and passion to their classrooms and to the profession;

(c) congratulates the winner of the 2019 WA Beginning Teacher of the Year, Ms Tasmin Drummond, from Vasse Primary School, Kaloorup Road, Vasse WA; and
(d) recognises all finalists nominated for 2019 WA Beginning Teacher of the Year: Mr Dion Alfonsi from Shenton College, Stubbs Terrace, Shenton Park WA; Mr Kieron Alford from Belmont City College, Fisher Street, Belmont WA; and Ms Julie Hughes from Ashdale Secondary College, Westport Parade, Darch WA.

*251 Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—that the Senate acknowledges that the construction of a Bradfield-type scheme in Queensland would create far-reaching, positive outcomes in regards to water security, economic growth, the environment and job numbers, for all Australians.

*252 Senator Marielle Smith: To move—that the Senate—
(a) recognises that:
(i) the first three years of life determine essential foundations for learning, development, and well-being into adulthood,
(ii) access to affordable, high quality early education and care is critical to children’s early development,
(iii) all Australian children deserve access to quality early education and care, regardless of where they live, and
(iv) childcare costs are going up for working families, who are already struggling with stagnating wages, a slowing economy, and skyrocketing costs of living; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to make early childhood education and care a priority, provide long-term funding certainty for four year old preschool and extend the program to three year olds.

*253 Senators Seselja and Kitching: To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) 16 November 2019 is McHappy Day,
(ii) McHappy Day is one of the largest national fundraisers for Ronald McDonald House Charities Australia, and has been running for over 25 years to support families of seriously ill and injured children,
(iii) Ronald McDonald House Charities is a national not-for-profit with a mission of helping seriously ill and injured children and their families,
(iv) Ronald McDonald House is a well-known children’s charity, with a local presence in communities across the country, including regional Australia,
(v) the cornerstone of the Ronald McDonald House Charities is providing a ‘home away from home’ for families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals, and
(vi) many generous donors support this incredibly important cause, and thanks them for their contribution; and
(b) recognises all the staff at Ronald McDonald House and volunteers across Australia who help raise money for seriously ill and injured children and their families in their time of need.
*254 Senator O’Neill: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, by no later than 3.30 pm on 25 November 2019:

(a) the 75 submissions received by the Franchising Taskforce;
(b) the names and titles of the people and organisations who submitted to the Franchising Taskforce;
(c) the minutes of the 31 roundtables and 57 bilateral meetings the Franchising Taskforce undertook;
(d) the minutes of the meeting with the Franchising Council of Australia;
(e) the minutes of the meeting with McDonalds Australia;
(f) the minutes of the meeting with the Australian Association of Franchisees; and
(g) the minutes of the meeting with Professor Jenny Buchan.

*255 Senator Patrick: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that the ABC *Four Corners* story, *Cash Splash*, aired allegations of mismanagement of funds under the Commonwealth’s water savings efficiency program, including:

(a) the construction of new dams on greenfield sites under a program intended to save water by upgrading existing irrigation developments; and
(b) water holders purchasing water in different valleys, and passing these onto the Department of Agriculture as a water saving from an infrastructure upgrade.

(2) That the Senate has, flowing from its oversight responsibilities, an obligation to examine allegations raised in respect of the proper and efficient expenditure of taxpayers’ money.

(3) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management, by no later than midday on 26 November 2019:

(a) all correspondence, assessments, technical assessments, reports and audits relating to the Commonwealth purchase of water relating to the following New South Wales (NSW) water access licences: 9628, 23848, 37739, 37738, 15026, 4605, 41568, 7559, 5266, 4529, 5541, 5310, 14803, 9315, 7446, 88123, 8314, 7721, 8676, 37222, 15364, 37379, 16354, 3607 and 11236;
(b) any other purchase through a water efficiency project in NSW, where the total price paid is in excess of $1 million; and
(c) any other purchase through a water efficiency project in NSW, where the project was located in a different valley to the water recovered.

*256 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 8 November 2019 was Intersex Day of Solidarity, and
(ii) Intersex Day of Solidarity is marked internationally, and is a chance to highlight issues facing intersex people; and
calls on all parliamentarians to:
(i) commit to learning more about the lives and experiences of people with variations of sex characteristics, and
(ii) agree to read and consider affirming the Darlington Statement, a joint consensus statement by organisations and independent advocates which sets out the priorities of the intersex human rights movement in Australia and New Zealand.

*257 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate urges the Prime Minister, as a matter of priority, to meet with the 23 former fire service chiefs with over 600 years of experience between them, who sought a meeting in both April and again in September, but were rejected by the Prime Minister’s office.

*258 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, by 5 pm on 15 November 2019:
(a) the written agreement between the South Australian Government and the Commonwealth Government for 100GL of Murray-Darling River water to be cut from South Australia’s allocation, and the Commonwealth to fund the increased use of the State’s desalination plant;
(b) the Project Agreement setting out the terms and conditions of the ‘Water for Fodder’ program;
(c) all other correspondence between the South Australian Government and the Commonwealth Government and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in relation to this deal; and
(d) all other relevant documentation or agreements between the Commonwealth Government and state governments, and relevant departments and agencies, including the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

*259 Senator Roberts: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) areas of the Murray-Darling Basin are experiencing a water crisis,
(ii) water trading rules have allowed speculators to hold temporary irrigation water from the market which has forced the price so high that only large commercial farms can afford to purchase water for a narrow range of crops,
(iii) in times of drought, irrigated farms provide a lifeline for native fauna, and
(iv) the Bureau of Meteorology ‘18 month rainfall deficiency’ indicates areas that are affected by drought; and
(b) calls on the Minister for Water Resources, (Mr Littleproud) to amend the legislative instrument, ‘Basin Plan 2012’, pursuant to Schedule 3(4)(7) of the Water Act 2007, as follows:
(i) a temporary water licence (allocation trade) must not be completed unless the purchaser can show that the water will be used for agricultural purposes as determined by the Irrigation Infrastructure Operator,
(ii) an entity cannot be both a buyer and a seller of temporary water in any 12 month period,
(iii) temporary water must be used within a year of purchase,
(iv) inter-valley transfers cannot occur out of a region in drought,
(v) government entities are prevented from accessing the temporary water trading market,
(vi) water metering capability by a purchaser is not to be used to prevent a temporary water trade, and
(vii) these measures will commence on 1 January 2020 and remain in place until the drought ends.

*260 Senator Roberts: To move—That the Senate notes that:
(a) valid scientific data proving cause-and-effect is vital as the only credible justification for policies claimed to be based on science; and
(b) the ultimate arbiter of science is empirical scientific evidence, being:
   (i) objectively verified hard data as physical measurements and/or physical observations, and
   (ii) presented in a logical framework proving cause and effect.

*261 Senators Ruston, Siewert, Hanson, Lambie, Brown and Griff: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) 16 November 2019 marks the 10 year anniversary of the National Apology to the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants,
   (ii) an estimated 500,000 children and 7,000 child migrants were placed in institutional or out-of-home care in the last century,
   (iii) many of these children experienced appalling abuse, mistreatment and neglect, most often by the very people responsible for their care, and
   (iv) these Australians faced, and continue to face, an injustice no child should have;
(b) commemorates this anniversary of an acknowledgement of truth that had previously been denied;
(c) acknowledges the victims of this wrong and the deep levels of profound loss, grief, trauma and pain they continue to suffer;
(d) remembers those whose suffering was overwhelming and are tragically no longer with us;
(e) remains strongly committed to supporting forgotten Australians and former child migrants;
(f) reiterates the central principle that children’s interests are paramount and at the centre of all decisions impacting their lives; and
(g) continues to work with state and territory governments to make certain we do not repeat the mistakes of the past.
*262 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

*263 Senator Patrick: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

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

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

(b) calls on the Australian Government to adjust policy and support settings to ensure we value add before exporting.

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

(a) notes that:

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

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

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

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

(b) offers its condolences to the Australians who have lost their loved ones, and the Australians who have lost their homes;
expresses its gratitude to the brave firefighters, both paid and voluntary, and emergency services personnel who are working through the day and night to keep communities safe; and

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

Notice of motion altered on 13 November 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.

Documents

Orders of the day relating to documents

1. **Clean Energy Regulator—2018 Annual Statement to the Parliament on the progress towards the 2020 Large-scale Renewable Energy Target**
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

2. **Migration Act 1958—Section 199E—Independent Health Advice Panel—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2019 and government responses**
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

3. **Paladin contract relating to Manus Island—Independent Health Advice Panel reports—Order of 12 September 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Senator Cash) responding to the order, and attachments**
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

4. **Department of Agriculture and Water Resources—Report for 2018-19, including reports of the National Residue Survey, the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme and the Water for the Environment Special Account**
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

5. **Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and the Office of the eSafety Commissioner—Report for 2018-19**
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

6. **Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority—Report for 2018-19**
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

7. **Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)—Report for 2018-19**
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
10 National Health Funding Pool—Report for 2018-19, including financial statements for state and territory State Pool Accounts
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
11 Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Report for 2018-19
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
12 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the Australian Energy Regulator (AER)—Report for 2018-19
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
13 Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)—Report for 2018-19
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
15 Department of Home Affairs—Report for 2018-19
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).
16 Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission—Report for 2018-19
   Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
17 Aged Care Quality and Safety—Royal Commission—Interim report (3 volumes)
   Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
18 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports—Reports 36 to 40 of 2019 and government responses
   Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
19 National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Quality and Safeguards Commission—Report for 2018-19
   Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
   Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
   Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
22 Grandparent carers—Resolution of 18 September 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Victorian Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers (Mr Donnellan)
   Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
23 Status of government responses in the Senate to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 September 2019
   Adjourned debate (13 November 2019).
Committee reports and Government responses

Orders of the Day relating to committee reports and government responses

1 Economics References Committee—Regional inequality in Australia—Report
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

2 Education and Employment References Committee—Report—The appropriateness and effectiveness of the objectives, design, implementation and evaluation of jobactive—Additional information
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

3 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Compliance by former Ministers of State with the requirements of the Prime Minister’s Statement of Ministerial Standards—Report
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

4 Economics References Committee—Report—Governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)—Government response
   Adjourned debate (13 November 2019).

5 Education and Employment References Committee—Report—Vocational education and training in South Australia—Government response
   Adjourned debate (13 November 2019).

6 Stillbirth Research and Education—Select Committee—Government response
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

7 Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Allegations of political interference in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Government response
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

Auditor-General’s reports

Orders of the day relating to Auditor-General’s reports

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Coordination and targeting of domestic violence funding and actions: Department of Social Services
   Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 12 of 2019-20—Performance audit—Award of funding under the Regional Jobs and Investment Packages: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development; Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
   Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
Orders for production of documents

*215 Regional Jobs and Investment Packages—Business Grants Hub—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, by no later than 3.30 pm on 14 November 2019, documents referred to in Auditor-General’s report no. 12 2019-20, Award of Funding Under the Regional Jobs and Investment Packages. (*Motion of Senator Watt agreed to 13 November 2019.*)

*216 Regional Jobs and Investment Packages—Ministerial Panels—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, by no later than 3.30 pm on 14 November 2019, documents referred to in Auditor-General’s report no. 12 2019-20, Award of Funding Under the Regional Jobs and Investment Packages. (*Motion of Senator Watt agreed to 13 November 2019.*)

*220 Independent Health Advice Panel report—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, by no later than 11.45 am on 14 November 2019, a copy of the full report prepared by the Independent Health Advice Panel for the third quarter of 2019, and the Minister’s summary and response, in accordance with Section 199E of the Migration Act 1958. (*Motion of Senator Keneally agreed to 13 November 2019.*)

*231 Aspects of road safety in Australia—Reports—Government response—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development to table, by no later than 3.30 pm on 14 November 2019, the government’s response to the reports of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee on aspects of road safety in Australia. (*Motion of Senators Sterle and Gallacher agreed to 13 November 2019.*)

Business for future consideration

On 20 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Order of the day

1 Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
On 22 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

Government Business—Order of the day

1 **Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019**
   **VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019**
   **Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019**—*(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)*
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

On the next day of sitting (25 November 2019)

General Business—Notice of motion

*Notice given 30 July 2019*

72 **Senator Kitching:** To move—
   (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Integrity, be established to inquire into and report on the integrity of government administration, with particular reference to:
      (a) the adequacy and performance of existing integrity measures including, but not limited to:
          (i) the Statement of Ministerial Standards, and
          (ii) the Lobbyist Code and Register of Lobbyists;
      (b) the funding, functions and performance of Commonwealth integrity agencies;
      (c) the adequacy of government responses to Senate committee reports;
      (d) the adequacy of government responses to Senate orders for the production of documents;
      (e) the operation of the Commonwealth Procurement Framework;
      (f) the administration of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* legislation;
      (g) any proposals to strengthen the integrity of government administration; and
      (h) any related matters.
   (2) That the committee present its final report on or before the third sitting day of 2021.
   (3) That the committee consist of 8 senators, as follows:
      (a) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
(b) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
(c) 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
(d) 3 nominated by minor party and independent senators.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Two sitting days after today (26 November 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

Notice given 11 September 2019

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Air Services Regulations 2019, made under the Air Services Act 1995, be disallowed [F2019L00371].

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 14 November 2019

(Notice given 13 November 2019)

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2018, made under the Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018, be disallowed [F2019L00198].

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 14 November 2019

(Notice given 13 November 2019)

On 26 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 2 July 2019

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

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

(a) existing discrimination within federal, state and territory law and policy;
(b) experience of discrimination in Australian life, including but not limited to educational settings, workplaces, aged care, healthcare, sporting clubs and organisations, religious organisations, the provision of government services, including where contracted out, and in the provision of goods, services, housing and accommodation;
(c) where discrimination is sanctioned by federal, state and territory legislation and where it is occurring in breach or potential breach of legislation;

(d) how this discrimination affects the human rights, legal rights, access to justice, health, wellbeing and educational and economic outcomes of LGBTIQ+ people in Australia;

(e) the additional and compounding impacts of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, of different or minority race, ethnicity or religion, or on the grounds of their migrant status, age, ability and socio-economic background or circumstances, who have intersectional LGBTIQ+ identities, or who have a range of these personal characteristics;

(f) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs for young people;

(g) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs based on whether they live in urban, regional, rural or remote areas;

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

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

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

(k) any other related matters.

On 27 November 2019

General Business—Notice of motion

Notice given 31 July 2019

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

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

(a) omit standing order 23, substitute:

   23 Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation

   (1) A Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament.
(2) All instruments made under the authority of Acts of the Parliament, which are subject to disallowance, disapproval or affirmative resolution by the Senate and which are of a legislative character, shall stand referred to the committee for consideration and, if necessary, report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(14) The committee shall be empowered to print from day to day any of its documents and evidence. A daily Hansard shall be published of public proceedings of the committee.
(15) The committee may report from time to time its proceedings and evidence and any recommendations, and shall make regular reports of the progress of the proceedings of the committee.

(b) omit standing order 25(2)(a), substitute:

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

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

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

Four sitting days after today (28 November 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

Notice given 16 September 2019

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

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

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

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

On 28 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Privileges—Standing Committee

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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

*219 Gender and sexuality census questions—Order for production of documents

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

On 3 December 2019

General Business—Notice of motion

Notice given 11 November 2019

217 Senator Brown: To move—That the Senate notes:

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

On 4 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

On 5 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

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

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

**On 7 February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

Government Business—Order of the day

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

**On the last sitting day in February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

**On 27 February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

**On 28 February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

**On 1 March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**
Report to be presented on the regulation of auditing in Australia.
On the first sitting day in March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

   **On the first sitting Wednesday in March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

   **On the third sitting day in March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

**On 16 March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

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

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

**On 27 March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

**On or before 30 March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

**On 31 March 2020**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*
On the last sitting day of the 2020 Autumn sittings

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s faunal extinction crisis.

On the Thursday of the first sitting week in May 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the last sitting day in May 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on nationhood, national identity and democracy.
2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment.

On the first sitting day in June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

On the Wednesday of the first sitting week in June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping.

On the last sitting day in June 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s sovereign naval shipbuilding capability.
*2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on unlawful underpayment of employees’ remuneration.
On or before 31 July 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 30 September 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On or before the first sitting day in October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

On 1 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 7 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

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

On 14 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the road transport industry.

On 1 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1. **Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

2. **Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan**
   Report to be presented on the Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019.
   *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*
On or before the final sitting day of 2020

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

On the last sitting day in May 2022

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

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**
   Report to be presented on a review of the operation of the amendments, dealing with foreign donations and related matters, made by the *Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018*, to commence on the second anniversary for the Royal Assent of the *Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018*.
   
   *(Bill received royal assent on 29 November 2018.)*

Date unspecified

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

Other information

Bills currently before committees

*Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019 [provisions]*

Referred to Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 28 November 2019)
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 July 2019; reporting date: 4 December 2019)

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

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

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

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

Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 20 November 2019)

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

Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 October 2019; reporting date: 28 February 2020)

Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: the Thursday of the first sitting week in May 2020)

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

Private senators’ bills

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

**Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019**

Questions on notice

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 675, 902 to 944, 946.

Question no 675 remains unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)). The full text of Question on Notice and their answers are available online at [Questions on Notice](#).

Orders of the Senate

**Allocation of departments/agencies**

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

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

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

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

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

**Finance and Public Administration**
- Finance
- Parliament
- Prime Minister and Cabinet
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
   Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs
   Foreign Affairs and Trade
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
   Attorney-General, excluding Industrial Relations
   Home Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
   Agriculture
   Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

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

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

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

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

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

Estimates hearings—2018-19 additional estimates; 2019-20
supplementary Budget estimates

(1) That the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
   Monday, 21 October and Tuesday, 22 October 2019 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 23 October and Thursday, 24 October 2019 (supplementary hearings—
   Group B).

(2) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters and on Murray-Darling
    Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 25 October 2019, but not restricted to
    that day.

(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 4 July 2019)

Estimates questions (unanswered)—2019-20 Budget estimates
That—
(a) answers to outstanding questions taken on notice in relation to the 2018-19 additional estimates and the 2019-20 Budget estimates, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the 46th Parliament, be provided to legislation committees by 31 July 2019; and
(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering each of the unanswered questions is 31 July 2019.

(Agreed to 29 July 2019)

Formal business and suspensions of standing orders—Standing order 66—Amendment
That, in accordance with the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2019, standing order 66 be amended as follows:

After paragraph (3), insert:

(4) The question on any motion to suspend standing orders moved in the following circumstances shall be put immediately without any amendment or debate:
(a) any motion to suspend standing orders to provide for the consideration of a motion for which formality has been denied; and
(b) any other motion to suspend standing orders moved during consideration of formal business under standing order 66.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Indigenous Australians—

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

Languages—Amendment to standing order 35 and resolution
At the end of standing order 35, add:

(3) If evidence is heard by a committee in an Indigenous Australian language the transcript of that evidence shall record both:
(a) the evidence as submitted in the Indigenous Australian language; and
(b) an English translation of the evidence.
Resolution:
The Senate resolves that, where a committee has heard evidence in an Indigenous Australian language, the transcription by Hansard staff of the evidence as submitted, and its translation into English, should be assisted by the person who gave evidence or a person from their community.

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

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

Winter sittings:
- Monday, 22 July to Thursday, 25 July
- Monday, 29 July to Thursday, 1 August

Spring sittings:
- Monday, 9 September to Thursday, 12 September
- Monday, 16 September to Thursday, 19 September
- Monday, 14 October to Thursday, 17 October
- Monday, 11 November to Thursday, 14 November
- Monday, 25 November to Thursday, 28 November
- Monday, 2 December to Thursday, 5 December.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Contingent notices of motion

Conduct of business

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

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

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

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

To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

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

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

Limitation of time

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

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

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

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

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

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

Order of business

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

Questions without notice

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

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

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Tabling of documents

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

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

Appointments to statutory authorities

National Archives of Australia Advisory Council

Senator Carr (appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Bilyk (appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

Senators Abetz and Carr (appointed 1 August 2019).

Temporary chairs of committees

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

Richard Pye
Clerk of the Senate
## Ministerial representation

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| **Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann**  
Minister for Finance  
Vice-President of the Executive Council  
Leader of the Government in the Senate | Prime Minister  
Minister for the Public Service  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service and Cabinet  
Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure  
Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
Minister for Housing |
| **Senator the Honourable Bridget McKenzie**  
Minister for Agriculture | Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management |
| **Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham**  
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate | Assistant Trade and Investment Minister  
Minister for Education  
Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction  
Minister for the Environment |
| **Senator the Honourable Marise Payne**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Women | Minister for International Development and the Pacific  
Attorney-General  
Minister for Industrial Relations |
| **Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck**  
Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians  
Minister for Youth and Sport |  |
| **Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash**  
Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business | Minister for Health  
Minister for Home Affairs  
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs |
| **Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan**  
Minister for Resources and Northern Australia | Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development  
Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government  
Minister for Industry, Science and Technology |
| **Senator the Honourable Linda Reynolds, CSC**  
Minister for Defence | Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts  
Assistant Defence Minister  
Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel  
Minister for Defence Industry |
| **Senator the Honourable Anne Ruston**  
Minister for Families and Social Services  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate | Minister for Indigenous Australians  
Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme  
Minister for Government Services |

### Assistant Ministers – Designated as Parliamentary Secretaries under the Ministers of State Act 1952

| Senator the Honourable Jane Hume  
Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology |  |
| **Senator the Honourable Zed Seselja**  
Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters |  |
| **Senator the Honourable Jonathon Duniam**  
Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries  
Assistant Minister for Regional Tourism |  |
Senate sittings and estimates hearings for 2019

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Key

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S—Senate sitting week only
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