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Temporary Chairs of Committees

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

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GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

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

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

Business listed for today

- **Matters of privilege**
  - Proposed references to the Privileges Committee

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

- **Government business**
  - Initiated by ministers
    - Government bills
    - proposed changes to the order of business

- **General business**
  - Initiated by senators who are not ministers
    - notices of motion
    - continued debate on previous motions

Available for debate on...

**M O N D A Y S**

- Private senators’ business

**T H U R S D A Y S**

- Documents
- Committee reports and government responses
- Auditor-General’s reports

Business listed for future consideration

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

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

Other information

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

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

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

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

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 4 July 2019

1 Senators McKim and Hanson-Young: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by the third sitting day of December 2019:

(a) disclosure and public reporting of sensitive and classified information, including the appropriate regime for warrants regarding journalists and media organisations and adequacy of existing legislation;
(b) the whistleblower protection regime and protections for public sector employees;
(c) the adequacy of referral practices of the Australian Government in relation to leaks of sensitive and classified information;
(d) appropriate culture, practice and leadership for Government and senior public employees;
(e) mechanisms to ensure that the Australian Federal Police have sufficient independence to effectively and impartially carry out their investigatory and law enforcement responsibilities in relation to politically sensitive matters; and
(f) any related matters.

Notice of motion altered on 22 July 2019 pursuant to standing order 77 (formerly general business no. 32).

Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2018.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 22 July 2019

*1 Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston): To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Future Drought Fund Bill 2019
Orders of the Day

1 Health Insurance Amendment (Bonded Medical Programs Reform) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 July 2019).

2 Australian Veterans’ Recognition (Putting Veterans and Their Families First) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Defence, Senator Reynolds)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 July 2019).

*3 Governor-General’s Opening Speech
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McDonald—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 (22 July 2019).

Notices of Motion—continued

Notice given 22 July 2019

*2 Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston): To move—That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:
(a) Tuesday, 10 September 2019—Senators Scarr, Van and Rennick;
(b) Wednesday, 11 September 2019—Senators Marielle Smith and Walsh;
(c) Tuesday, 17 September 2019—Senators Antic and Davey; and
(d) Wednesday, 18 September 2019—Senator McMahon.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Notices of Motion

Notice given 22 July 2019

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

(a) notes that the age of criminal responsibility is currently set at 10 years old around Australia, meaning children as young as 10 are being charged, brought before courts, sentenced and imprisoned;

(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) around 600 children below the age of 14 are locked up in youth detention centres each year and many hundreds more in adult prisons, and
   (ii) the majority of these children are First Nations children;

(c) recognises that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recommends that the minimum age of criminal responsibility should be at least 12 years; and

(d) calls on state, territory and federal governments across Australia to work together to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 14 years, as a minimum.

*36 Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) since the last sitting of the Senate, there have been a further 3 women killed by violence in Australia, taking the overall national toll for 2019 to 29, 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 – this work is currently left to researchers at not-for-profit organisations like Destroy the Joint,
   (iii) on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner,
   (iv) 1 in 3 Australian women has experienced physical violence since the age of 15,
   (v) 1 in 5 Australian women has experienced sexual violence,
   (vi) 1 in 6 Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner,
   (vii) 1 in 4 Australian women has experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner,
   (viii) Australian women are nearly three times more likely than men to experience violence from an intimate partner,
   (ix) there is growing evidence that women with disabilities are more likely to experience violence,
   (x) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women report experiencing violence in the previous 12 months at 3.1 times the rate of non-Indigenous women, and
   (xi) in 2014-15, Indigenous women were 32 times as likely to be hospitalised due to family violence as non-Indigenous women; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) recognise domestic violence against women as a national security crisis,

(ii) adequately fund frontline domestic 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 violence leave so that women do not have to choose between paying the bills and seeking safety,

(iv) 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

(v) much like the national road toll, maintain and publish an official real-time national toll of women killed by violence in Australia.

*37 Senators McDonald, McGrath, Stoker, Rennick and Scarr: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) a strong and resilient agricultural sector is key to the continued growth and wealth of the Australian economy, especially rural and regional towns,

(ii) Australian farmers and graziers are world leaders in safe, ethical and humane methods, and

(iii) Australian farmers and graziers are typically ‘mum and dad’ operations, employing people throughout their local region and reinvesting in their local community; and

(b) condemns the actions of ‘animal activists’ like Aussie Farms Inc. and supports state and federal legislation that supports Australian farmers and graziers by ensuring they can go about their businesses safely.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) recommendation 2 contained in the report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee into suicide by Australian veterans, tabled on 15 August 2017, stated ‘that the Australian Government commission an independent study into the mental health impacts of compensation claim assessment processes on veterans engaging with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation. The results of this research should be utilised to improve compensation claim processes’,

(ii) the Federal Government’s response to this recommendation was ‘the Federal Government agrees to commission an independent study into the mental health impacts of compensation claim assessment processes on veterans engaging with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation’,

(iii) Phoenix Australia was commissioned to complete a report into the mental health effects of compensation claim processes on claimants and their families, which was completed in September 2018,
(iv) the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) subsequently commissioned Professor Alex Collie to review the Phoenix Australia report and to further explore potential for DVA actions that may mitigate potential mental health impacts of its compensation claims processes, and

(v) the Collie Review was completed on 5 March 2019; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel, by no later than 10 am on 31 July 2019, the complete report by Phoenix Australia into the mental health effects of compensation claim processes on claimants and their families, that formed the basis of the Collie Review.

*40 Senator Patrick: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan, be established to inquire and report on the following matters:

(a) responsibilities in relation to the management and execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan consistent with the objects of the Water Act 2007, in particular:

(i) Commonwealth responsibilities,
(ii) state and territory responsibilities, and
(iii) areas of uncertainty or potential conflict in respect of responsibilities;

(b) the effects, positive or negative or otherwise, of the different approaches of the states and territories to water resource management in the Murray Darling Basin including, but not limited to:

(i) legislation, regulations and rules,
(ii) management and administration, including differences in management organisations,
(iii) measuring, monitoring and compliance,
(iv) enforcement, and
(v) openness and transparency;

(c) complications in respect of basin-wide or cross jurisdiction oversight, including the oversight roles and jurisdictional limitations of:

(i) state, territory and federal parliaments,
(ii) state, territory and federal courts, and
(iii) state, territory and federally-instituted inquiries and Royal Commissions;

(d) any bill related to the Murray Darling Basin referred to the committee; and

(e) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 1 November 2020.

(3) That the committee consist of 6 senators:

(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) Senator Patrick.
(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;
   (b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and
       deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of
       the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the
       committee; and
   (c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the
       committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a
       majority of members of the committee is not present.
(5) 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.
(6) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the
       Leader of the Government in the Senate, and Senator Patrick as deputy
       chair.
(7) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a
       meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.
(8) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint
       another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary
       absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.
(9) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, 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
       three or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any
       of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.
(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, 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 documents
       and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of
       such proceedings as take place in public.

*41 Senator Faruqi: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
       (i) the Higher Education Accommodation and Financial Stress Survey
           released on 8 July 2019 found that more than half of students
           reported high to very high levels of psychological distress and say
           that their studies are impacted by financial stress,
(ii) many students regularly go without food and other necessities while they study, with a quarter of surveyed students experiencing food insecurity, and
(iii) students should be able to focus on learning, not on where their next meal is coming from; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:
(i) make TAFE and university education free for all,
(ii) urgently increase student payments, such as Youth Allowance by at least $75 a week, and
(iii) properly fund mental health services to give students the support they need and deserve.

*42 Senator Bilyk: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that 17 July 2019 marked the fifth anniversary since Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 was shot down over eastern Ukraine;
(b) expresses its deepest sympathy to the families of the 298 innocent people (passengers and crew), including 38 Australians, who were killed in this tragedy;
(c) commends the work of the Australian Federal Police for their integral role in the Joint Investigation Team (JIT);
(d) welcomes the decision of the JIT to charge three Russians and one Ukrainian with murder over the incident;
(e) calls on Russia to do everything in its power to ensure that the four men charged with this crime can stand trial in the Netherlands; and
(f) expresses its support for ongoing efforts by authorities in Australia, Ukraine, Malaysia, Belgium and the Netherlands to bring those responsible for this horrendous crime to justice.

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

21 Department of Home Affairs—Paladin contracts—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, by no later than 12 pm on 23 July 2019, documents: correspondence, emails and notes of discussion, formal contracts, reports and formal briefings, prepared by the Department of Home Affairs relating to the performance or activities of various companies. (Motion of Senators Keneally and Griff agreed to 4 July 2019.)
ORDER OF THE SENATE—ATTENDANCE BY MINISTER

30 Attendance by minister—Leader of the Government in the Senate

Requires the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann) to attend the Senate at 12 pm on 23 July 2019 to explain, for a period not longer than 10 minutes: (i) the conduct of Ministers Taylor and Frydenberg and how it is not a breach of the Ministerial Standards, and (ii) whether any investigation has been, or will be, undertaken into the conduct of Ministers Taylor and Frydenberg; and at the conclusion of the Minister’s explanation, senators may speak to the motion. (Motion of Senator Waters agreed to 4 July 2019.)

(1) That the Senate—
(a) notes that current and previous Prime Ministers’ Statements of Ministerial Standards clearly provide that ministers must act with honesty and integrity in all their activities, in particular, ministers must:
   (i) make arrangements to avoid conflicts arising from their private interests, also having regard to interests held by family members (paragraphs 2.9 and 2.17), and
   (ii) not use public office for private purposes (paragraph 2.2);
(b) further notes with deep concern recent reports in The Guardian that:
   (i) while Jam Land Pty Ltd, a company part-owned by Mr Angus Taylor MP and his brother, was under investigation by the Department of the Environment for alleged unlawful destruction of critically-endangered grasslands, Minister Taylor met with Department of the Environment staff,
   (ii) an investigator from the office responsible for investigating the clearing allegations attended at least one meeting between Minister Taylor and departmental staff, and
   (iii) the former Minister for the Environment, Mr Josh Frydenberg, was approached by Mr Angus Taylor in relation to the critically-endangered listing of the grassland species, and Minister Frydenberg subsequently sought advice about his powers to amend the critically-endangered listing;
(c) is of the opinion that there are serious questions about whether this conduct complies with the Ministerial Standards; and
(d) requires that the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann) attend the Senate at 12 pm on 23 July 2019 to explain, for a period not longer than 10 minutes:
   (i) the conduct of Ministers Taylor and Frydenberg and how it is not a breach of the Ministerial Standards, and
   (ii) whether any investigation has been, or will be, undertaken into the conduct of Ministers Taylor and Frydenberg.

(2) That, at the conclusion of the Minister’s explanation, any senator may, without notice, move a motion to take note of the Minister’s explanation.
(3) That any motion under paragraph (2) may be debated for no longer than 1 hour, and have precedence over all government business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 10 minutes.

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BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 25 July 2019

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 4 July 2019

31 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill to protect the Great Australian Bight from environmental damage resulting from mining activities and begin the process of World Heritage Listing the Great Australian Bight. Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019.

On 29 July 2019

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 22 July 2019

*39 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—

(1) That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 23 February 2016, the then Treasurer, the Honourable Scott Morrison MP, announced his decision to approve the acquisition of the land and assets of the Tasmanian Land Company (TLC), including the Van Diemen’s Land (VDL) Company, by Moon Lake Investments,

(ii) in announcing the approval, the then Treasurer noted the commitment by Moon Lake to create an additional 95 jobs and to invest an additional $100 million into VDL farms, including for ecological restoration; and that, given these considerations, inter alia, he was satisfied that Moon Lake’s acquisition of TLC was not contrary to the national interest,

(iii) in June 2019, the media reported extracts of a letter written by senior managers at VDL to Moon Lake seeking indemnity from any animal welfare or workplace health and safety loss or damage, and citing inadequate repairs and maintenance as the reason for this request, and

(iv) Moon Lake has reportedly invested less than $20 million of the promised additional $100 million into VDL farms; and
calls upon the Treasurer to impose a new condition on Moon Lake, under section 74 of the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975*, compelling the company to:

(i) make public the details on how it intends to invest the outstanding amount of the promised $100 million into VDL farms by 31 August 2019, and

(ii) invest the outstanding amount of the promised $100 million into VDL farms by 31 July 2020.

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

**On 30 July 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 the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2019 (31 July 2019)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2019.

On 6 September 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 Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 10 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on compliance by former Ministers of State with Ministerial Standards.

On 13 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Fourteen sitting days after today (19 September 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 22 July 2019

*1 Senator Patrick: To move—That the Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights - Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Amendment Instrument 2019, made under the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, be disallowed [F2019L00554].

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

On 19 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 18 October 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Members’ Interests First) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 25 October 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 11 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 2 December 2019

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 5 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Order 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.)

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.

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.)
OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 2 December 2019)

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)

Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 6 September 2019)

Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 25 October 2019)

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 25 October 2019)

Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 18 October 2019)

Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 13 September 2019)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 13 September 2019)

Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 11 November 2019)

Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 19 September 2019)
Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Members’ Interests First) Bill 2019
[provisions]‡
Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 18 October 2019)

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Questions remaining unanswered
Question nos 1 to 4, 6 to 18, 20 to 26, 28 to 114 remain unanswered.
The full text of Questions on Notice and their answers are available online at www.aph.gov.au/qon.

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Address-in-reply—Suspension of standing order 3(4)
That standing order 3(4) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider business other than that of a formal character before the address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s opening speech has been adopted.
(Agreed to 2 July 2019)

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—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)

First speeches and valedictory statements
(1) That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:
   (a) Tuesday, 23 July 2019—Senators McDonald and Chandler;
   (b) Wednesday, 24 July 2019—Senators Bragg and Ciccone;
   (c) Tuesday, 30 July 2019—Senators Hughes, Ayres and O’Sullivan; and
   (d) Wednesday, 31 July 2019—Senators Sheldon and Green.
(2) On Tuesday, 30 July 2019, immediately after Senator O’Sullivan’s first speech, valedictory statements may be made relating to Senator Fifield.

(Agreed to 22 July 2019)

Formal business—Suspensions of standing orders—Prohibition of debate
That, in accordance with the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2019, the temporary order prohibiting debate on suspension of standing order motions connected to formal business, that was in effect at the end of the 45th Parliament, be adopted on a permanent basis.

(Agreed to 4 July 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.
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

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.

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| Senator the Honourable Bridget McKenzie | Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management  
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Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction  
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| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne | Minister for International Development and the Pacific  
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| Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck | Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians  
Minister for Youth and Sport  |
| Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash | Minister for Health  
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Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs  |
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| Senator the Honourable Linda Reynolds, CSC | Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts  
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**Key**

- S—Date of Senate ⅔ Cut-Off
- S—Senate sitting week only
- ‡—Supplementary Budget estimates
- *—Cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters, and Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters