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BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 October 2016

1 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Classification Amendment (CHC Domain Scores) Principles 2016, made under the Aged Care Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L00804].

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

Notice given 8 November 2016

*2 Senators Xenophon, Griff and Kakoschke-Moore: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Standing Committee of Privileges for inquiry and report by 14 August 2017:

(a) the implications of the use of intrusive powers by law enforcement and intelligence agencies, including in relation to electronic surveillance and metadata domestic preservation orders, on the privileges and immunities of members of Parliament;

(b) whether current oversight and reporting regimes on the use of intrusive powers are adequate to protect the capacity of members of Parliament to carry out their functions, including whether the requirements of parliamentary privilege are sufficiently acknowledged;

(c) the need for specific protocols to be developed on any or all of the following matters:

(i) access by law enforcement or intelligence agencies to information held by parliamentary departments or departments of state (or portfolio agencies) in relation to members of Parliament or their staff,

(ii) access in accordance with the provisions of the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* by law enforcement or intelligence agencies to metadata or other electronic material in relation to members of Parliament or their staff, held by carriers or carriage service providers, and

(iii) activities of intelligence agencies in relation to members of Parliament or their staff (with reference to the agreement between the Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives and the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service); and

(d) any related matters.
Senator McAllister: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 March 2017:

Gender segregation in the workplace and its impact on women’s economic equality, with particular reference to:

(a) the nature and extent of industrial and occupational gender segregation in Australian workplaces relative to comparable jurisdictions, including gender segregation in tertiary education courses;

(b) factors driving industrial and occupational gender segregation in the Australian context;

(c) economic consequences of gender segregation for women, including the contribution of industrial and occupational gender segregation to the gender pay gap;

(d) approaches to addressing gender segregation as it relates to economic inequality and the gender pay gap in comparable jurisdictions; and

(e) remedies appropriate for Australia, including but not limited to:

(i) measures to encourage women’s participation in male-dominated occupations and industries,

(ii) measures to professionalise and improve conditions in female-dominated occupations and industries, and

(iii) measures to promote pay equity.

Orders of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016, the Treasury Laws Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016, the Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2016 and the Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2016—(Senate bill)

In committee (8 November 2016).
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 November 2016).

3 VET Student Loans Bill 2016
VET Student Loans (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016
VET Student Loans (Charges) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 November 2016).

*4 Register of Foreign Ownership of Agricultural Land Amendment (Water) Bill 2016—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 November 2016).

*5 Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Petroleum Pools and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 November 2016).

6 Governor-General’s Opening Speech
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hume—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:
To His Excellency the Governor-General
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—
We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), in continuation, 13 September 2016).

*7 Narcotic Drugs Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Narcotic Drugs (Licence Charges) Bill 2016—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 November 2016).

8 Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016
Treasury Laws Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016
Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2016
Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 November 2016).

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

10 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2016).
11 Criminal Code Amendment (High Risk Terrorist Offenders) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).
12 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 November 2016).
13 Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 November 2016).
14 Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 September 2016).
15 Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).
16 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

Notices of Motion

Notice given 8 November 2016
*1 Attorney-General (Senator Brandis): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to telecommunications, and for related purposes. Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

*2 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 9 November 2016, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Kitching to make her first speech without any question before the chair.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Notices of Motion

Notice given 7 November 2016
98 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, by no later than 9.30 am on Wednesday, 9 November 2016, the legal advice provided to the Government in relation to the eligibility of former Senator Day to be elected as a senator for South
Australia, as referred to in the Senate on Monday, 7 November 2016 by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ryan) and the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), and provided by David Jackson QC, and any related documents that have not already been laid on the table.

Notice given 8 November 2016

*99 Senator Siewert: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services, on 16 November 2016, all information (including documents and statistics) used in the preparation of the report entitled Cashless Debit Card Trial Progress Report, authored by the Department of Social Services and released publicly on 31 October 2016.

*100 Senators Xenophon and Carr: To move—That—
   (a) the Senate notes that:
      (i) the SEA 1000 Future Submarine project, a project that aims to deliver Australia a regionally superior future submarine capability, is likely to be the most expensive and complex project ever undertaken by the Commonwealth of Australia,
      (ii) failures that occur in complex projects are often attributed to decisions made in the commencement phase of the project, and
      (iii) there is an accepted need for transparency in Government contracts; and
   (b) there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, by the start of business on 24 November 2016, the Design and Mobilisation Contract signed between the Commonwealth of Australia and DCNS on 30 September 2016.

*101 Senator Gallagher: To move—That the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate, from 10 am, as follows:
   (a) Thursday, 10 November 2016;
   (b) Thursday, 24 November 2016, followed by a public meeting; and
   (c) Thursday, 1 December 2016.

*102 Senator Back: To move—That the Joint Standing Committee on Migration be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate, from 10 am, as follows:
   (a) Wednesday, 23 November 2016; and
   (b) Wednesday, 30 November 2016.

*104 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate recognises the work of the Welcome to Eltham community campaign in Victoria, which has strongly demonstrated the values of generosity and inclusion in their efforts to welcome 120 Syrian refugees who will be resettled in the area in the coming weeks.
*105 Senator Leyonhjelm, the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) and Senator Burston: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes former Senator Day, in his 35 years as a builder:
   (i) built over 10,000 homes,
   (ii) directly employed over 1,000 people and indirectly over 5,000 trade contractors,
   (iii) donated millions to charities, becoming known in Adelaide as “the man who gives away houses” because of all the houses he built for charity groups,
   (iv) sponsored hundreds of sporting clubs, individuals and community groups,
   (v) was appointed an officer of the Order of Australia in 2003 for services to the housing industry and to social welfare, particularly housing the homeless, and to the community,
   (vi) later in 2003, was awarded the Centenary of Federation medal for service to housing and charity, and
   (vii) in 2005, was awarded the inaugural Pride of Australia medal for ‘Community Spirit’ for restoring the village of Houghton and creating the Soldiers Memorial Walk and Remembrance Walk;

(b) notes, in relation to the failure of former Senator Day’s business that:
   (i) all homes under construction are covered by Home Owners warranty insurance, which means any costs to complete the homes will be covered by insurance, not taxpayers,
   (ii) many suppliers and trade contractors have credit insurance which will cover much of their losses, and
   (iii) former Senator Day has always agreed to sign personal guarantees, which means he will lose his house as a consequence of the failure of his business;

(c) congratulates former Senator Day on his commitment to assisting those who have been impacted by the company’s closure; and

(d) thanks him for his service in the Senate.

*106 Senators Duniam and Bushby: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges the importance of the aquaculture industry to the State of Tasmania, which is an important source of employment and economic activity in regional Tasmania, employing 5,200 people;

(b) expresses support for the aquaculture industry which is a world-leading and sustainable industry, adding to the state’s premium brand; and

(c) calls on all political parties to support this vital industry which is important, not only for Tasmania, but the entire nation.
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (10 November 2016)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 September 2016

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

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

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 October 2016

92 Senator Farrell: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 to improve donation transparency and accountability, and for related purposes. Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Transparency) Bill 2016.

Notice given 8 November 2016

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the rules committee of the High Court has failed to comply with its own rules in relation to the issue of process in the name of the Queen, and

(ii) in a response to the Attorney-General, following a question from Senator Culleton, the High Court has acknowledged its error; and

(b) calls on the Government to table in the Senate the response from the High Court to allow the Senate to determine whether the rules committee has complied with the provisions of the High Court Act 1979.

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

36 Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Senators Kakoschke-Moore, Xenophon and Griff and the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch))

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Kakoschke-Moore, in continuation, 12 October 2016).

Order for Production of Documents

*95 Student Builder pilot program—North East Vocational College—Order for production of documents

By the Minister for Education and Training, no later than the end of question time on 10 November 2016, documents relating to the proposal for a ‘Student Builder’ pilot program to be located at North East Vocational College, St Agnes, South Australia. (Motion of agreed to 8 November 2016.)
On 14 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Education and Employment Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015.
   *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On 16 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Community Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the medical complaints process.

On 21 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 30 August 2016

1. **Senator Leyonhjelm:** To move—That the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Shotguns and Shotgun Magazines) Regulation 2016, made under the *Customs Act 1901*, be disallowed [F2016L01255].
   *Three sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

Notice given 10 October 2016

2. **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That the Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Part 101) Regulation 2016, made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* and *Transport Safety Investigation Act 2003*, be disallowed [F2016L00400].
   *Ten sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Transition Mobility Allowance to the National Disability Insurance Scheme) Bill 2016. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

Order for Production of Documents

16. **Government response to committee report—Select Committee on Wind Turbines—Order for production of document**

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

On 24 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Commonwealth funding of Indigenous Tasmanians.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Interim report to be presented on closures of electricity generators.

On 29 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Government’s Workplace Bargaining Policy.

On 1 December 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on airport and aviation security at Australian airports.
3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee  
Report to be presented on the future role and contribution of regional capitals.

Order for Production of Documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by no later than 1 December 2016, the modelling referred to by New Zealand in the United Nations Framework on the Convention of Climate Change session that details the Government's emission and removals projections for 2030. (Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 7 November 2016.)

On 6 December 2016

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

On 1 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day  
1 Environment and Communications References Committee  
Final report to be presented on closures of electricity generators.

On 7 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day  
1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee  
Report to be presented on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.

On 8 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day  
1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 9 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 October 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/010, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00377].

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

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/007, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00455].

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

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/008, made under paragraph 5(1AA)(b) of the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00456].

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

4 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Commonwealth Electoral (Logo Requirements) Determination 2016, made under the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, be disallowed [F2016L00376].

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

On 10 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

On the second last sitting day in February 2017 (15 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee

Report to be presented on the commercial use of Tasmanian bumblebees.
On 24 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the tenth sitting day of 2017 (22 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.

On the second last sitting day in March 2017 (29 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 30 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the last sitting day in March 2017 (30 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Nauru and Manus Island regional processing centres.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector.
3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

**On 31 March 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on carbon risk disclosure.

**On 27 April 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and associated systems.

**On 28 April 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
   Report to be presented on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and associated systems.

3 **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

**On 25 May 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on non-conforming building products.

**On 20 June 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**On 30 June 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

**On 19 July 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**On 7 August 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**On 30 September 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**On 18 October 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

**On 1 December 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 **Red Tape—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.
4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on Use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and associated systems.

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

OTHER INFORMATION
BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

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

Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 13 October 2016; reporting date: 9 November 2016)

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

Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 13 October 2016; reporting date: the last sitting day in March 2017)

Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Treasury Laws Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 13 October 2016; reporting date: 9 November 2016)

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

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Transition Mobility Allowance to the National Disability Insurance Scheme) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 13 October 2016; reporting date: 21 November 2016)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee
**BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED**

**Government bill**

**Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016**
Second reading negatived, 7 November 2016.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Questions remaining unanswered*


Question nos, as shown above, from 3 to 171 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

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**ORDERS OF THE SENATE**

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

*(Agreed to 30 August 2016)*

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

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

- **Economics**
  - Industry, Innovation and Science
  - Treasury
Education and Employment
  Education and Training
  Employment

Environment and Communications
  Communications and the Arts
  Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
  Finance
  Parliament
  Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  Attorney-General
  Immigration and Border Protection

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Chamber photographs
That the order of the Senate of 21 March 2002 restricting photography in the Senate chamber ceases to have effect on and from 7 November 2016.
(Agreed to 13 October 2016; varied 7 November 2016)

Committees—Determination of chair—Standing order 25(9)
That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:
(a) that the chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and
(b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).
(Agreed to 2 November 2011; varied 13 September 2016)

Estimates hearings
(1) That the 2016-17 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
  Monday, 17 October and Tuesday, 18 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
  Wednesday, 19 October and Thursday, 20 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group B).
(2) That, pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008 and 23 June 2015, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 21 October 2016.

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

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

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

*(Agreed to 30 August 2016)*

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

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2017 be scheduled as follows:

**2016-17 additional estimates:**
- Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)
- Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B).

**2017-18 Budget estimates:**
- Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)
- Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)
- Monday, 30 October and Tuesday, 31 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
- Wednesday, 1 November and Thursday, 2 November (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the orders of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 3 March, Friday, 26 May and Friday, 20 October 2017, 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, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates; and

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

*(Agreed to 8 November 2016)*

**Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice**

That:

(a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and

(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.

*(Agreed to 30 August 2016)*

**Legislation—Exemption of bills from the cut-off order**

That the provisions of paragraph (6) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016
- Corporations Amendment (Auditor Registration) Bill 2016
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
- Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Bill 2016
- Statute Update Bill 2016

*(Agreed to 13 September 2016)*
Meeting of Senate—2016
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2016 be as follows:

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

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

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

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

Autumn sittings:
- Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
- Monday, 13 February to Thursday, 16 February
- Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
- Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

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

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

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

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

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

(Agreed to 8 November 2016)
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Culleton
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(ii) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Rodney Norman Culleton was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 7 November 2016)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Day
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Robert John Day was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, Mr Day was at any time incapable of sitting as a Senator prior to the dissolution of the 44th Parliament and, if so, on what date he became so incapable;
(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
(e) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 7 November 2016)

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

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

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)
Standing orders—Amendments to standing order 169 and standing order 175

Standing order 169—Motions after tabling
At the end of standing order 169, add:
(3) If a ministerial statement is presented to or tabled in the Senate other than in accordance with standing order 61, it shall be in order for a senator to move a motion without notice to take note of the statement. On any such motion, a senator may speak for not more than 10 minutes and paragraph (2) applies to the total time limit for individual or successive motions.
(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016)

Standing order 175—Conduct of visitors
Paragraph (3) be amended in the following terms with immediate effect:
(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply in respect of a senator breastfeeding an infant or, at the discretion of the President, a senator caring for an infant briefly, provided the business of the Senate is not disrupted.
(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

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

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

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

4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)

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

Limitation of time

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

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

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

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

Matters of urgency

10 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis): To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.
11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

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

Senator Lambie

13 To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

Questions without notice

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

Statements

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

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

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

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- ✓ Date of Senate ¾ Cut-Off
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