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# GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

## Notices of motion
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## Orders of the day
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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

*Notice given 7 December 2017*

1 **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):** To move—That the Broadcasting Services (Technical Planning) Guidelines (Consequential Amendments) Instrument 2017 (No. 2), made under the Radiocommunications Act 1992, be disallowed [F2017L01302].

**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 28 March 2018 (Notice given 27 March 2018)

2 **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):** To move—That the Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Allocation - Multi-band Auction) Determination 2017, made under the Radiocommunications Act 1992, be disallowed [F2017L01255].

**Last day for resolving**

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Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 28 March 2018 (Notice given 27 March 2018)

3 **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):** To move—That the Retirement Savings Accounts Tax File Number approval No. 1 of 2017, made under the Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997, be disallowed [F2017L01270].

**Last day for resolving**

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Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 28 March 2018 (Notice given 27 March 2018)

4 **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams):** To move—That the Migration Agents (IMMI 17/047: CPD Activities, Approval of CPD Providers and CPD Provider Standards) Instrument 2017, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2017L01236].

**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 28 March 2018 (Notice given 27 March 2018)
Senator Patrick: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 18 September 2018:
The proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, with particular reference to:
(a) Australia’s economy and trade;
(b) Australia’s domestic labour market testing obligations and laws regarding wages, conditions and entitlements of Australian workers and temporary work visa holders;
(c) Australian investment;
(d) the effect of Investor-State Dispute Settlement provisions;
(e) Australia’s health, environmental, social and cultural policies, including regulation of essential services;
(f) rights for consumers; and
(g) any other related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs; Economics; Finance and Public Administration; Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; Legal and Constitutional Affairs; Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on the Additional estimates 2017-18.

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

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

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

5 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 and the Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

6 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

7 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on cyberbullying.

8 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee
Report to be presented.
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1. Intelligence Services Amendment (Establishment of the Australian Signals Directorate) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

2. Security of Critical Infrastructure Bill 2017
   Security of Critical Infrastructure (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017—(Senate bills)—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

3. Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 5) Bill 2017
   ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Amendment Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

4. Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding for Proprietary Companies) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

5. Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 2) Bill 2018
   Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)


7. Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 2) Bill 2017

8. Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
   Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017
Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017

Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017

Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017

Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017

Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017

Nation-building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)


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


Export Control Bill 2017

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That this bill be now read a second time.

And on the amendment moved by Senator Brown—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate notes that Australian exporters and agriculture industries are facing a number of challenges relating to trade” (5 February 2018).

Criminal Code Amendment (Impersonating a Commonwealth Body) Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 February 2018).

Communications Legislation Amendment (Regional and Small Publishers Innovation Fund) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 February 2018).

Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)


Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Cooperation and Other Measures) Bill 2018—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Pratt, in continuation, 22 March 2018).

Family Assistance and Child Support Legislation Amendment (Protecting Children) Bill 2018—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).
17 Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2018).

18 Investigation and Prosecution Measures Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

19 Treasury Laws Amendment (Illicit Tobacco Offences) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Ferravanti-Wells)

20 Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2018
Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017
In committee (15 February 2018).

21 Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Ferravanti-Wells)

22 Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Ferravanti-Wells)

23 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan No. 2) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Ferravanti-Wells)

24 Crimes Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme—Worker Screening) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Ferravanti-Wells)

25 Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

26 Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).

27 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

28 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

29 Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Operational Efficiency) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).
30 Imported Food Control Amendment Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2018).

31 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKim, in continuation, 16 October 2017).

32 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

33 Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017—
   (Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

34 Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Acting Special Minister of State, Senator Cormann)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 December 2017).

35 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan Base Rate Entities) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 February 2018).

36 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Transition Mobility Allowance to the National Disability Insurance Scheme) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2016).

37 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Foreign Media Ownership and Community Radio) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

38 Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

39 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2017).

40 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)

41 Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017
   Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 October 2017).

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 October 2017).

Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McGrath, in continuation, 4 December 2017).

Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

National Broadcasters Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Transparency) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2016
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 149 from the House of Representatives (30 March 2017).

Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2017
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 268 from the House of Representatives (13 November 2017).

Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 1) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).
53 Migration Amendment (Visa Revalidation and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

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

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

56 Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 79 from the House of
Representatives (28 November 2016).

57 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).

58 Budget statement and documents 2017-18
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—
That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (11 May 2017).

Notice of Motion

Notice given 27 March 2018

*1 Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath): To move—That
the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the
Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (Student Loan Sustainability)
Bill 2018, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.
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 March 2018

767 Senator Griff: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) 2 April 2018 is World Autism Awareness Day,
   (ii) the theme for this year’s World Autism Awareness Day is ‘Empowering Women and Girls with Autism’,
   (iii) there are approximately 164 000 individuals in Australia on the autism spectrum,
   (iv) World Autism Awareness Day celebrates the unique talents of those on the autism spectrum, and
   (v) Autism SA affirms that World Autism Awareness Day is about awareness, understanding, participation, inclusion and self-determination, and it is a day to remind us all about how we should embrace difference and individual choices every day;

(b) encourages all Australians to participate in the planned events across Australia as part of World Autism Awareness Day;

(c) recognises that:
   (i) only around 40 per cent of adults on the autism spectrum in Australia are employed – many of those are working in jobs below their educational or professional level – compared with 53 per cent of working-age people with disability and 83 per cent of people without disability,
   (ii) companies, such as DXC Technology Australia, with its Dandelion Program and its partnership with ANZ in its Spectrum Program, enable people on the autism spectrum to realise their right to participate in the workforce,
   (iii) DXC’s Dandelion Program, which commenced in Australia in 2014, employs close to 60 people in Adelaide, Canberra and Brisbane, many of them working in Federal Government departments, including Defence, Human Services and Home Affairs, and
   (iv) ANZ’s inaugural Spectrum Program has employed 9 people on the autism spectrum, with four employed in cybersecurity roles, and five as test analysts;

(d) further encourages other Australian companies to employ Australians on the autism spectrum to realise their potential;

(e) acknowledges that:
   (i) in Australia, the right to educational opportunities is protected by law,
   (ii) people on the autism spectrum are less likely than others to complete an educational qualification beyond school and have needs for support that differ from people with other disabilities,
(iii) girls with disabilities are less likely to complete primary school and more likely to be marginalised or denied access to education.

(iv) Australian classrooms today showcase diversity at its best as they reflect the world that our children are growing up in – they should include children from different ethnic backgrounds, different cultures, with different abilities and from different family structures, all of which society embraces, and

(v) Autism SA strongly advocates for individuals on the autism spectrum to contribute and participate in mainstream social and economic environments, and this extends to the inclusion and participation of children in mainstream environments; and

(f) affirms that children with disabilities have the same education rights as all other children, whether they attend mainstream schools or schools with a specific purpose.

*Notice of motion altered on 26 March 2018 pursuant to standing order 77.*

*Notice given 27 March 2018*

*Senator Griff: To move—That the Senate—*

(a) notes that:

(i) the Garvan Institute of Medical Research (the Garvan Institute) has completed the first cancer research project using the DreamLab app, in half the time it would have otherwise taken,

(ii) the DreamLab app, developed in partnership with Vodafone Foundation, uses the processing power of idle smartphones to give the Garvan Institute free access to a supercomputer resource, to allow it to conduct ground-breaking cancer research,

(iii) its first project, Project Decode, mapped the genome of breast, ovarian, prostate and pancreatic cancer patients to help researchers better understand these cancers based on a patient’s DNA profile,

(iv) the mapping highlighted genome clusters and has allowed the researchers to see patterns they can now explore further,

(v) Project Decode was completed with 121 000 app users, whose idle smartphones crunched 75 million calculations, since being launched in November 2015,

(vi) the Garvan Institute intends to make the research data publicly available for other researchers to use, and plans to publish the findings of this project in a research journal in June, and

(vii) the Garvan Institute’s other DreamLab project, Project Genetic Profile, is decoding brain, lung, melanoma and sarcoma cancers, and is one-fifth of the way towards completion;

(b) further notes that:

(i) this work is part of the Garvan Institute’s ongoing effort to tackle rare and less common cancers,

(ii) the Garvan Institute’s Genomic Cancer Medicine Program, in Sydney, has taken close to 1 000 Australians with rare and less common cancers since October 2016,
(iii) the Garvan Institute aims to make this program available nationally, by linking with cancer centres in all states and territories, so patients do not need to travel to Sydney, and

(iv) the Garvan Institute’s research, plus its national approach to treating cancer patients with high unmet needs, contributes to the evidence base and federal governments need to make informed decisions about genomic and precision medicine; and

calls on senators who want to play their part in this research to download and use the DreamLab app if they have not already done so, to help accelerate this research, and for those who have already used the app to continue their contribution to this ground-breaking cancer research.

*784 Chair of the Select Committee into the Political Influence of Donations (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee into the Political Influence of Donations be extended to 10 May 2018.

*785 Senator Brown: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Finance, by no later than 5 pm on 28 March 2018:

(a) all correspondence between the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources relating to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) Digital Strategy; and

(b) a copy of the APVMA Digital Strategy.

*786 Senator Steele-John: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in March 2017, the United States of America (US) Full House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform heard that approximately half of adult Americans’ photographs are in a Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) database – FRT has accuracy deficiencies leading to misidentifying female and African American individuals at a higher rate; human verification is often insufficient as a backup and can allow for racial bias; the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) accepts an error rate of 15 per cent in its system, and that the FBI used FRT for years without first publishing a privacy impact assessment and went to great lengths to exempt itself from certain provisions of the Privacy Act,

(ii) in June 2016, the US Government Accountability Office analysed the FBI’s use of FRT and found it to be lacking in accountability, accuracy and oversight, with key concerns that the FBI system does not test for false positives and for racial bias,

(iii) FRT is subject to biases based on the data sets provided and the conditions in which algorithms are created, and

(iv) the National Facial Biometric Matching Capability, based on the FBI’s Next Generation Identification program, is subject to the same risks of bias and error rates; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to ensure that:

(i) all steps are taken to minimise bias and error rates in government facial recognition systems, including testing for false positives and racial bias, and
(ii) government agencies using facial recognition systems comply with the Privacy Act, and maintain transparency, accountability, accuracy and oversight.

*787 Senator Steele-John: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in 2013, the United Nations General Assembly affirmed that the rights held by people offline must also be protected online, and it called upon all States to respect and protect the right to privacy in digital communication,

(ii) social media and online platforms that base their businesses on customer surveillance and advertising are not respecting or protecting individuals’ right to privacy,

(iii) on 25 May 2018, the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into effect, for all companies that hold data within or as a result of doing business with citizens of the European Union (EU),

(iv) under the GDPR, consent must be explicit for data collected and for the purposes for which data is used, and individuals will have the right of access to their personal data and information about how this personal data is being processed, a right to request erasure of personal data related to them, and a right to be able to transfer personal data from one electronic processing system to and into another,

(v) the GDPR will include a strict data protection compliance regime with severe penalties of up to 4 per cent of worldwide turnover or 20 million Euro, whichever is higher, and

(vi) the GDPR represents current best practice regarding standards for the protection of data and, as many Australian businesses will need to comply with the GDPR, implementing a similar regime in Australia would be the most cost-effective way to improve data protection standards; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) support Australian businesses in complying with the GDPR, and

(ii) look to the GDPR as a model of international best practice for privacy protections for Australians against companies that employ surveillance capitalism.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) 31 March 2018 is Transgender Day of Visibility, and

(ii) Transgender Day of Visibility is an opportunity to publicly affirm and celebrate trans and gender-diverse people’s lives, their stories and their contributions to our communities; and

(b) calls on all parliamentarians to:

(i) recognise and celebrate the many and varied contributions of trans and gender-diverse people,

(ii) commit to elevating the voices and stories of trans and gender-diverse people in this Parliament, and
(iii) support the provision of essential health, social, cultural, and community services for trans and gender-diverse people and their families, delivered with the meaningful input and involvement of these communities.

*789 Senators O’Sullivan and Williams: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that:

(i) some financial services entities, including authorised deposit-taking institutions, registrable superannuation entities, insurers, statutory authorities, corporate Commonwealth entities, and those holding a financial services licence are yet to publically clarify their position on waiving confidentiality and non-disclosure arrangements for those individuals or organisations looking to lodge a submission to the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry (the Royal Commission), and

(ii) the opening address by Commissioner Kenneth Hayne, QC, at the Royal Commission on 12 February 2018 stated: “A confidentiality or non-disparagement clause in an agreement will not act as a reasonable excuse against production in answer to a notice to produce or a summons” and “It seems to me to follow that answering a notice or summons would not amount to a breach of any confidentiality or non-disparagement clause”; and

(b) adopts a unified position that:

(i) no individual or organisation should be prevented or deterred from lodging a submission to the Royal Commission due to pre-existing confidentiality obligations in non-disclosure or other agreements (NDAs),

(ii) where an NDA would prevent or deter the lodgement of a submission by a person, the relevant financial service entity should waive the NDA in circumstances where the person seeking to lodge the submission so desires, and

(iii) where an NDA would prevent or deter the lodgement of a submission by a person, the relevant Commonwealth statutory authority, corporate Commonwealth entity or government business enterprise should waive the NDA in circumstances where the person seeking to lodge the submission so desires.

*790 Senators Siewert and McKim: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes with deep concern reports that Indigenous rangers could be caught up in the Government’s proposed foreign interference laws, in particular, the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Bill 2017;

(b) expresses confusion that Indigenous rangers could find themselves cast as foreign agents by advocating in favour of their program, simply because they are funded by an American charitable trust;

(c) affirms that the Indigenous rangers program plays a critical role in protecting country, and providing meaningful employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples;

(d) further affirms the importance of advocacy and civil society in a healthy democracy; and
(e) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) abandon its package of legislation relating to foreign influence, including the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Bill 2017, the National Security Legislation Amendment (Espionage and Foreign Interference) Bill 2017, and the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017, and

(ii) go back to the drawing board and adequately consult with those affected by the legislation.

*791 Senator Urquhart: To move—That the Senate requires the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee to meet on 10 April 2018, from 2 pm to 4 pm, in Canberra, to further consider the 2017-18 additional estimates in the Communications and Arts portfolio, and the NBNCo, and that the Minister for Communications and the Minister for the Arts (Senator Fifield) be in attendance, as well as Mr Morrow, Mr Rue, Mr McInerney, Mr Ryan and Ms Lovell from NBNCo.

**ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

*756 Regional Forest Agreements—Forestry Ministers Meetings—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 9.30 am on 28 March 2018, documents related to Regional Forest Agreements as considered by, or arising from, the Forestry Ministers Meetings held on 14 December 2016 in Melbourne, on 31 March 2017 in Sydney, and on 30 August 2017 in Launceston, and any subsequent meetings, including agendas, minutes, appendices, attachments and documents resulting from actions arising in those meetings. (Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 22 March 2018.)

*772 Funding for public hospital services in Queensland—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by no later than noon on 28 March 2018, documents relating to funding for public hospital services in Queensland. (Motion of Senator Chisholm agreed to 27 March 2018.)

**ORDER OF THE SENATE—EXPLANATION**

*774 Federal Circuit Court of Australia and Family Court of Australia—Funding—Attendance by minister—Order for production of documents
The Minister representing the Attorney-General is required to attend the Senate at 9.30 am on 28 March 2018 to explain why an order for the production of documents concerning the funding of the Federal courts had not been complied with. (Motion of Senators Griff, Hanson and Hinch agreed to 27 March 2018.)
That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) on 20 March 2018, the Senate agreed to an order for the production of documents directing that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Attorney-General, by 9.30 am on 22 March 2018:

(A) the March 2014 KPMG report into the funding of federal courts, and

(B) the Ernst & Young costings in response to the KPMG report, and

(ii) to date, the Minister has failed to comply with the order for the production of documents;

(b) the Senate requires the Minister to table documents in full compliance with the above order for the production of documents by 5 pm on 27 March 2018; and

(c) in the event that the Minister does not table documents in full compliance with the order, the Senate orders that:

(i) the Minister representing the Attorney-General is required to attend the Senate at 9.30 am on 28 March 2018 and, prior to government business being called on, to explain why the Minister has not complied with the order of the Senate of 20 March 2018;

(ii) in the event that the Minister provides an explanation, any senator may, without notice, move a motion to take note of the Minister’s statement,

(iii) in the event that the Minister does not provide an explanation, any senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the Minister’s failure to provide an explanation, and

(iv) any motion under paragraph (c)(ii) or (iii) may be debated for no longer than 1 hour, and have precedence over all government business until determined.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

By 31 March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.

On 4 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the 2017-18 additional estimates.
On 20 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on implications of climate change for Australia’s national security.

On 24 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

On 7 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018 and the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the ‘Commitment to the Senate’ issued by the Business Council of Australia.
Government Business—Order of the Day

1 National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018

   On the next day of sitting (8 May 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 February 2018

1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Basin Plan Amendment (SDL Adjustments) Instrument 2017, made under the Water Act 2007, be disallowed [F2018L00040].

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

   On 9 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2017-18 additional estimates.

   On 10 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities.
Order for Production of Documents

*775 Future Submarine project—Australian Industry Capability Plan—
Attendance by minister—Order for production of documents

The Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry is required to attend the Senate at the conclusion of question time on 10 May 2018 to explain why an order for the production of documents concerning the Australian Industry Capability Plan submitted by DCNS (now Naval Group) had not been complied with. (Motion of Senator Patrick agreed to 27 March 2018.)

On 14 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.

On 30 May 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 5 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 13 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the waste and recycling industry in Australia.

Four sitting days after today (18 June 2018)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 February 2018

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) (Individual Transmitter Amounts) Determination 2017, made under the Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Act 2017, be disallowed [F2017L01375].

Five sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 19 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on mitochondrial donation.

On 20 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on PFAS contamination.

On the first sitting Thursday in June 2018 (21 June 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Future of Work and Workers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 21 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa.

On 26 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2018-19 Budget estimates.

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

On 27 June 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

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

3 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulatory framework governing water use.
On or before 30 July 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
   Interim report to be presented.

On 31 July 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.

On 14 August 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on a national radioactive waste management facility at Kimba and Hawker, South Australia.

2 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on the work health and safety of workers in the offshore petroleum industry.

On 15 August 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services.

On 16 August 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Final report to be presented on non-conforming building products.

On 22 August 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects.
On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2018 (11 September 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2018.

On the last sitting day of September 2018 (20 September 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on industrial deaths in Australia.

On 20 September 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of mobility scooters.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities.

On 30 September 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the Franchise Code of Conduct and Oil Code of Conduct.

On 17 October 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on mental health services in rural and remote Australia.

On 28 November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on aged care assessment and accreditation.
On the final sitting day of November 2018 (29 November 2018)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On or before 29 November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
   Final report to be presented.

On 29 November 2018

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Final report to be presented on the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin.

On 3 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 4 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 5 December 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on the mental health of first responders, emergency workers and volunteers.
On or before the second sitting Thursday of 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Stillbirth Research and Education—Select Committee  
Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day in June 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

As soon as practicable after the High Court makes a declaration  
following a special count from the 2016 Senate election

Order for Production of Documents

1 Rotation of senators—Section 13 of the Constitution—Order for production of documents  
That—  
(a) as soon as practicable, after the High Court orders a special count of the ballots from the 2016 Senate election for any state and makes an order declaring that a person identified by that count is duly elected as a senator for that state, there be laid on the table a copy of the statement of results report for that count; and  
(b) if such a report is tabled, in relation to any state, then the order of the Senate of 31 August 2016, made pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, have effect in relation to senators from that state as if a reference to the certificate of election were a reference to the most recent statement of results report.  
(Motion of the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) agreed to 13 February 2018.)

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018 ‡  
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 4 December 2018)

Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡  
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 8 February 2018; reporting date: 8 May 2018)
Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017
[provisions]
Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse
(Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 30 November 2017; reporting date: 28 March 2018)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combating Corporate Crime) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 20 April 2018)

Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 20 April 2018)

Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 7 December 2017; reporting date: 8 May 2018)

Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 February 2018; reporting date: 5 June 2018)

National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018 ‡
National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018 ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2018; reporting date: 7 May 2018)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 16 November 2017; reporting date: 28 March 2018)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2018 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2018; reporting date: 7 May 2018)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017
Discharged, 18 October 2017 (pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 September 2017).
Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016
Second reading negatived, 7 November 2016.

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017
Discharged, 23 March 2017.

Private senators’ bills
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment (Make Electricity GST Free) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 7 September 2017.

Lands Acquisition Amendment (Public Purpose) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 September 2017.

Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 August 2017.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 446, 473, 493, 494, 498, 502, 503, 506, 524, 525, 533 to 537, 555, 557, 575, 577 to 586, 620, 644, 650, 652, 687 to 692, 697, 698, 700 to 705, 707, 708, 710 to 712, 715 to 729, 733 to 737, 739, 745 to 760.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 697 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Adjournment debates—Temporary order
[Amendment to standing order 54(5) to provide for 5-minute speeches, rather than 10-minute speeches on Wednesdays. Amendment to standing order 54(6) to remove the option for 20-minute speeches during the open ended adjournment on Tuesdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]

54 Adjournment without motion
(5) On Monday and Thursday debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 10 minutes.
On Wednesday debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 5 minutes.

On Tuesday at the conclusion of debate, and on other days at the expiration of 40 minutes, at the conclusion of debate, or at the time specified for adjournment, whichever is the earlier, or if there is no debate, the President shall adjourn the Senate without putting the question.

(6) On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator shall speak to that question for not more than 5 minutes, except that if no other senator wishes to speak for up to 5 minutes, a senator who has not already spoken may speak for up to 10 minutes.

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

**Allocation of departments/agencies**

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

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

- **Economics**
  - Jobs and Innovation (Industry, Innovation and Science)
  - Treasury

- **Education and Employment**
  - Education and Training
  - Jobs and Innovation (Jobs and Small Business)

- **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
  - Home Affairs

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016; varied 12 February and 15 February 2018)
Budget week 2018—Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation
That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 8 May 2018 be from midday to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 10 May 2018 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

(a) the routine of business from 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents 2018-19, and
   (ii) adjournment; and

(b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 10 May 2018 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
   (ii) adjournment.

(Agreed to 22 March 2018)

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—2017-18 additional estimates; 2018-19 Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2018 be scheduled as follows:

   **2017-18 additional estimates:**
   Monday, 26 February and Tuesday, 27 February (Group A)
   Wednesday, 28 February and Thursday, 1 March (Group B).

   **2018-19 Budget estimates:**
   Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May, and, if required, Friday, 25 May (Group A)
   Tuesday, 29 May to Friday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 22 June (Group B)
   Monday, 22 October and Tuesday, 23 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 24 October and Thursday, 25 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October 2018, but not restricted to these days.

(3) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 2 March, Friday, 25 May and Friday, 26 October 2018, but not restricted to these days.
(4) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.

(5) 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.

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

(a) Tuesday, 27 March 2018 in respect of the 2017-18 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 26 June 2018 in respect of the 2018-19 Budget estimates.

*(Agreed to 15 November 2017; varied 16 November 2017 in respect of paragraph (1))*

**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 31 August 2016)*

**Meeting of Senate—2018**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2018 be as follows:

**Autumn sittings:**
- Monday, 5 February to Thursday, 8 February
- Monday, 12 February to Thursday, 15 February

**Autumn sittings (2):**
- Monday, 19 March to Thursday, 22 March
- Monday, 26 March to Wednesday, 28 March

**Budget sittings:**
- Tuesday, 8 May to Thursday, 10 May
Winter sittings:
  Monday, 18 June to Thursday, 21 June
  Monday, 25 June to Thursday, 28 June

Spring sittings:
  Monday, 13 August to Thursday, 16 August
  Monday, 20 August to Thursday, 23 August
  Monday, 10 September to Thursday, 13 September
  Monday, 17 September to Thursday, 20 September

Spring sittings (2):
  Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 18 October

Spring sittings (3):
  Monday, 12 November to Thursday, 15 November
  Monday, 26 November to Thursday, 29 November
  Monday, 3 December to Thursday, 6 December.

(Agreed to 15 November 2017)

Meeting times—Temporary order
[Amendment to standing order 55 to add 30 minutes at the start of sittings on Tuesdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]

(1) The days and times of meeting of the Senate in each sitting week shall be:
  Monday  10 am – 6.30 pm, 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm
  Tuesday  12 pm – adjournment
  Wednesday  9.30 am – 8 pm
  Thursday  9.30 am – 8.40 pm

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

Outstanding orders for the production of documents—Report—Continuing order

(1) That there be laid on the table by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, not later than 2 calendar months after the last day of each financial year and calendar year, a list showing details of all orders for the production of documents made during the current Parliament which have not been complied with in full, together with a statement indicating whether resistance to them is maintained and why, and detailing any changing circumstances that might allow reconsideration of earlier refusals.

(2) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)
Private senators’ bills—Temporary order

[Amendments to standing order 57 and 59 to move consideration of private senators’ bills general business from Thursday to Monday and provide for government business to occur at the start of the day on Thursdays. Temporary order takes effect from 5 February to 30 June 2018.]

57 Routine of business

(1) The routine of business shall be:

(a) On Monday:
   (i) General business orders of the day for consideration of bills only
   (ia) At 12.20 pm, government business only
   ...

(d) On Thursday:
   (i) Government business only
   (ii) At 11.45 am, petitions
   ...

59 Government and general business

Government business shall take precedence over general business, except that general business shall take precedence over government business as follows:

(a) On Mondays, from 10 am until 12.20 pm general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills shall be considered; and

(b) from not later than 4.30 pm, for a period not exceeding 2½ hours, general business orders of the day shall take precedence over general business notices of motion on alternate Thursdays.

(Agreed to 7 December 2017 upon adoption of recommendations in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2017)

Publications Committee—Report—Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament—Adoption of recommendation

5.6 That the Senate and House of Representatives pass the following resolution:

That unless otherwise ordered, and provided that they conform to the printing standards, the following documents shall be made Parliamentary Papers upon their presentation to the Senate/House of Representatives:

▪ substantive reports of parliamentary committees;
▪ annual reports of Commonwealth entities;
▪ a report of a royal commission;
▪ a report of the Productivity Commission;
▪ a report of the Auditor-General;
▪ a report of the Australian Human Rights Commission;
▪ a report of the Australia Law Reform Commission;
▪ a report of the Australian Electoral Commission on the redistribution of electoral division boundaries;
▪ Australian Government white papers;
▪ a report in a series that has previously been included in the Parliamentary Papers Series on the recommendation of a Publications Committee; and
• budget papers and ministerial statements presented following the presentation of the appropriation bills.

(Agreed to 8 February 2018)

**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)

That—

(a) as soon as practicable, after the High Court orders a special count of the ballots from the 2016 Senate election for any state and makes an order declaring that a person identified by that count is duly elected as a senator for that state, there be laid on the table a copy of the statement of results report for that count; and

(b) if such a report is tabled, in relation to any state, then the order of the Senate of 31 August 2016, made pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, have effect in relation to senators from that state as if a reference to the certificate of election were a reference to the most recent statement of results report.

(Agreed to 13 February 2018)

**Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Standing order 24—Amendment**

That:

(a) the Senate adopt the recommendation at paragraph 4.10 of Scrutiny Digest 13 of 2017 of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills, proposing an amendment to standing order 24; and

(b) the temporary order of the Senate of 29 November 2016, concerning an amendment to standing order 24, cease to have effect.

Accordingly, standing order 24 was amended, with immediate effect, as follows:

At the end of paragraph (1), add:

(d) The committee shall maintain on its website a list of bills in relation to which the committee has sought advice from the responsible minister and not yet received a response.

(e) Where the committee has not finally reported on a bill because a ministerial response has not been received, then:

(i) immediately prior to the consideration of government business on any day; or

(ii) immediately prior to the consideration of the bill,
any senator may ask the minister for an explanation of why the minister has not provided a response to the committee.

(f) Where an explanation is sought under paragraph (e) and a minister provides an explanation, then at the conclusion of the explanation the senator may move, without notice, a motion:
   (i) relating to the consideration of the bill; or
   (ii) that the Senate take note of the explanation.

(g) Where an explanation is sought under paragraph (e) and the minister does not provide an explanation, then the senator may, without notice, move a motion relating to:
   (i) the consideration of the bill; or
   (ii) the minister's failure to provide an explanation.

(h) The procedures in paragraphs (e) to (g) may only be used once on any sitting day in respect of any bill or bills taken together.

(Agreed to 29 November 2017)

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 Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator O’Sullivan
   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 Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Senator O’Sullivan
   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 Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   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)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Patrick

5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an
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Matters of urgency

8 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): To move
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9 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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**Order of business**

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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**

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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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**

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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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 the senator making that statement.
Tabling of documents

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