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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2018

1 Senator Pratt: To move—That the following instruments, made under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, be disallowed:

Temperate East Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00321]
North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00322]
North Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00324]
South-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00326]

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

Notice given 26 March 2018

*2 Senator Urquhart: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by 5 December 2018:

The role of Commonwealth, state and territory Governments in addressing the high rates of mental health conditions experienced by first responders, emergency service workers and volunteers, with particular reference to:

(a) the nature and underlying causes of mental health conditions experienced by first responders, emergency service workers and volunteers;

(b) research identifying linkages between first responder and emergency service occupations, and the incidence of mental health conditions;

(c) management of mental health conditions in first responder and emergency services organisations, factors that may impede adequate management of mental health within the workplace and opportunities for improvement, including:

(i) reporting of mental health conditions,

(ii) specialised occupational mental health support and treatment services,

(iii) workers’ compensation,

(iv) workplace culture and management practices,

(v) occupational function and return-to-work arrangements,

(vi) collaboration between first responder and emergency services organisations,

(vii) post-retirement mental health support services, and

(viii) resource allocation; and

(d) any other related matters.
Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Rice): To move—That the terms of reference for the inquiry of the Environment and Communications References Committee into the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects, agreed to on 8 February 2017, be amended to read as follows:

The rehabilitation of mining and resources projects and power station ash dams as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities, for example under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act), with regard to:

(a) the cost of outstanding rehabilitation obligations of currently operating projects;
(b) the adequacy of existing regulatory, policy and institutional arrangements to ensure adequate and timely rehabilitation;
(c) the adequacy and transparency of financial mechanisms, including assurances, bonds and funds, to ensure that mining and resources projects and power station ash dams are rehabilitated without placing a burden on public finances;
(d) the effectiveness of current Australian rehabilitation practices in safeguarding human health and repairing and avoiding environmental damage;
(e) the effectiveness of existing abandoned mines programs, with regard to repairing environmental damage and safeguarding human health;
(ea) the effectiveness of existing and past power station ash dams with regard to repairing environmental damage and safeguarding human health;
(f) whether any mining, resources or electricity generation companies have engaged in conduct designed to avoid fulfilling their rehabilitation obligations;
(g) the potential social, economic and environmental impacts, including on matters of national environmental significance under the EPBC Act, of inadequate rehabilitation;
(h) the potential social, economic and environmental benefits of adequate rehabilitation, including job opportunities in communities affected by job losses in the mining, resources and electricity generation sectors;
(i) international examples of effective rehabilitation policy and practice;
(j) proposals for reform of rehabilitation of mining and resources projects and power station ash dams; and
(k) any other related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs; Economics; Environment and Communications; 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 2017-18 additional estimates.

2 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on transvaginal mesh implants.
Orders of the Day

1. Communications Legislation Amendment (Online Content Services and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)
   In committee (26 March 2018).

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

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


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

6. 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)

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

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

9. 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)

    Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 February 2018).
11 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).

12 Family Assistance and Child Support Legislation Amendment (Protecting Children) Bill 2018—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

13 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).

14 Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 February 2018).

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

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Pratt, in continuation, 22 March 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 Fierravanti-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 Fierravanti-Wells)

22 Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
23 Crimes Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme—Worker Screening) Bill 2018—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

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

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

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

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

28 Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Operational Efficiency) Bill 2017—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2018).

29 Imported Food Control Amendment Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2018).

30 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).

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

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

33 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).

34 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).
35 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).

36 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).

37 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).

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

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

40 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).

41 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).

42 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).

43 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).
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44 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)

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

46 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).

47 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).

48 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).

49 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).

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

51 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).
52 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).

53 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

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

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

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

57 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).

58 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).

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

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

Notices of Motion

Notice given 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 26 March 2018

*768 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) on 27 March 2018, early childhood educators all across Australia will walk off the job, demanding the Government value their work and fund fair pay,
   (ii) early childhood educators provide a vital service in the development of young minds, and
   (iii) qualified early childhood educators can earn as little as $21 per hour, which is half the average wage;

(b) recognises early childhood educators are not being paid a wage commensurate with the value of their social contribution; and

(c) commends early childhood union, United Voice, for their leadership on this campaign, and encourages all childcare educators to participate in standing strong for fair pay.

*769 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) is currently considering an application from Petroleum Geoservices Australia to conduct 3D and 2D seismic surveys in environmentally sensitive waters off Port Lincoln and Kangaroo Island,
   (ii) seismic testing involves blasting 260 decibels of sound every 10 seconds, and
   (iii) this volume is louder than a space shuttle launch from its launch pad, a nuclear bomb from its epicentre, and the sound produced at the epicentre of Krakatoa’s volcanic eruption in 1883, which was audible 4 500 kms away from its source;
(b) further notes that:
   (i) if approved, the seismic testing program would impact the direct migratory path of southern Bluefin tuna, southern right whales and sperm whales, and
   (ii) a seismic test of this proposed scale can result in death;
(c) commends the actions of the Kangaroo Island Council, the Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association, Sea Shepherd, the Australian Marine Conservation Society, the Wilderness Society, Greenpeace and concerned local community members in drawing attention to the potential harm that this seismic testing program could create if approved by NOPSEMA; and
(d) call on the Federal Government to prohibit seismic testing the Great Australian Bight.

*770 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that the Uyghur leader, Ms Rebiya Kadeer is in Australia to meet with government representatives, community groups and individuals to discuss a number of humanitarian concerns; and
   (b) welcomes Ms Kadeer and her delegation to Australia.

*771 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) former Prime Minister, Mr John Howard, and former Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Tim Fisher, led the introduction of the National Firearms Agreement (NFA) in 1996,
      (ii) a 2016 study, Association Between Gun Law Reforms and Intentional Firearm Deaths in Australia, found that in the 20 years since the NFA was implemented, there have been no mass shootings in Australia, and
      (iii) on 24 March 2018, the March for Our Lives took place in the United States of America, calling for stricter controls on firearms; and
   (b) congratulates everyone who is making their voice heard on the important issue of reducing violence involving firearms.

*772 Senator Chisholm: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by no later than noon on 28 March 2018, documents held or prepared by the Department of Health, National Health Funding Administrator, the office of the Minister for Health and/or the office of the Prime Minister:
   (a) listing for each of the years 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17, the amount:
      (i) remitted by the Commonwealth for block funded public hospital services in Queensland under the National Health Reform Agreement,
      (ii) remitted by the Commonwealth for activity-based funded public hospital services in Queensland under the National Health Reform Agreement,
      (iii) remitted by Queensland for block funded public hospital services in Queensland under the National Health Reform Agreement, and
(iv) remitted by Queensland for activity-based funded public hospital services in Queensland under the National Health Reform Agreement;

(b) listing for each of the years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, the amount projected to be paid by the Commonwealth in respect of public hospital services in Queensland and incorporated in the current budget forward estimates;

(c) source documentation and data for the information in (a) and (b), including documents disclosing any workings or calculations required to provide the information; and

(d) documents, including briefing notes, internal memoranda, and emails disclosing evidence for the claim by government members that Queensland reduced public hospital expenditure by $63.8 million in the 2017-18 state budget.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) strong digital encryption protects the personal and financial information of millions of people,

(ii) encryption is an important tool to prevent identity theft and other crime,

(iii) encryption ensures that public interest whistleblowers, journalists and other civil society actors can conduct their activities more securely,

(iv) the Government, through services such as Medicare and Centrelink, and digital platforms such as myGov, depends on encryption to keep client information safe, and

(v) any decrease in public trust in digital systems and services will present an obstacle to the Government’s agile innovation agenda; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) support the continued development and use of strong encryption technologies,

(ii) resist any push from other governments to weaken encryption on personal devices, and

(iii) work with law enforcement to develop alternative avenues to obtain information through warrants and targeted surveillance that does not put every Australian at greater risk of identity theft.

*774 Senators Griff, Hanson and Hinch: To move—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.

*775 Senator Patrick: To move—That—

(1) The Senate notes that:

(a) on 12 February 2018, the Senate agreed to an order for the production of documents directed at the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry, for the Australian Industry Capability Plan submitted by DCNS (now Naval Group) to the Department of Defence in its response to the Future Submarine Competitive Evaluation Process (CEP);

(b) the order followed a lack of clarity as to the minimum level of Australian industry involvement expectations of Government for the Future Submarine Project;

(c) on 15 February 2018, the duty minister tabled a letter in response to both orders for production claiming public interest immunity and stated that release of the document would:

(i) affect the commercial interests of Naval Group, and

(ii) adversely affect Australia’s international relations,

and advised the Senate that the Government was awaiting the outcome of an Information Commissioner Review into freedom of information (FOI) exemptions claimed over the same document;

(d) it was conceded by government in 1992, that the fact that a freedom of information request for information has been or could be refused under the FOI Act is not a legitimate basis for a claim of public interest immunity in a parliamentary forum;

(e) on 25 June 2014, the Senate passed a resolution declaring that declining to provide documents or answer questions on the basis that an FOI request has been made for the same information is an unacceptable response, is not supported by the FOI Act and shows a profound lack of respect for the Senate and its committees;
(f) a Senate claim of commercial confidentiality must be carefully advanced and claimed narrowly so as to recognise the public interest that lies in openness and transparency on this very important project;

(g) the claim that the release of the documents will affect international relations is not properly made out and is flawed (and has not even been advanced by the Department of Defence as a concern in the Information Commissioner Review) because the document which is the subject of the order is a document of a French-law Public Limited Company, not a document of the French State; and

(h) orders for the production of documents are a key Senate tool used to ensure effective oversight of Government, and must be responded to by Ministers with utmost consideration, care and accuracy.

(2) The Minister for Defence be required to attend the Senate at the conclusion of question time on 28 March 2018 to make a statement, of not more than 20 minutes, addressing why the Minister:

(a) has advanced a claim showing a profound lack of respect for the Senate;

(b) offered a broad confidentiality claim that does not correctly balance the public interest in knowing what DCNS promised, in respect of Australian industry involvement in our largest ever Defence project; and

(c) has advanced a claim that releasing the document to the Senate would affect Australia’s international relations knowing that this claim is inconsistent with the position of her own Department.

(3) Any senator may move a motion to take note of the Minister’s statement, and any such motion may be debated for no longer than 1 hour, and have precedence over all other government business until determined.

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

*776 Senator Anning: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) good men and women have fought and died to protect the Australian flag,

(ii) our flag represents our nation and our values and is bound with our history and heritage,

(iii) in the lead-up to ANZAC Day, it is important that we seek to protect and defend the Australian flag against the actions of those that attack our history and tradition, and

(iv) radical actions have been seen at past Australia Day and ANZAC Day ceremonies, and that these are completely disrespectful and un-Australian;

(b) expresses the opinion that it should be illegal to burn the Australian flag;

(c) congratulates Mr George Christensen MP on his Flags Amendment (Protecting Australian Flags) Bill 2016; and

(d) calls on the Government to legislate to create a criminal offence for a person to maliciously and intentionally burn, deface, destroy or trample the Australian flag.
Senator Anning: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises the courageous and selfless sacrifice of the Australian ‘Digger’;
(b) shows continued support for ANZAC Day as a national day of memorial for all those who have served our nation, some paying the ultimate sacrifice, so that we may enjoy our freedoms;
(c) encourages all Australians to partake in ANZAC Day ceremonies; and
(d) calls on the Government to create a commemorative ANZAC Centenary Medal, which would be available to:
   (i) all service personnel who were enlisted on 25 April 2015 and a period of 12 months prior, and
   (ii) all service personnel who have been deployed overseas.

Senators Keneally, McCarthy, Leyonhjelm, Anning and Hinch: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Stillbirth Research and Education, be established to inquire into and report on the future of stillbirth research and education in Australia, with particular reference to:
   (a) consistency and timeliness of data available to researchers across states, territories and federal jurisdictions;
   (b) coordination between Australian and international researchers;
   (c) partnerships with the corporate sector, including use of innovative new technology;
   (d) sustainability and propriety of current research funding into stillbirth, and future funding options, including government, philanthropic and corporate support;
   (e) research and education priorities and coordination, including the role that innovation and the private sector can play in stillbirth research and education;
   (f) communication of stillbirth research for Australian families, including culturally and linguistically appropriate advice for Indigenous and multicultural families, before and during a pregnancy;
   (g) quantifying the impact of stillbirths on the Australian economy; and
   (h) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the second sitting Thursday of 2019.

(3) That the committee consist of six senators, as follows:
   (a) two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
   (b) two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
   (c) one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
   (d) one nominated by minor party and independent senators.

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

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

(6) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and as deputy chair a member nominated by the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) notes that the Government is currently undertaking a refresh of the Closing the Gap targets;

(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) Aboriginal children are over-represented in child protection systems around the country, and are more than nine times more likely than their non-Aboriginal counterparts to be placed in out-of-home care,
   (ii) there is a pressing need to address the underlying causes of over-representation, and improve the life outcomes of Aboriginal children taken into care, and
   (iii) Aboriginal children have a right to be safe, and to be connected to kin and culture in line with the National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children 2009-2020;

(c) recognises the need for Aboriginal-led solutions in Aboriginal communities, rather than top-down approaches from Government; and
(d) urges the Government to include reducing out-of-home care in the refreshed Closing the Gap targets, and ensure that vulnerable families are receiving the support they need for improved outcomes and safety of children.

*780 Senator Rice: To move—that the Senate—
(a) congratulates the players, coaching staff, supporters and clubs involved in the second season of the AFL Women’s competition, in particular the 2018 AFLW Premiers, the Western Bulldogs, and runners-up, the Brisbane Lions;
(b) notes the ongoing growth in girls’ and women’s involvement in Australian Rules football, including:
   (i) during 2017, more than 460,000 participants across all levels, representing 30 per cent of all participation in the game, and
   (ii) in 2017, 1,690 women’s community club teams taking the field, representing a 76 per cent increase in teams; and
(c) calls on the Government to take action to support women’s participation in Australian Rules football, and to support fair pay for its professional players.

*781 Senator Rice: To move—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to air services, and for related purposes. Air Services Amendment Bill 2018.

*782 Senators Moore and Di Natale: To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) there are half a billion adolescent girls aged between 10 to 19 in the developing world today,
   (ii) adolescent girls in the developing world are our next generation of women leaders, workers and mothers,
   (iii) when we create the conditions for adolescent girls to fulfil their right to gender equality, to be healthy, educated, safe and economically empowered, they have the power to lift their families out of poverty and transform their nation’s economies,
   (iv) the United Nations Population Fund has recognised girls aged 10 as the key group whose potential, if unlocked, will create the economic and social conditions needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and
   (v) in recognition of the potential of adolescent girls all around the world, Plan International Australia has, this week, launched the new report, Half A Billion Reasons: How Investing In Adolescent Girls Can Change the World, providing a global snapshot of the key challenges that girls face in the developing world and a road map for transforming their lives;
(b) further notes that the global community can transform the lives of adolescent girls by:
   (i) protecting every adolescent girl’s right to be free from gender-based violence and harmful practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation,
(ii) promoting the health, well-being and rights of adolescent girls through access to sexual and reproductive health information and services,

(iii) fighting poverty by giving adolescent girls access to quality, inclusive and equitable secondary education,

(iv) growing a country’s economic prosperity by economically empowering girls and young women,

(v) empowering and protecting adolescent girls during disasters and emergencies, and

(vi) creating the conditions for adolescent girls to be change agents and leaders;

(c) calls on all parliamentarians to support adolescent girls globally, committing to strengthen gender equality for adolescent girls around the world; and

(d) calls on the Australian Government to prioritise adolescent girls’ human rights in Australia’s foreign policy, overseas aid, development and trade.

Order of the Senate—First speech

*Senator Keneally—at approximately 5 pm today (Motion agreed to 20 March 2018)*

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (28 March 2018)

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].

*Two 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 Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Allocation - Multi-band Auction) Determination 2017, made under the Radiocommunications Act 1992, be disallowed [F2017L01255].

*Two 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 Retirement Savings Accounts Tax File Number approval No. 1 of 2017, made under the Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997, be disallowed [F2017L01270].

Two 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 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].

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

2 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.

3 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.)

4 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.)

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

6 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

Order 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.)
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.

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

2 Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 December 2017).

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 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].
   Six 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—Orders of the Day

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

2 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.

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.
Five 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].

Six 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 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 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 (Combatting 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 694, 697, 698, 700 to 705, 707, 708, 710 to 712, 715 to 729, 733 to 737, 739 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.]

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)
Allocated 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)

First speeches—Senators Martin and Keneally

That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:
   (a) Wednesday, 21 March 2018—Senator Martin; and
   (b) Tuesday, 27 March 2018—Senator Keneally.

(Agreed to 20 March 2018)

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 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.

Matters of urgency

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

9 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)
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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

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

   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

13 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)
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Senator Patrick
To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives
Senator Moore (appointed 15 February 2018, for a period of 3 years).

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

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

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