The Senate meets at 9.30 am

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GENERAL BUSINESS—CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS

Orders of the Day

44 Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senators Day, Bernardi, Leyonhjelm and Smith)

29 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludvig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 28 August 2014).

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 25 September 2014

1 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day in March 2015:

(a) the manner in which electricity network companies have presented information to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER), and whether they have misled the AER in relation to:
   (i) their weighted average costs of capital,
   (ii) the necessity for the infrastructure proposed,
   (iii) their regulated asset valuations, and
   (iv) actual interest rates claimed against actual borrowing costs;
(b) to ascertain whether state-owned network companies have prioritised their focus on future privatisation proceeds above the interests of energy users;
(c) whether the arrangements for the regulation of the cost of capital are delivering allowed rates of return above the actual cost of capital;
(d) whether the AER has actively pursued lowest-cost outcomes for energy consumers;
(e) whether network monopolies should have the right to recover historic overspending that has delivered unwanted and unused infrastructure;
(f) how the regulatory structure and system could be improved;
(g) whether the arrangements for the connection and pricing of network services is discriminating against households and businesses that are involved in their own electricity production;
(h) whether the current system provides adequate oversight of electricity network companies; and
(i) any other related matter.

Notice of motion altered on 1 October 2014 pursuant to standing order 77.
Notice given 1 October 2014

*2 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day of 2015:

Tax avoidance and aggressive minimisation by corporations registered in Australia and multinational corporations operating in Australia, with specific reference to:

(a) the adequacy of Australia’s current laws;
(b) any need for greater transparency to deter tax avoidance and provide assurance that all companies are complying fully with Australia’s tax laws;
(c) the opportunities to collaborate internationally to address the problem;
(d) the performance and capability of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to investigate and launch litigation, in the wake of drastic budget cuts to staffing numbers;
(e) the role and performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission in working with corporations and supporting the ATO to protect public revenue;
(f) any relevant recommendations or issues arising from the Government’s White Paper process on the ‘Reform of Australia’s Tax System’; and
(g) any other related matters.

*3 Chair of the Economics References Committee (Senator Dastyari): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day of March 2015:

Digital currency, with particular reference to:

(a) how to develop an effective regulatory system for digital currency that:
   (i) ascertains the most appropriate definition of digital currencies under Australian tax law,
   (ii) promotes competition and growth of the digital currency industry,
   (iii) ensures ongoing stability in the financial services industry,
   (iv) secures protection of consumers and businesses against illegal activity,
   (v) incorporates digital currencies into Australia’s national security framework, and
   (vi) ensures the financial stability of the industry;
(b) the potential impact of digital currency technology on the Australian economy, including the:
   (i) payments sector,
   (ii) retail sector, and
   (iii) banking sector;
(c) how Australia can take advantage of digital currency technology to establish itself as a market leader in this field; and
(d) any other related matters.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day
1 Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014—
   (Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 September 2014).

2 Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013—(Minister for
   Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 December 2013).

3 Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014
   Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential
   Amendments) Bill 2014—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the
   Environment, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 June 2014).

4 Corporations Amendment (Streamlining of Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2014—(Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Ronaldson)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 September 2014).

5 Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures
   No. 1) Bill 2014
   Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures
   No. 2) Bill 2014
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Human Services (Senator
   Payne)—That these bills be now read a second time.
   And on the amendment moved by Senator Rhiannon in respect of the Social
   Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill
   2014—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate is of the opinion that, rather
   than punishing the vulnerable and most disadvantaged, revenue should be raised
   from big miners, bankers and polluters through:
   (a) applying a ‘public insurance’ levy on the big four banks that are too big to
      fail;
   (b) removing fossil fuel subsidised fuel for big mining companies;
   (c) implementing the original super profits mining tax;
   (d) imposing a millionaires’ tax; and
   (e) taxing discretionary trusts as corporations” (1 October 2014).

6 Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Amendment Bill 2014—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 September 2014).

7 Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 August 2014).

8 Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014—(Assistant
   Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 September 2014).

9 Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014—
   (Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 22 September 2014).
10 National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014—
(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Senator Colbeck)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 July 2014).

11 Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—(Assistant Treasurer)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 December 2013).

12 Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014—
(Assistant Treasurer)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (5 March 2014).

13 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment
(Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014—(Parliamentary Secretary to
the Minister for the Environment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 1 September 2014).

14 Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014—(Minister for Human
Services, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (26 June 2014).

15 Textile, Clothing and Footwear Investment and Innovation Programs
Amendment Bill 2014—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 June 2014).

16 Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014—(Parliamentary
Secretary to the Minister for Social Services, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 September 2014).

17 Paid Parental Leave Amendment Bill 2014—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 June 2014).

18 Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014
Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2014
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2014—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (26 June 2014).

19 Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional
Provisions) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Health, Senator Nash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 February 2014).

20 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014—(Parliamentary
Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Senator Colbeck)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 July 2014).

21 Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2]—(Assistant Minister
for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Wright, in continuation, 10 July 2014).
22 Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Repeal Bill 2014—
(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 June 2014).

23 Higher Education Support Amendment (Savings and Other Measures) Bill 2013—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 December 2013).

24 Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013—(Assistant Treasurer)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 December 2013).

25 Indigenous Australians—Closing the Gap—Ministerial statement and documents
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion)—That the Senate take note of the documents (12 February 2014).
(Consideration as government business—see Orders of the Senate—Temporary orders and changes to standing orders)

26 Budget statement and documents 2014-15
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (15 May 2014).

Notice of Motion

Notice given 1 October 2014

*1 Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield): To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:
   Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Amendment Bill 2014

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 4 December 2013

44 Senator Carr: To move—That the Senate—
(a) condemns:
   (i) the failure of the Government to provide answers on immigration policy and implementation, especially on serious incidents, to the Senate and the Australian people,
   (ii) the Government’s complete lack of transparency, and its reversion to secrecy in its conduct of the business of government, especially as it relates to immigration policy, and
(iii) the Government for misleading the electorate on its immigration policies such as the Indonesian fishing boat buyback policy, bounties, wardens and turning boats back (where it is safe to do so); and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) abandon unwarranted secrecy, and

(ii) acknowledge the success of the Papua New Guinea Regional Resettlement arrangement in reducing boat arrivals and putting people smugglers out of business.

Notice given 24 March 2014

197 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) over the past year, Israeli settlements in the West Bank have significantly increased,

(ii) it is unlawful under the Fourth Geneva Convention for an occupying power to transfer parts of its own population into the territory it occupies, and

(iii) world leaders, including the British Prime Minister, Mr Cameron, have called for a halt in settlement activity by Israel; and

(b) calls on:

(i) the Israeli Government to cease expansion of settlements in the West Bank, and

(ii) the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms Bishop, to publicly acknowledge that all settlements are illegal and in breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

Notice given 17 June 2014

276 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) and Senator Xenophon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the use of the term ‘Occupied Palestinian Territories’ is an internationally accepted term in use by the United Nations (UN),

(ii) the International Court of Justice and the UN General Assembly have deemed East Jerusalem part of the West Bank and an occupied territory,

(iii) Australia has historically supported UN Security Council and General Assembly resolutions regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict and the status of Jerusalem,

(iv) the voting patterns of Australia in relation to the Israel-Palestine conflict have shifted dramatically under the Abbott Government, and

(v) these shifts in the position of the Australian Government have caused diplomatic tensions with a number of countries, including the threat of potential sanctions; and

(b) calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop) to publicly acknowledge that:

(i) the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories are illegal and in breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention; and
(ii) East Jerusalem is an occupied territory.

281 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that over 500 000 Iraqis have been displaced in the past week due to the ongoing deadly conflict in their country;
(b) recognises that this is a humanitarian crisis that will have flow-on effects in our region; and
(c) calls on the Government to issue a moratorium on the return of any asylum seekers back to Iraq and offer a reprieve to those detained in immigration detention on Manus Island, Nauru and Christmas Island to allow them to apply for protection in Australia.

Notice given 18 June 2014

285 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that:
   (i) over 500 000 Iraqis have been displaced in the past week due to the ongoing deadly conflict in their country, and
   (ii) this is a humanitarian crisis that will have flow-on effects in our region;
(b) notes that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has called on countries around the world, including Australia, to assist with this humanitarian crisis; and
(c) calls on the Government to issue a moratorium on the return of any asylum seekers back to Iraq and offer a reprieve to those detained in immigration detention on Manus Island, Nauru and Christmas Island to allow them to apply for protection in Australia.

Notice given 23 June 2014

292 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—

(a) applauds the action taken by the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the International Court of Justice under Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty against the United States, Russia, China, France, the United Kingdom, India, Pakistan, Israel and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, for their failure to fulfil their obligations with respect to nuclear disarmament;
(b) notes that:
   (i) in taking this action, the Republic of the Marshall Islands is in effect acting on behalf of all the world’s peoples in upholding international law, and
   (ii) the effects of the use of even a small percentage of the 17 000 nuclear weapons currently operational would be catastrophic for society and the global climate, and could bring about the deaths of up to 2 billion people from nuclear winter-induced famine; and
(c) urges the Australian Government to join with the Marshall Islands legal action.

Notice given 26 June 2014

313 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the Government of Brunei Darussalam’s recently adopted penal code, which threatens the human rights of minority groups, including women, religious minorities and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals; and

(b) calls on the Government to insist that Brunei address these human rights violations as a condition of it participating any further in the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade negotiations.

Notice given 7 July 2014

318 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the Japanese Government’s determination to continue its lethal scientific whaling in the Southern Ocean in the name of research;

(b) calls on the Prime Minister (Mr Abbott) to:

(i) raise concerns with the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Abe, that Japan is moving to apply to reinstate a lethal scientific whaling program in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary, and

(ii) personally invite the Japanese to cooperate with Australian scientists on Australia’s non-lethal scientific whaling program; and

(c) calls on the Government to publicly condemn the consumption of whale meat.

Notice given 9 July 2014

335 Senator Moore: To move—That the Senate notes the Abbott Government’s cuts to higher education and their impact on regional students, families and universities.

336 Senator Moore: To move—That the Senate notes the Abbott Government’s decision to abolish important protections by regulation and leave consumers vulnerable to dodgy financial advice.

Notice given 14 July 2014

344 Senator Madigan: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the campaign to eliminate the spiritual practice of Falun Gong practitioners began on 20 July 1999, and 20 July 2014 marks the 15th year of persecution,

(ii) in violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment the persecution of Falun Gong in China continues,

(iii) in the first half of 2014, there have been 49 verified deaths of Falun Gong practitioners as a result of persecution, and

(iv) there are continuing reports that organ transplants are taking place in China without the free and informed consent of the donor, and remain a cause for grave concern; and

(b) calls on the Government to oppose internationally the persecution and organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners.

Notice given 26 August 2014
383 Senator Lambie: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to continue the Nation Building Program Roads to Recovery Program, and for related purposes. *Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment (Continuing Roads to Recovery) Bill 2014.*

*Notice given 1 September 2014*

408 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) increasing tensions and armed aggression by the Government of Russia in eastern Ukraine,
(ii) comments by Russian President, Mr Vladimir Putin, that ‘I want to remind you that Russia is one of the leading nuclear powers’, and
(iii) that Australia has already applied sanctions to the Russian Government in response to their actions in Ukraine; and
(b) calls on the Government to immediately cease uranium exports to Russia.

*Notice given 2 September 2014*

416 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—
(a) recognises that:
(i) millions of people have been forced to flee the ongoing deadly conflicts in Iraq and Syria, and
(ii) Australia must play its part in assisting those who are seeking protection from these atrocities; and
(b) calls on the Government to:
(i) issue a moratorium on the return of asylum seekers back to danger in Iraq and Syria, and
(ii) offer a reprieve to those detained in immigration detention centres to allow them to apply for protection in Australia.

*Notice given 24 September 2014*

450 Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus): To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the allegations by a former Queensland treasury official aired in *The Courier-Mail* concerning the possible manipulation of data by the Queensland State Government-owned company Energex to drive up the price of electricity paid by Queenslanders;
(b) calls on Energex and the Queensland Government to provide an explanation of how it has calculated the Weighted Average Cost of Capital, and how this measure has changed over time;
(c) expresses its concern about the impact of the profit margins of electricity companies on electricity prices; and
(d) calls for a Federal Government inquiry into the allegations.

453 Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) the Queensland Government has announced that it will use Queensland taxpayer funds to pay resource companies and port developers to dump dredge spoil in an area which would affect the nationally significant Caley Valley wetlands near Abbot Point,
(ii) this proposal would shift the costs of building the world’s largest coal port in the middle of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area from multinational mining companies and port developers to Queensland taxpayers, and

(iii) the Queensland Government has indicated that it will ask the Federal Government to contribute to the cost of paying resource companies and port developers; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to rule out allowing federal taxpayer funds to be used to pay resource companies or port developers to meet their obligations under environmental approvals, including at Abbot Point.

Notice given 25 September 2014

Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Queensland Government has announced that it will use Queensland taxpayer funds to pay resource companies and port developers to dump dredge spoil in an area which would affect the nationally significant Caley Valley wetlands near Abbot Point,

(ii) this proposal would shift the costs of building the world’s largest coal port in the middle of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area from mining companies and port developers to Queensland taxpayers, and

(iii) the Queensland Government has indicated that it will ask the Federal Government to contribute to the cost of paying resource companies and port developers; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to rule out allowing federal taxpayer funds to be used to pay resource companies or port developers to meet their obligations under environmental approvals, including at Abbot Point.

Notice given 1 October 2014

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the recent release of the Who Pays for our Common Wealth? report by Tax Justice Network and United Voice, and

(ii) that the report found that of Australia’s largest 200 companies, 29 per cent have an effective tax rate of 10 per cent or less, and 14 per cent have an effective tax rate of 0 per cent;

(b) recognises that instead of targeting the poor, the sick and the young with its cruel budget, the Government could raise billions in revenue if companies paid the full 30 per cent tax rate; and

(c) urges the Government:

(i) to act on corporate tax evasion in Australia immediately, rather than unnecessarily waiting for the G20 in November 2014, and

(ii) introduce legislation that requires Australian corporations to disclose all foreign subsidiaries in their financial statements.

Notice of motion altered on 1 October 2014 pursuant to standing order 77.

Senator Di Natale: To move—That the Senate—
(a) expresses concern over the audit of the National Medical Intern Data Management Working Group’s findings that approximately 240 Australian medical graduates will not be offered a state or territory internship position;

(b) notes that completing a medical internship is an essential process for a graduate to work as a doctor in Australia;

(c) recognises that:
   (i) medical internship opportunities are necessary to keep doctors in Australia and to address shortages across rural and regional Australia, and
   (ii) insufficient medical internship placements will impact on Australia’s ability to attract international students to Australian universities; and

(d) calls on the Government to expand funding to the Commonwealth Medical Initiative to guarantee an internship for all Australian medical students.

*467 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) children from New South Wales Aboriginal communities are being removed from their families at an unprecedented rate with more than 6 000 Aboriginal children, representing about one in 10 Aboriginal children, in out-of-home care in New South Wales,
   (ii) Grandmothers Against Removal, based in Gunnedah, was formed to highlight the process of removal used by the New South Wales Department of Community Services,
   (iii) Aboriginal children were forcibly removed from their home on 15 January 2014 in Moree by Community Services workers and police from the Operations Support Group, who handcuffed the children’s parents,
   (iv) these Aboriginal children have been subsequently returned to their family home, and
   (v) the New South Wales Government has failed to release film footage taken by the Operations Support Group inside the home of the children forcibly removed in Moree; and

(b) recognises that we all must do all in our power to stop the development of a new Stolen Generation.

*468 Senator Cameron: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) Australian Hearing Services has provided affordable hearing care services since 1947 and continues to provide services to over 450 000 children, young adults, Indigenous Australians, ex-service personnel and the elderly each year,
   (ii) Australian Hearing Services provides affordable hearing care services at 468 hearing services centres and visiting sites throughout Australia, including regional and remote areas,
   (iii) in the past 5 years Australian Hearing Services has paid the Government dividends totalling $22.8 million,
   (iv) the National Commission of Audit recommended that Australian Hearing be privatised, and
(v) the 2014-15 Federal Budget provides an appropriation for funding a scoping study on the privatisation of Australian Hearing, of which $437,500 has already been spent on consultancies;

(b) acknowledges that:

(i) government funding and support for the Australian Government Hearing Services Program and the role in its delivery carried out by Australian Hearing are necessary for the provision of affordable hearing care services to Australians who might not otherwise be able to afford hearing care, and

(ii) privatisation of Australian Hearing would place the effectiveness of the Australian Government Hearing Services Program in jeopardy; and

(c) calls on the Government to:

(i) reject the National Commission of Audit recommendation to privatise Australian Hearing,

(ii) provide adequate funding to ensure that the Australian Government Hearing Services Program continues at current capacity or greater,

(iii) ensure the research functions carried out by the National Acoustical Laboratories continue at current capacity or greater,

(iv) provide guarantees that the high standard of service delivery under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program is maintained and enhanced, and

(v) provide certainty to Australians living in regional and remote areas that their access to high quality, affordable hearing care services will not be diminished.

*469 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that the Government has included Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) clauses in the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement,

(ii) the concern about including ISDS clauses in trade agreements expressed by a number of legal experts, including Chief Justice French,

(iii) reports that ISDS clauses are being negotiated by parties to the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement, and

(iv) that United States multinational companies are the highest users of ISDS litigation; and

(b) acknowledges that agreeing to ISDS clauses in the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement will subject Australia to increased risk of litigation.

*470 Senator Di Natale: To move—That the Senate—

(a) expresses concern at the proposed sale of the $29 billion Medicare payment system, which will put thousands of jobs at risk and compromise service;

(b) notes that the sale will open the door for further privatisations within the Department of Human Services and other federal government agencies, including the Australian Taxation Office; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to protect Australian jobs and reject the privatisation of Medicare’s key administrative functions.

*471 Senator Ludwig: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Finance and Acting Assistant Treasurer (Senator Cormann), no later than 1 pm on
Monday, 27 October 2014, the advice obtained from the Australian Government Solicitor, as referred to on p. 7 of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee’s Delegated legislation monitor no. 12 of 2014, dated 24 September 2014, where the committee reported that the Minister for Finance and Acting Assistant Treasurer advised the committee that ‘The Australian Government Solicitor has advised that the Regulation has been made in accordance with the specific regulation-making powers in the Corporations Act…’.

*472 Senator Wright: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges the importance of manufacturing jobs created by Tindo Solar in South Australia;

(b) recognises:

(i) any changes to the Renewable Energy Target (RET) will put Tindo Solar under significant financial pressure and may jeopardise the company’s $6 million manufacturing facility,

(ii) the current RET has been effective for South Australia, delivering lower energy costs, encouraging billions of dollars of investment and creating thousands of jobs in the state, and

(iii) these jobs are at risk if the RET is lowered or abolished; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to give the South Australian renewable energy industry the confidence and certainty it needs by recommitting to the full RET.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) demolition work has begun to dismantle the remote community of Oombulgurri in Western Australia,

(ii) this demolition is being conducted without consultation or permission of residents and traditional owners, and

(iii) forcing people from communities and closing essential services does not address existing social issues or the underlying causes of disadvantage affecting communities; and

(b) calls for:

(i) the suspension of the demolition of Oombulgurri and for discussions to begin with residents and traditional owners, and

(ii) increased investment in services and support for remote communities.

*475 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the Attorney-General has stated that the Government would introduce legislation to support a mandatory data retention policy before the end of the 2014 calendar year,

(ii) the Government has not yet provided a full definition of metadata that would be covered under the policy, and

(iii) media reports suggest that the Attorney-General’s department has provided an updated discussion paper on the data retention issue to industry; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, no later than noon on Monday, 20 October 2014, the latest discussion paper on data
retention which has been distributed by the Attorney-General’s department to industry.

*476 Senator Rhiannon, the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne), Senator Moore and the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that the National Rugby League (NRL) grand final, to be held on Sunday 5 October 2014, between the two great clubs, South Sydney and Canterbury-Bankstown, will bring outstanding entertainment to thousands of supporters around the world,

(ii) the importance of family friendly scheduling for future grand finals, and

(iii) the importance of sport to the good health of the nation; and

(b) thanks the NRL players for another outstanding season of exciting football.

Orders of the Day

1 Transport—The Australian Government’s aviation safety regulation review—Ministerial statement

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sterle—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 2 December 2013).

2 Administration—Abbott Government

Adjourned debate on the motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)—That the Senate condemns the Coalition for its failure to honour its pre-election commitments to the Australian people (Senator Faulkner, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

3 Employment—Job losses

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate—

(a) condemns:

(i) the failure of the Government to:

(A) articulate a comprehensive innovation policy so that Australia has the high skill, high wage jobs of the future, and

(B) fight for Australian jobs,

(ii) the deliberate and hostile actions of the Government in bringing about the end of Australia’s automotive manufacturing sector threatening a further 50,000 jobs directly reliant and the 200,000 jobs that rely on it indirectly, and

(iii) the cowardice of the Government for blaming job losses on workers to distract from its own inaction and lack of any plan to deal with the crisis facing Australian manufacturing due to the strong dollar; and

(b) calls on the Government to immediately outline:

(i) its plans to support the 50,000 Australian workers who have lost their jobs since the election,

(ii) the industries in which it expects these workers to find new jobs, and
(iii) its plans to attract the billions in new investment, new jobs, new skills and new technologies to replace those lost in the automotive sector (Senator Back, in continuation, 13 February 2014).

4 Industry—Australian shipbuilding
Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate—
(a) recognises:
   (i) the vital contribution of the Australian shipbuilding industry as an employer, a storehouse of advanced manufacturing capabilities and a strategic asset, and
   (ii) the urgent need for the Government to bring forward project work to ensure continuity of industry development, growth and employment;
(b) is gravely concerned by:
   (i) the scheduled end of project work in three Australian shipyards in 2015,
   (ii) the severe consequences of the resulting project trough, including:
      (A) the retrenchment of more than 3 000 skilled workers,
      (B) the crippling of the shipbuilding supply chain, and
      (C) the forced closure of research projects and facilities supporting shipbuilding and advanced manufacturing,
   (iii) the heavy costs of rebuilding lost capabilities and retraining workers to meet future defence needs, and
   (iv) the threat to national security posed by the erosion of local capability; and
(c) calls on the Government to immediately:
   (i) identify suitable project work to be fast-tracked and make a public commitment to those projects with a revised timeframe for tendering and delivery,
   (ii) recognise that this cannot wait for the Defence White Paper process to be concluded, and
   (iii) incorporate the long-term opportunities for the Australian shipbuilding industry as a strategic priority in all future naval procurement plans (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

5 Senate—Western Australia—Election
Adjourned debate on the motion of Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)—That the Senate notes the upcoming Western Australian by-election will have significant implications for the people and the environment of Australia in the face of the Abbott Government (Senator Back, in continuation, 20 March 2014).

6 Industry—Economic Review of South Australia and Victoria—Order for production of documents
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Back, in continuation, 6 May 2014).

7 Administration—Commonwealth procurement policy
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Madigan—That the Senate calls on the Government to alter Commonwealth procurement policy in order to require all government departments to only use Australian made products where possible,
and, in particular, paper products (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 27 March 2014).

8 Teacher quality—Response from the Minister for Education (Mr Pyne) to a Senate resolution of 26 March 2014—Document
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Lines—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 May 2014).

9 Budget 2014-15
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate condemns the Abbott Government’s budget of twisted priorities and broken promises. (Senator O’Sullivan, in continuation, 15 May 2014).

10 Family and community services—Paid parental leave
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cameron—That the Senate—
(a) notes the division and dysfunction in the Coalition Government over the Prime Minister’s unaffordable and unfair Paid Parental Leave Scheme; and
(b) calls on the Government to release the details of the Prime Minister’s scheme, including its costs and modelling that quantifies productivity and distributional impacts (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 19 June 2014).

11 Budget 2014-15
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate notes the Government’s Budget is an affront to Australians’ sense of fairness (26 June 2014).

12 Education—Higher education funding
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate condemns the Abbott Government’s vicious cuts to higher education and the devastating impact they will have on regional students, families and universities. (Senator Lundy, in continuation, 10 July 2014).

13 Taxation—Bank levy
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Whish-Wilson—That the Senate is of the opinion that, rather than punishing the unemployed, sick, elderly, students and families, revenue should be raised through applying a ‘public insurance’ levy on the big four banks that are too big to fail. (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 4 September 2014).

14 Education—Schools funding—Response from the Minister for Education (Mr Pyne) to a Senate resolution of 14 July 2014—Document
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wright—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Carr, in continuation, 24 September 2014).

15 Science and technology—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Response from the Minister for Industry (Mr Macfarlane) to a Senate resolution of 1 September 2014—Document
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Carr, in continuation, 24 September 2014).

16 Administration—Establishment of a National Independent Commission Against Corruption
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Rhiannon—That the Senate calls on the Government to establish a National Independent Commission Against Corruption, delivered through an integrity commissioner, to ensure Australia is equipped with a national framework for the comprehensive prevention of corruption and misconduct, and to restore faith of the Australian people in the integrity of our democracy (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 25 September 2014).

Orders of the Day relating to Private Senators’ Bills

1 National Integrity Commission Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Milne)

2 Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Brown, in continuation, 25 September 2014).

3 Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)
   Second reading (restored 13 November 2013).

4 Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

5 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 13 November 2013).

6 Poker Machine Harm Reduction ($1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Moore, in continuation, 5 December 2013).

7 Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 5 December 2013).

10 Migration Amendment (Visa Maximum Numbers Determinations) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

11 Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (28 August 2014).

12 Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 10 December 2013).

13 Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 10 December 2013).

14 Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [2013]—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon and the Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Milne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 10 December 2013).

16 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

17 Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013—
(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (20 March 2014).

19 Adelaide Airport Curfew Amendment (Protecting Residents’ Amenity) Bill 2014—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Wright)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Wright, in continuation, 12 February 2014).

20 Great Barrier Reef Legislation Amendment Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Waters)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Waters, in continuation, 13 February 2014).

21 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Reducing Barriers for Minor Parties) Bill 2014—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Rhiannon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rhiannon, in continuation, 4 March 2014).

22 Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 4 March 2014).

23 Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Whish-Wilson)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 5 March 2014).

24 National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Urquhart)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 5 March 2014).

25 Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2014—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

27 Flags Amendment Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senators Madigan and Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Marshall, in continuation, 26 June 2014).

28 End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Rhiannon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rhiannon, in continuation, 18 March 2014).

29 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 28 August 2014).

30 Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Singh)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 June 2014).

31 Save Our Sharks Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 25 March 2014).

32 Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Rhiannon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rhiannon, in continuation, 27 March 2014).

33 Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Di Natale)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 27 March 2014).

34 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Alpine Grazing) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Di Natale)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 13 May 2014).

35 Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 15 May 2014).

36 Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Milne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Milne, in continuation, 10 July 2014).

37 Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Milne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Milne, in continuation, 27 August 2014).

38 Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Whish-Wilson)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 2 September 2014).

43 **Stop Dumping on the Great Barrier Reef Bill 2014**—*(Senate bill)*—(Senator Waters)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Waters, in continuation, 4 September 2014).

44 **Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014**—*(Senate bill)*—(Senators Day, Bernardi, Leyonhjelm and Smith)

45 **Migration Amendment (Humanitarian Visa Intake) Bill 2014**—*(Senate bill)*—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 25 September 2014).

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**DOCUMENTS**

**Order of the Day relating to Documents**

1. **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Act of Recognition Review Panel**—Final report by the Honourable John Anderson AO, Ms Tanya Hosch and Mr Richard Eccles
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (25 September 2014).

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES, AND AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS**

**Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses**

*1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**—Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement—Report
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the report *(Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 1 October 2014).*

2 **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**—Performance, importance and role of Australia Post in Australian communities and its operations in relation to licensed post offices—Final report
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ruston)—That the Senate take note of the report *(Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 25 September 2014).*

3 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**—Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 [Provisions] and Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget
Measures No. 2) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Interim and final reports and corrigendum to dissenting report from Opposition senators
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the reports (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 25 September 2014).

4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Industry structures and systems governing levies on grass-fed cattle—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Back—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 25 September 2014).

5 Northern Australia—Joint Select Committee—Pivot north: Inquiry into the development of northern Australia—Final report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the report (25 September 2014).

6 Environment and Communications References Committee—Management of the Great Barrier Reef—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Urquhart)—That the Senate take note of the report (25 September 2014).

7 Community Affairs References Committee—Prevalence of different types of speech, language and communication disorders and speech pathology services in Australia—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (25 September 2014).

8 Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014 [Provisions]—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Lines—That the Senate take note of the report (25 September 2014).

9 Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry: Tender process for the navy’s new supply ships (part 1)—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Dastyari)—That the Senate take note of the report (25 September 2014).

10 National Broadband Network—Select Committee—Interim report—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludlam—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 25 September 2014).

11 Community Affairs References Committee—Out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare—Interim and final reports
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Di Natale—That the Senate take note of the reports (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 25 September 2014).

12 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Commonwealth procurement procedures—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Lundy)—That the Senate take note of the report (25 September 2014).
13 School Funding—Select Committee—Equity and excellence in Australian schools—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Collins)—That the Senate take note of the report (25 September 2014).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the report (25 September 2014).

15 Education and Employment References Committee—Technical and further education system in Australia—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 25 September 2014).

16 Education and Employment References Committee—Government’s approach to re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Lines)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 25 September 2014).

Order of the Day relating to Auditor-General’s reports
1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 2 of 2014-15—Performance audit—Food security in remote Indigenous communities: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Consideration (25 September 2014).

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

By 3 pm on 2 October 2014
*64 Administration—Nauru Detention Centre—Order for production of documents
By the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, by 3 pm on Thursday, 2 October 2014, for the past 12 months, all incident reports logged concerning staff misconduct and complaints made to case workers concerning sexual assault, exploitation and child abuse. (Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 1 October 2014.)

By 4 pm on 2 October 2014
62 Transport—Victoria—East West Link—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, no later than 4 pm on 2 October 2014, certain documents held or prepared by Infrastructure Australia in relation to the East West Link project. (Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 25 September 2014.)
BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 17 October 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On the next day of sitting (27 October 2014)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the current requirements for labelling of seafood and seafood products.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014.

3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2014. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

4 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Manus Island Detention Centre.

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014—*(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)*
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 September 2014).

2 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014—*(Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator Cash)*
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 September 2014).

*3 Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Amendment Bill 2014
   Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Collection) Amendment Bill 2014—*(Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator Cash)*
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 October 2014).

*4 Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014—*(Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator Cash)*
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 October 2014).

General Business—Notice of Motion
Notice given 1 October 2014


On 28 October 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014—(Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Senator Ronaldson)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 September 2014).

2 Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 September 2014).

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

36 Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 18 June 2014).

On 29 October 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the National Landcare Program.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on illegal fishing.

3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

4 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**
Final report to be presented on the comprehensive revision of the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979.*

5 **Community Affairs References Committee**
Report to be presented on grandparents raising grandchildren.

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

37 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014**—*(Senate bill)*—(Senator Siewert)
Second reading—Adjourned debate *(Senator Siewert, in continuation, 24 June 2014).*

**On 30 October 2014**

**Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day**

1 **Economics References Committee**
Report to be presented on retail leasing.

2 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**
Report to be presented on abuse in Defence.

**On 24 November 2014**

**Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day**

1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
Report to be presented on agricultural sector levies.

2 **Economics Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

3 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

4 **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

5 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

**Government Business—Order of the Day**
1 National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 September 2014).

Seven sitting days after today (26 November 2014)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 3 September 2014

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Financial Management and Accountability Amendment (2014 Measures No. 6) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 107 and made under the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997, be disallowed [F2014L00841].

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

On 26 November 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on income inequality.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the Australian Federal Police – Oil for Food Taskforce.

3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014—(Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 September 2014).

On 27 November 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on affordable housing.

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

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 2 December 2014

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on illicit firearms.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 22 September 2014

434 Chair of the Procedure Committee (Senator Marshall): To move—That the order of the Senate of 21 March 2002 relating to photography in the Senate chamber cease to have effect on and from 30 September 2014.

Eleven sitting days after today (3 December 2014)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 September 2014

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 102 and made under the Corporations Act 2001, be disallowed [F2014L00891].

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

On 3 December 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on grain export networks.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on invasive species.

On 4 December 2014

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on public transport.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Final report to be presented on the Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Final report to be presented on the Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
4 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 December 2013

93 Senator Ludlam: To move—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979, and for related purposes. Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2014.

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

8 Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon andMadigan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 5 December 2013).

15 Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 11 December 2013).

18 Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 12 December 2013).

26 Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

On 5 February 2015

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

39 Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 16 July 2014).
By the second sitting week in February 2015

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on out of home care.

On 2 March 2015

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on violence against women.

On the tenth sitting day of 2015

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2014.

By the seventh sitting day in March 2015

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Department of Parliamentary Services.

By the last sitting day in March 2015

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 27 March 2015

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs—Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

On 31 March 2015

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on forestry managed investment schemes.

By the third last sitting day in June 2015

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s environment.

**On 30 June 2015**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Australia Fund Establishment—Joint Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

**As soon as practicable after 30 June each year**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee
   Annual report to be presented on the activities of the committee during the year.

**On 1 July 2015**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s naval ship building industry.

**By the first sitting day of July 2015**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s innovation system.

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

**On 31 August 2015**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

**On 20 June 2016**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Health—Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

2 Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts—Select Committee
Final report to be presented.

By not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings

Order for Production of Documents

53 Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Order for production of documents
By each minister in the Senate, in respect of each department or agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings, a statement in relation to questions taken on notice during the previous round of estimates hearings. (Motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 25 June 2014.)

Within one month of the tabling of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on the proposed agreement

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on the proposed Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

No later than 24 hours after an event relating to ‘on water operations’

Order for Production of Documents

32 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Ministerial briefings and correspondence—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than 24 hours after an event relating to ‘on water operations’, all communications relating to that event. (Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 14 November 2013; document received 18 November 2013 and tabled 2 December 2013; documents tabled 2 December 2013; motion in relation to compliance agreed to 3 December 2013; document tabled 4 December 2013.)

At least 14 days before a free trade agreement is signed by the Government

Order for Production of Documents

38 Trade—Free trade agreements—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, the full text of the proposed Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and other bilateral and plurilateral trade agreements at least 14 days before signing. (Motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 11 December 2013; document tabled 12 December 2013.)
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 National Broadband Network—Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 26 June 2014; reporting date varied 17 July 2014; reporting date: 29 October 2014).

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 August 2014; reporting date: 27 October 2014).

Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 25 September 2014; reporting date: 24 November 2014).

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 20 March 2014; reporting date varied 17 June and 15 July 2014; reporting date: 4 December 2014).

Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 September 2014; reporting date: 17 October 2014).

Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date varied 4 March 2014; interim report received 28 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014; final reporting date: 4 December 2014).

Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred upon the introduction of the bill, 12 December 2013; bill introduced 12 December 2013; reporting date varied 12 February 2014; interim report received 28 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014; final reporting date: 4 December 2014).

Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 August 2014; reporting date: 5 February 2015).

Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 4 September 2014; reporting date: 28 October 2014).

Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 25 September 2014; reporting date: 26 November 2014).
Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 September 2014; reporting date: 24 November 2014).

Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives, 25 September 2014; bill introduced 25 September 2014; reporting date: 27 November 2014).

Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 19 June 2014; reporting date: 28 October 2014).

National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred upon the introduction of the bill, 25 September 2014; bill introduced 25 September 2014; reporting date: 24 November 2014).

Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date varied 17 June and 15 July 2014; reporting date: 4 December 2014).

Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives, 25 September 2014; bill introduced 25 September 2014; reporting date: 24 November 2014).

Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 25 September 2014; reporting date: 28 October 2014).

Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Senate Bills List.
‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills
Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Second reading negatived, 18 June 2014.

Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013
Second reading negatived, 10 December 2013.

Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Second reading negatived, 9 July 2014.
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013

Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Question that the bills be agreed to was negatived in committee of the whole, 10 July 2014.

Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013
Second reading negatived, 3 March 2014.

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013
Second reading negatived, 14 May 2014.

Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Stronger Penalties for Serious Failures) Bill 2014
Second reading negatived, 3 September 2014.

Private senators’ bills

Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)
Second reading negatived, 4 September 2014.

Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)
Second reading negatived, 6 March 2014.
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 126, 183, 184, 260, 282, 325, 371 to 376, 420, 421, 423, 424, 426 to 429, 432, 434, 444, 450, 451, 454, 459, 528, 529, 533, 545, 567 to 569, 576, 581, 583, 586 to 588, 593, 616, 632, 638, 639, 698, 705, 706, 709, 711, 719, 734, 743, 753, 755, 756, 767 to 769, 771, 773, 779, 780, 784 to 796, 798 to 802, 804, 806, 811, 815, 817, 819, 820, 822, 827 to 830, 833, 834, 843, 846 to 850, 853, 855 to 859, 861 to 866, 868, 869, 871 to 873 and 875 to 882

Question Nos, as shown, from 126 to 829 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/SenateQON.

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Comprehensive estimates information, including reports presented, questions taken on notice and answers received is published online at www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates

2013-14 supplementary Budget estimates

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2013-14 supplementary Budget estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications .......................................... Friday, 17 January 2014
- Finance and Public Administration .......................................... Friday, 17 January 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs ............................................. Thursday, 16 January 2014
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport.................................. Friday, 10 January 2014

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs............................................................... Friday, 24 January 2014
- Economics ................................................................. Friday, 17 January 2014
- Education and Employment..................................................... Wednesday, 15 January 2014
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade .......................................... Friday, 17 January 2014

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

2013-14 additional estimates

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2013-14 additional estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications ................................ ..... Friday, 11 April 2014
- Finance and Public Administration .......................................... Friday, 11 April 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs ............................................ Wednesday, 23 April 2014
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport.............................. Thursday, 17 April 2014

**Group B:**
2014-15 Budget estimates
The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2014-15 Budget estimates are as follows:

Group A:
- Environment and Communications ........................................... Friday, 11 July 2014
- Finance and Public Administration ........................................... Friday, 11 July 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs .............................................. Friday, 25 July 2014
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport ................................ Friday, 25 July 2014

Group B:
- Community Affairs ................................................................. Friday, 25 July 2014
- Economics ................................................................................. Friday, 25 July 2014
- Education and Employment ..................................................... Friday, 25 July 2014
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ........................................... Friday, 25 July 2014

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

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Temporary orders and changes to standing orders

1 Closing the Gap—Prime Minister’s annual report
That the Senate—
(a) notes the national framework agreed to by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in 2008 to tackle Indigenous disadvantage and the six priority areas for change identified by COAG;
(b) further notes that there have been five annual reports by the Prime Minister to the Australian Parliament on progress in meeting these Closing the Gap targets;
(c) is of the view that the presentation of these annual reports should be marked by a special parliamentary procedure in recognition of the significance of these initiatives to all Australians;
(d) therefore proposes to the House of Representatives that it consider marking the presentation of the Prime Minister’s annual report on Closing the Gap by:

(i) hosting a meeting of the House to which senators are invited in a similar manner as senators are invited to attend addresses by foreign Heads of State, and

(ii) inviting senior Indigenous leaders to be present when the Prime Minister’s annual report is presented; and

(e) resolves that, on its presentation to the Senate, the Prime Minister’s annual report on Closing the Gap and accompanying ministerial statement be listed for consideration as a government business order of the day, and that the Government undertake to provide for at least 2 hours consideration of the statement during government business time.

(Agreed to 12 December 2013.)

2 Consideration of private senators’ bills—Temporary order

That:

(a) standing orders 55(1), 57(1)(d) and 59 be modified as follows to provide for the consideration of general business orders of the day relating to bills on Thursdays from 9.30 am for not more than 2 hours and 20 minutes; and

(b) this order operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2015 with effect from 7 July 2014.

55 Times of meetings

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 12.30 pm – adjournment
Wednesday 9.30 am – 8 pm
Thursday 9.30 am – 8.40 pm

57 Routine of business

The routine of business shall be:

(d) On Thursday:

(i) Petitions
(ii) Notices of motion
(iii) Postponement and rearrangement of business
(iv) Formal motions – discovery of formal business
(v) Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4)
(vi) Government business
(vii) At 12.45 pm, non-controversial government business only
(viii) At 2 pm, questions
(ix) Motions to take note of answers
(x) Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency
(xi) Not later than 4.30 pm, general business
(xii) Not later than 6 pm, consideration of government documents under general business

(xiii) Not later than 7 pm, consideration of committee reports and government responses under standing order 62(1)

(xiv) At 8 pm, adjournment proposed

(xv) At 8.40 pm, adjournment.

59 Government and general business

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

(a) from 9.30 am, for a period not exceeding 2 hours and 20 minutes, 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, and general business orders of the day shall take precedence over general business notices of motion on alternate Thursdays.

(Agreed to 22 November 2010 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s fourth report of 2010; continuation of temporary order agreed to 12 May and 24 November 2011, 27 June 2012 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2012, 6 February 2013, 14 November 2013; continuation of temporary order amended and agreed to 24 June 2014.)

3 Legislation committees—Estimates hearings—Amendment of standing order 26

That standing order 26 be amended as follows:

At the end of paragraph (4), add:

If a senator has further explanations to seek, items of expenditure shall not be closed for examination unless the senator has agreed to submit written questions or the committee has agreed to schedule additional hearings for that purpose.

(Agreed to 25 June 2014.)

4 Legislation committees—Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Amendment of standing order 74

That standing order 74(5) be amended as follows, with effect from the first sitting day in July 2014:

Omit paragraph 74(5), substitute:

(5) If a minister does not answer a question on notice asked by a senator within 30 days of the asking of that question, or if a question taken on notice during a hearing of a legislative and general purpose standing committee considering estimates remains unanswered after the day set for answering the question, and a minister does not, within that period, provide to the senator who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that senator of why an answer has not yet been provided:

(a) at the conclusion of question time on any day after that period, the senator may ask the relevant minister for such an explanation; and

(b) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice—that the Senate take note of the explanation; or

(c) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the minister’s failure to provide either an answer or an explanation.
Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2014 be as follows:

**Autumn sittings:**
- Tuesday, 11 February to Thursday, 13 February
- Monday, 3 March to Thursday, 6 March
- Monday, 17 March to Thursday, 20 March
- Monday, 24 March to Thursday, 27 March

**Budget sittings:**
- Tuesday, 13 May to Thursday, 15 May

**Winter sittings:**
- Monday, 16 June to Thursday, 19 June
- Monday, 23 June to Thursday, 26 June
- Monday, 7 July to Thursday, 10 July
- Monday, 14 July to Thursday, 17 July

**Spring sittings:**
- Tuesday, 26 August to Thursday, 28 August
- Monday, 1 September to Thursday, 4 September
- Monday, 22 September to Thursday, 25 September
- Tuesday, 30 September to Thursday, 2 October

**Spring sittings (2):**
- Monday, 27 October to Thursday, 30 October

**Spring sittings (3):**
- Monday, 24 November to Thursday, 27 November
- Monday, 1 December to Thursday, 4 December.

Modified rules for question time—Amendment of standing order 72

That standing order 72 be amended, with effect from the next day of sitting, as follows:

Omit paragraph (3), substitute:

(3) (a) The asking of each primary question shall not exceed one minute and answers to them shall not exceed two minutes.

(b) Two supplementary questions shall be allowed to each questioner, each supplementary question shall be limited to thirty seconds and the answers to them shall be limited to one minute each.

(c) Answers shall be directly relevant to each question.

Routine of business—Amendment of standing orders 33, 38, 54, 55, 57, 61, 62, 67 and 169—Temporary order

That the proposed amendments of standing orders contained in Appendix 1 of the Procedure Committee’s Third report of 2014 in relation to the following matters:

(a) consolidation of opportunities for tabling and considering documents;

(b) consolidation of opportunities for tabling and considering committee reports;

(c) streamlined procedures for routine extensions of time for committees to report;
(d) streamlined procedures for authorising committees to meet during the
sitting of the Senate;

(e) proposals under standing order 75 on Thursdays;

(f) changes to the adjournment debate; and

(g) Senators’ statements on Wednesdays at 12.45 pm;

operate as temporary orders until 30 June 2015, with effect from 30 September
2014:

Proposed amendments of standing orders contained in Appendix 1 of the
Procedure Committee’s Third report of 2014

(1) Consolidation of opportunities for tabling and considering documents –
standing order 61

Omit paragraph (1), substitute:

(1) (a) On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, documents presented
by the President or by a minister shall be considered
pursuant to this standing order at the time provided.

(b) Immediately after prayers on any day when consideration of
documents occurs, the President or a minister may present
documents by handing them to the Clerk without any
announcement to the Senate, and the presentation of such
documents shall be reported to the Senate by the President
when the consideration of documents is called on under this
standing order.

(c) Documents presented on Monday and not called on on
Monday may be considered on Tuesday after the documents
presented on that day, and documents presented on Monday
and Tuesday and not called on on either day may be
considered on Wednesday after documents presented on
that day.

(2) Consolidation of opportunities for tabling and considering committee
reports – standing order 62 and 38

Standing order 62, omit paragraph (4), substitute:

(4) (a) If a committee report or government response to a report is
presented at the time provided on Tuesday, Wednesday or
Thursday, a motion may be moved relating to the report or
response.

(b) A senator speaking to such a motion shall not speak for
more than 10 minutes, and debate on all such motions shall
not exceed 60 minutes.

(c) If a debate is not concluded at the expiration of that time the
debate shall be made an order of the day for Thursday at the
time for consideration of committee reports and government
responses.

Standing order 38, omit paragraph (7), substitute:

(7) If the Senate is not sitting when a committee has prepared a report
for presentation, the committee may provide the report to the
President or, if the President is unable to act, to the Deputy
President, or, if the Deputy President is unavailable, to any one of
the Temporary Chairs of Committees, and, on the provision of the
report:
(a) the report shall be deemed to have been presented to the Senate;
(b) the publication of the report is authorised by this standing order;
(c) the President, the Deputy President, or the Temporary Chair of Committees, as the case may be, may give directions for the printing and circulation of the report; and
(d) the presentation of the report shall be recorded in the Journals of the Senate for the next sitting; and
(e) the report may be considered under standing order 62(4) at the next available opportunity after any reports presented that day.

(3) Consequential amendments in relation to documents and committee reports

(a) Standing order 57(1), in relation to documents
On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, after Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency, insert:
Consideration of documents under standing order 61 for up to 30 minutes
On Tuesday and Wednesday, omit:
At 6.50 pm, consideration of government documents for up to 30 minutes under standing order 61.

(b) Standing order 57(1), in relation to committee reports
On Tuesday, after Consideration of documents under standing order 61 for up to 30 minutes, insert:
Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4) for up to 60 minutes
On Thursday, after Discovery of formal business, omit:
Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4)
On Thursday, after Motions to take note of answers, insert:
Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4) for up to 60 minutes

(c) Standing order 169, in relation to motions after tabling
Omit paragraph (2), substitute:
(2) Where a motion is moved by leave in relation to a document or committee report presented to the Senate, including a document or committee report presented to the President when the Senate is not sitting, a senator speaking to such a motion shall not speak for more than the time provided for a document or committee report under standing order 61 or 62, as the case requires, and debate on the motion shall not exceed a multiple of three times the applicable speaking time limit; where 2 or more such motions are moved in succession, debate on all motions shall not exceed a multiple of six times the applicable speaking time limit.

(4) Streamlined procedure for routine extension of time for a committee to report – standing order 67
Omit the standing order, substitute:
A senator, including a committee chair, who wishes to postpone a notice or order of the day of which the senator (or the committee) is in charge shall, before the time for postponement of business, deliver to the Clerk written notification of the postponement. At that time the Clerk shall read a list of such items, and they shall then be taken to be postponed accordingly, but, at the request of any senator, the question for the postponement of an item shall be put to the Senate for determination without amendment or debate.

This standing order does not apply to an order of the day for the presentation of a report of a select committee.

(5) **Streamlined procedure for authorising committees to meet during the sitting of the Senate – standing order 33**

At the end of standing order 33, add:

(5) For the purpose of paragraph (3), a committee that seeks to meet contrary to this standing order may deliver a notice in writing to the Clerk, signed by the chair of the committee, setting out the particulars of the meeting proposed to be held. Immediately after prayers on any day, the Clerk shall read a list of such proposals and they shall be taken to be approved accordingly but, at the request of any senator, the question for authorisation of a particular meeting contrary to this standing order shall be put to the Senate for determination without amendment or debate.

(6) **MPI on Thursday – standing order 57**

Standing order 57(1), Thursday, omit “Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency”.

(7) **Adjournment – standing order 54**

Omit paragraphs (5) and (6), substitute:

(5) On Monday and 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 10 minutes. On Tuesday at the expiration of 2 hours and 10 minutes, on Thursday 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.

(5A) On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator shall speak to that question for not more than 5 minutes, but 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.

(6) On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, a senator shall speak to that question for not more than 5 minutes, except in accordance with the following paragraphs:

(a) 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; and

(b) if no other senator wishes to speak under paragraph (a), a senator who has not already spoken may speak for up to 20 minutes.

(8) **Consequential amendments in relation to the adjournment**

(a) **Standing order 55**

Omit paragraph (1), substitute:
(1) The days and times of meeting of the Senate in each sitting week shall be:
   Monday 12.30 pm* – 6.30 pm, 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm
   Tuesday 12.30 pm – 9.30 pm
   Wednesday 9.30 am – 8 pm
   Thursday 9.30 am – adjournment.
   (*note that under another temporary order, this time has been changed to 10 am)

(b) **Standing order 57(1)**
   On Tuesday, insert “At 9.30 pm,” before “adjournment”.
   On Thursday, omit “At 8.40 pm, adjournment”, substitute “Adjournment”.

(9) **Senators’ statements – standing order 57**
   Omit paragraph (2), substitute:
   (2) On Wednesday, at 12.45 pm till 2 pm senators may make statements without any question before the chair, provided that a senator shall not speak for more than 10 minutes, and if a division is called for, the division shall be taken at a later hour of the day, not being earlier than 2 pm.
   (Agreed to 24 September 2014.)

8 **Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—Amendment of standing orders 24(1)(a), 24(1)(b), 24(1), 24(5), 24(7), 24(8) and 25(2)**
   That the amendments to standing orders set out in Attachment B of the Procedure Committee’s *First report of 2014* (see below) be adopted, with effect from the next day of sitting.

   *Extract from Attachment B of the Procedure Committee’s First report of 2014*

   **Standing order 24(1)(a)**: After “Senate”, insert “or the provisions of bills not yet before the Senate”.

   Omit **standing order 24(1)(b)**, substitute:
   (b) The committee, for the purpose of reporting on its terms of reference, may consider any proposed law or other document or information available to it, including an exposure draft of proposed legislation, notwithstanding that such proposed law, document or information has not been presented to the Senate.

   At the end of **standing order 24(1)**, add:
   (c) The committee, for the purpose of reporting on term of reference (a)(iv), shall take into account the extent to which a proposed law relies on delegated legislation and whether a draft of that legislation is available to the Senate at the time the bill is considered.

   Omit **standing order 24(5)**, substitute:
   (5) The committee shall elect as deputy chair a member appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and the member so elected shall act as chair of the committee when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee.
Standing order 24(7): Omit “in private session”, substitute “and transact business in public or private session”.

After standing order 24(8), insert:

(8A) The committee shall be empowered to print from day to day any of its documents and evidence. A daily Hansard shall be published of public proceedings of the committee.

After standing order 25(2), insert:

(2A) The legislation committees, when examining bills or draft bills, shall take into account any comments on the bills published by the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills.

(Agreed to 15 July 2014.)

Committees

9 Amendment of committee names; Allocation of departments

(1) That standing order 25(1) be amended as follows:
Omit ‘Education, Employment and Workplace Relations’
Substitute ‘Education and Employment’.

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

- Community Affairs
- Health
- Social Services, including Human Services
- Economics
- Industry
- Treasury
- Education and Employment
- Education
- Employment
- Environment and Communications
- Communications
- Environment
- Finance and Public Administration
- Finance
- Parliament
- Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
- Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs
- Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Attorney-General
- Immigration and Border Protection
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
- Agriculture
- Infrastructure and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 13 November 2013.)

10 Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—Joint Select Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate from 10.30 am, as follows:
  (a) Wednesday, 3 September 2014;
  (b) Wednesday, 1 October 2014;
  (c) Wednesday, 29 October 2014; and
  (d) Wednesday, 3 December 2014.
(Agreed to 27 August 2014.)

11 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate from 11.30 am, as follows:
  (a) Monday, 1 September 2014;
  (b) Monday, 22 September 2014;
  (c) Monday, 27 October 2014; and
  (d) Monday, 24 November 2014.
(Agreed to 27 August 2014.)

12 Economics Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Economics Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 2 October 2014, from 9.30 am to noon, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014.
(Agreed to 25 September 2014.)

13 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Authorisation to publish unpublished committee documents
(1) That the Senate authorises the publication of the unpublished documents provided to the former Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee by Fair Work Australia in relation to the Fair Work Australia report, Investigation into the National Office of the Health Services Union under section 331 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.
(2) That, in taking the unusual step of ordering the publication of in camera evidence, the Senate notes:
   (a) the sensitivity of much of the material has been diminished by the passage of time and the disclosure of these matters in criminal proceedings or in the Fair Work Australia report; and
   (b) publication is not inconsistent with the Senate’s well-established principles on the application of the sub judice convention or with any of the usual grounds on which Senate committees would generally decline to publish evidence.
(Agreed to 4 March 2014.)

14 Health—Select Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Select Committee on Health be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:
(a) Tuesday, 30 September 2014, from 4.30 pm to 6 pm;
(b) Wednesday, 1 October 2014, from 12.45 pm to 2 pm, and from 4.30 pm to 7 pm; and
(c) Thursday, 2 October 2014, from 9 am to 12.30 pm, and from 3 pm to 5.30 pm.
(Agreed to 25 September 2014.)

15 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Standing order 25(9)—Determination of chair
That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:
(a) that the chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs 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.)

16 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:
(a) Thursday, 25 September 2014;
(b) Thursday, 2 October 2014;
(c) Thursday, 30 October 2014;
(d) Thursday, 27 November 2014; and
(e) Thursday, 4 December 2014.
(Agreed to 23 September 2014.)

17 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation
That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as amicus curiae if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O’Chee is set down for trial.
(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)

18 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), during the sittings of the Senate, from 10.30 am, as follows:
(a) Thursday, 25 September 2014;
(b) Thursday, 2 October 2014;
(c) Thursday, 30 October 2014, followed by a public meeting;
(d) Thursday, 27 November 2014, followed by a public meeting; and
(e) Thursday, 4 December 2014, followed by a public meeting.
(Agreed to 2 September 2014.)

19 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), followed by public meetings, during the sittings of the Senate, from 11 am to 1 pm, as follows:

(a) Monday, 1 September 2014;
(b) Monday, 22 September 2014;
(c) Monday, 27 October 2014;
(d) Monday, 24 November 2014; and
(e) Monday, 1 December 2014.

(Agreed to 10 July 2014.)

Estimates

20 2013-14 additional estimates—2014-15 Budget estimates—Hearings

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2014 be scheduled as follows:

2013-14 additional estimates:
Monday, 24 February and Tuesday, 25 February, and, if required, Friday, 28 February (Group A)
Wednesday, 26 February and Thursday, 27 February, and, if required, Friday, 28 February (Group B)

2014-15 Budget estimates:
Monday, 26 May to Thursday, 29 May, and, if required, Friday, 30 May (Group A)
Monday, 2 June to Thursday, 5 June, and, if required, Friday, 6 June (Group B)
Monday, 20 October and Tuesday, 21 October, and, if required, Friday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 22 October and Thursday, 23 October, and, if required, Friday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(1A) That an additional hearing of a committee considering estimates is taken to be required where any 3 members of the committee notify the chair of the requirement, in writing.

(1B) That paragraph (1A) operate subject to the restriction in standing order 26(3) that not more than 4 committees shall hear evidence on the estimates simultaneously.

(2) That pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 28 February, Friday, 30 May and Friday, 24 October.

(2A) On the specified Mondays to Thursdays, committees shall meet from 9 am till 11 pm unless a committee completes its examination of items of proposed expenditure earlier and no senator has further explanations to seek.

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

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

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

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

(a) Tuesday, 18 March 2014 in respect of the 2013-14 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 24 June 2014 in respect of the 2014-15 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 4 December 2013; amended 13 February and 25 June 2014.)

21 Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Unanswered estimates questions

That answers be provided by 13 January 2014 to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee in respect of estimates questions to the Department of Education lodged with its predecessor committee in the course of the Budget estimates hearings in June 2013 which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament.

(Agreed to 12 December 2013.)

22 Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Order for production of documents—Order of continuing effect

That—

1. There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each department or agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings, a statement showing:

(a) the number of questions taken on notice at the previous round of estimates hearings;

(b) the number of answers provided to the committee by the date set by the committee for answers; and

(c) of those answers not provided to the committee by the due date, the dates on which answers were provided to the approving minister’s office.

2. If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.

3. This order is of continuing effect.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 25 June 2014.)

23 Legislation committees—Estimates hearings—Accountability

That the Senate—

(a) reaffirms:

(i) the principle, stated previously in resolutions of 9 December 1971, 23 October 1974, 18 September 1980, 4 June 1984, 29 May 1997 and 25 June 1998, that there are no areas in connection with the expenditure of public funds where any person has a discretion to
withhold details or explanations from the Parliament or its committees unless the Parliament has expressly provided otherwise;

(ii) its expectation that officers, including agency heads, will appear before committees in fulfilment of their accountability obligations, whenever their presence is requested by committees;

(b) in relation to the provision of exceptions to the general principle reaffirmed in paragraph (a), notes and reaffirms:

(i) Privilege Resolution 1(16) which provides that an officer of a department of the Commonwealth or of a state shall not be asked to give opinions on matters of policy, and shall be given reasonable opportunity to refer questions asked of the officer to superior officers or to a minister;

(ii) the resolution of 16 July 1975, relating to the powers of the Senate and the accountability of witnesses, and requiring any claim to withhold information from the Senate to be based on an established ground; and

(iii) the order of 13 May 2009 setting out the proper process for raising public interest immunity claims;

(c) notes that:

(i) the statutory values which Australian Public Service agency heads and employees are required to uphold include a requirement to be open and accountable to the Australian community under the law and within the framework of ministerial responsibility; and

(ii) the Constitutional framework of checks and balances under a separation of powers places the Parliament in prime position as the agent of accountability, representing the Australian people;

(d) calls on the Government to issue a general instruction to all public service agency heads and employees about their duty to cooperate with parliamentary committee inquiries, including by formalising the revised guidelines for official witnesses appearing before parliamentary committees (last issued in 1989), a revised draft of which was provided to the Committee of Privileges in 2012 and considered in its 153rd Report; and

(e) requires:

(i) the chairs of legislation committees considering estimates to draw the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this resolution to the attention of any witness who declines to provide information to a committee on any basis other than those specified; and

(ii) the Clerk to draw this resolution, and the resolutions referred to in paragraph (b), to the attention of the heads of all agencies appearing before legislation committees, prior to each round of estimates.

(Agreed to 25 June 2014.)

24 Legislation committees—Estimates hearings—Additional hearings—Order of continuing effect

(1) That, for the purposes of any order setting out a schedule of estimates hearings by legislation committees:

(a) if the order provides for hearings, if required, on a designated Friday, an additional hearing of a committee is taken to be required on that Friday if any 3 members of the committee notify the chair in writing of a requirement for the committee to meet, including for a specified period of time;
(b) if the order does not provide for hearings, if required, on a designated Friday, an additional hearing of a committee is taken to be required on a relevant Friday if any 3 members of the committee notify the chair in writing of a requirement for the committee to meet, including for a specified period of time.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a relevant Friday means any of the following, as the case requires:
   (a) for additional estimates hearings, the Friday of a week in which committees in Groups A and B are scheduled to meet;
   (b) for Budget estimates hearings, the Friday of a week in which committees in Group A are scheduled to meet;
   (c) for Budget estimates hearings, the Friday of a week in which committees in Group B are scheduled to meet;
   (d) for supplementary Budget estimates hearings, the Friday of a week in which committees in Groups A and B are scheduled to meet.

(3) The operation of this order is subject to the restriction in standing order 26(3) that not more than 4 committees shall hear evidence on the estimates simultaneously.

(4) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 25 June 2014.)

25 Legislation committees—Estimates hearings—Additional hearings—Order of continuing effect

(1) That an additional hearing of a legislation committee considering estimates is taken to be required if any 3 members of the committee notify the chair in writing of a requirement for the committee to meet for that purpose, including for a specified period of time.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), an additional hearing means a hearing in addition to any hearing required by, or pursuant to, an order of the Senate setting out days for legislation committees to meet to consider estimates or providing for such meetings to be held on spill-over days.

(3) The operation of this order is subject to the restriction in standing order 26(3) that not more than 4 committees shall hear evidence on the estimates simultaneously.

(4) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 25 June 2014.)

Legislation

26 Senate consideration—Private senators’ bills

That the following general business orders of the day be considered on Thursday, 2 October 2014 under the temporary order relating to the consideration of private senators’ bills:

No. 44 Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014
No. 29 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014.

(Agreed to 25 September 2014.)

Senate
27 Powers—Freedom of Information Act provisions

That the Senate—

(a) notes the frequency with which freedom of information legislation is invoked to withhold information from senators and the Senate, not only by reference to grounds of exemption in the legislation but also apparently on the basis that an answer will not be provided if a Freedom of Information (FOI) request has been lodged for the same information;

(b) recalls the observations of the Procedure Committee in its Third Report of 1992 that:
- (i) there is no basis in law for the application of the FOI Act to the production of documents to a House;
- (ii) if a minister were to regard all of the exemption provisions in the FOI Act as grounds on which to claim a privilege against disclosure of information to a House, this would considerably expand the grounds of executive privilege hitherto claimed;
- (iii) the use of the provisions of the FOI Act as a checklist of grounds for non-disclosure does not relieve a minister of the responsibility of carefully considering whether the minister should seek to withhold documents from a House, or from considering the question in the context of the importance of the matters under examination by the House;

(c) resolves that the same principles apply to the provision of information to committees in response to questions asked by senators, which require the same careful consideration by ministers;

(d) declares 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.

(Agreed to 25 June 2014.)

28 Senate chamber—Seating

That paragraph (1) of the order of the Senate of 18 May 1993 relating to the provision of seating on the floor of the Senate for members of the House of Representatives be amended by omitting, “in front of the broadcasting booth”.

(Agreed to 24 September 2014.)

Orders for production of documents

29 Taxation—Minerals Resource Rent Tax—Monthly revenue collection updates—Order for production of documents—Order of continuing effect

(1) That the Senate calls on the Government to explain its continuing failure to provide monthly updates of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax revenue collections as promised.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than noon on the 30th day of every month, information relating to the MRRT revenue collected by the Government in the preceding calendar month, broken down by state or territory of collection and by commodity type.

(3) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.
(4) This order is of continuing effect.

(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 11 September 2012; document presented 28 September 2012 and tabled 9 October 2012.)

30 Finance—Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund—Grant—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than 2 pm on Thursday, 14 November 2013, all documents relating to the decision to grant $8.8 billion to the Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund, including, but not limited to, documents produced by and/or for, and communications to and/or from the following:

(a) the Treasurer;
(b) the office of the Treasurer;
(c) the Treasury;
(d) the Prime Minister;
(e) the office of the Prime Minister;
(f) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet;
(g) members of the board of the Reserve Bank of Australia; and
(h) the Reserve Bank of Australia.

(Motion of Senator Cameron agreed to 13 November 2013; document tabled 14 November 2013.)

31 Environment—Response to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and COP 19 negotiating instructions—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Abetz), by 5 December 2013, the following documents:

(a) the Government’s response to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 5th Assessment report; and
(b) the Government’s negotiating instructions to the Australian delegation to the nineteenth session of the Conference of Parties [COP 19] of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Warsaw, November 2013.

(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) agreed to 13 November 2013.)

32 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Ministerial briefings and correspondence—Order for production of documents

That—

(a) all communications relating to any ‘on water operations’ that occurred between 7 September 2013 and 14 November 2013 be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, by noon on 18 November 2013, including but not limited to:

Any report or briefing to, or email or other correspondence between the Minister or the Minister’s office and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Detection, Interception and Transfer Task Group and related agencies which includes information related to any or all of the following:

(i) the chronology of events,
(ii) ‘illegal maritime arrivals’ (unauthorised arrivals),
(iii) Suspected Irregular Entry Vessels (SIEVs) intercepted at sea,
(iv) distress calls to and response time by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority,
(v) where the SIEV was detected,
(vi) nationality of passengers,
(vii) safety-of-life-at-sea incidents,
(viii) SIEV turn backs,
(ix) SIEV tow backs,
(x) number of people suspected to be on board the SIEVs,
(xi) the number of children suspected to be on board the SIEVs, and
(xii) how many people, if any, were subject to ‘on water transfers’;
(b) no later than 24 hours after an event relating to ‘on water operations’ all communications be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, including but not limited to:

Any report or briefing to, or email or other correspondence between the Minister or the Minister’s office and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Detection, Interception and Transfer Task Group and related agencies which includes information related to any or all of the following information:

(i) the chronology of events,
(ii) ‘illegal maritime arrivals’ (unauthorised arrivals),
(iii) Suspected Irregular Entry Vessels (SIEVs) intercepted at sea,
(iv) distress calls to and response time by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority,
(v) where the SIEV was detected,
(vi) nationality of passengers,
(vii) safety-of-life-at-sea incidents,
(viii) SIEV turn backs,
(ix) SIEV tow backs,
(x) number of people suspected to be on board the SIEVs,
(xi) the number of children suspected to be on board the SIEVs, and
(xii) how many people, if any, were subject to ‘on water transfers’; and
(c) if the Senate is not sitting within the 24 hours after the event relating to ‘on water operations’ then the documents are to be presented to the President under standing order 166 on the next working day.

(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 14 November 2013; document received 18 November 2013 and tabled 2 December 2013; documents tabled 2 December 2013; motion in relation to compliance agreed to 3 December 2013; document tabled 4 December 2013.)

33 Transport—East West Link—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by noon on Wednesday, 11 December 2013, by Infrastructure Australia or the Infrastructure Coordinator, all documents in relation to the East West Link project provided to Infrastructure Australia by the Victorian Government, in particular, but not restricted to, the full business case.

(Motion of Senator Di Natale agreed to 2 December 2013; document tabled 11 December 2014.)
34 **Communications—National Broadband Network—Strategic Review—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, no later than noon on Monday, 9 December 2013, the Strategic Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network conducted by NBN Co and due to be provided to the Government on Monday, 2 December 2013.

*(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 3 December 2013; document tabled 5 December 2013.)*

35 **Trade—Trans-Pacific Partnership plurilateral free trade agreement—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment, the final text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership plurilateral free trade agreement well before it is signed.

*(Motion of Senator Whish-Wilson agreed to 4 December 2013; document tabled 5 December 2013.)*

36 **Immigration—Asylum seekers—Towing of an Indonesian vessel—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than Tuesday, 10 December 2013, all incident reports, logs, briefings, ministerial notes, internal communications and other reports (excluding any publicly available documents), in relation to the reported incident that took place on Friday, 15 November 2013, involving the towing of an Indonesian vessel near Christmas Island by an Australian Customs, Navy or other government asset or vessel.

*(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 5 December 2013; document tabled 10 December 2013.)*

37 **Immigration—Asylum seekers—Undetected boat arrivals—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than noon on Thursday, 12 December 2013, all incident reports, briefings, internal communications and other reports (excluding already publicly available documents), between the Minister or the Minister’s office and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Detection, Interception and Transfer Task Group and related agencies in relation to an undetected boat arrival suspected to have arrived on Monday, 3 December 2013, carrying 27 asylum seekers.

*(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 11 December 2013, document tabled 12 December 2013.)*

38 **Trade—Free trade agreements—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

(a) notes that the United States Trade Representative has undertaken to publish the full text of all free trade agreements negotiated on behalf of the United States of America (US) ‘well before’ signing to invite further comments from the US Congress and the US people;

(b) resolves that the Australian Senate and the people of Australia are entitled to scrutinise proposed agreements before signing; and

(c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, the full text of the proposed Korea-Australia Free Trade
Agreement, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and other bilateral and plurilateral trade agreements at least 14 days before signing.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 11 December 2013; document tabled 12 December 2013.)


That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, no later than Thursday, 13 February 2013, a copy of the report produced by the high-level panel, comprised of Ms Catherine Livingstone AO, Mr Richard (Dick) Warburton AO LVO and the Honourable Greg Combet AM, established in December 2013 to advise the Government on assistance to SPC Ardmona.

(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 12 February 2014; document received 17 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014.)

40 Immigration—Border protection operations—Lifeboats—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than noon on Thursday, 13 February 2014, documents detailing the number and cost of the lifeboats purchased by the Australian Government for use in border protection operations, including the cost of any upgrades or alterations; the number of lifeboats remaining in the Australian Government’s possession; and details of the procurement process for these lifeboats in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.

(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 12 February 2014; document tabled 13 February 2014; document received 21 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014.)

41 Communications—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Funding—Order for production of document

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) is Australia’s most trusted news and current affairs broadcaster,
(ii) the ABC is an extremely well-loved national institution, and that independent opinion polls regularly reveal high levels of public satisfaction with the broadcaster, and
(iii) the Coalition has cut funding for the ABC in the past, including an 11 per cent cut in 1998 under Prime Minister John Howard;

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) commit to protecting funding to the ABC in the forthcoming budget, and
(ii) cease threatening the ABC’s editorial independence; and

(c) orders that there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), by 3 March 2014, the 2006 KPMG report into the adequacy and efficiency of ABC funding commissioned by the Howard Government.

(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 13 February 2014; document tabled 3 March 2014.)

42 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Operation Sovereign Borders—Order for production of document
That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection no later than noon on Friday, 21 February 2014, a copy of the report of the Review of Operation Sovereign Borders Vessel Positioning December 2013 – January 2014 and accompanying documents identified in part 10 of the review terms of reference.

(Motion of Senator Moore agreed to 13 February 2014; documents received 21 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014.)

Finance—National Commission of Audit reports—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Finance, no later than noon on 17 March 2014, any reports received from the National Commission of Audit.

(Motion of Senator Di Natale agreed to 4 March 2014; document tabled 5 March 2014.)

Administration—Assistant Minister for Health—Former chief of staff—Order for production of document
That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Health, no later than 12.45 pm on Wednesday, 5 March 2014, a copy of the letter submitted by Mr Alastair Furnival to the Minister at the commencement of his engagement as her chief of staff containing undertakings on action to address conflicts of interest between his business affairs and his ministerial staff role.

(Motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 4 March 2014; document tabled 5 March 2014.)

Education—Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Education, no later than Friday, 21 March 2014, a copy of the Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform, and associated bilateral agreements, between the Commonwealth and New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, including all schedules and attachments, letters, implementation plans submitted, whether or not agreed by the Commonwealth, along with other documents that outline Commonwealth-state/territory funding commitments, agreements with or letters to any state or territory outlining future Commonwealth school funding and related requirements, including letters the Minister has sent to Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

(Motion of Senator McEwen agreed to 17 March 2014; document received 21 March 2014 and tabled 24 March 2014.)

Environment—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Dredging at Abbot Point—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, no later than noon on 27 March 2014, any draft or final documents after 1 June 2013 relating to the internal concerns of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) with the following applications by North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation, including departmental and ministerial briefings and any documents which were given to the Minister:

(a) application for an approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 for proposed capital dredging at Abbot Point (EPBC 2011/6213);
(b) application for a permit under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983 to dump Abbot Point dredge spoil in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (ref 34897, dated 6 January 2012); and

c) application dated 4 March 2013 for a permit under the Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981 to dump Abbot Point dredge spoil at sea.

(Motion of Senator Waters agreed to 18 March 2014; document tabled 27 March 2014; document received 5 May 2014 and tabled 13 May 2014; document tabled 14 May 2014.)

47 Industry—Economic Review of South Australia and Victoria—Order for production of documents


(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 20 March 2014; document tabled 24 March 2014.)

48 Administration—Department of Employment—Jobs data—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Employment, no later than 10 am on Wednesday, 26 March 2014, the following:

(a) a copy of the email between the Minister’s office and officials in the Department of Employment, as referenced in The Australian of 24 March 2014 (‘Coalition urged department to “massage” jobs data’);

(b) details of any subsequent communications, including emails and file notes of telephone conversations, between the department and the Minister’s office regarding the department’s draft labour market growth rate projections; and

(c) the alternate job forecasts produced by the department following the aforementioned correspondence with the Minister’s office.

(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 25 March 2014; document tabled 25 March 2014.)

49 Administration—Livestock Shipping Services—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, no later than 23 May 2014, by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, all documents and correspondence relating to Livestock Shipping Services (LSS) between 1 November 2013 to the present day, including, but not limited to:

(a) all letters and emails;

(b) all briefing notes, including but not limited to all Ministerial briefing notes;

(c) all internal departmental emails and memos;

(d) all recorded or noted phone calls and meetings, including meeting minutes; and

(e) all records and other relevant documents.

(Motion of Senator Rhiannon agreed to 14 May 2014; document presented 27 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014.)
50 Social Issues—Homelessness—Order for production of documents

That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) the Government’s 2014-15 budget will have severe impacts on those Australians most at risk of becoming homeless,

(ii) the consequences of this budget will be an increase in the number of homeless people, and

(iii) the Government has already cut more than $40 million from the capital budget of homeless service providers for shelters and housing for the homeless; and

(b) there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services, no later than noon on Monday, 16 June 2014:

(i) an estimate of the number of additional Australians who will be forced into homelessness as a result of measures taken in the 2014-15 budget, and

(ii) measures that the Government proposes to take to provide adequate emergency accommodation and services, and adequate and affordable housing for people made homeless by measures in the Government’s 2014-15 budget in addition to those 100 000 already experiencing homelessness in Australia.

(Motion of Senators Ludlam, McLucas, Xenophon and Madigan agreed to 15 May 2014; document tabled 16 June 2014.)

51 Transport—East West Link—Order for production of documents

That, noting the 2014-15 budget allocation of $3 billion to fund the East West Link in Melbourne and the absence of a full, public business case or any recommendation from Infrastructure Australia:

(a) there be laid on the table in accordance with standing order 164 by Minister representing the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development (Senator Johnston), the following papers held by Infrastructure Australia:

(i) any business case presented for Stage 1 or 2 for the East West Link project,

(ii) any correspondence or submissions from the Victorian Government seeking Australian Government funding for this project, and

(iii) any assessment by Infrastructure Australia of the priority of this project compared to other projects; and

(b) these documents are to be tabled prior to consideration of the 2014-15 budget bills, and no later than 7 July 2014.

(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 16 June 2014; documents tabled 8 July 2014.)

52 Transport—Western Australia—Perth Freight Link—Order for production of documents

That—

(a) the Senate notes:

(i) the budget provides for payment to the Western Australian Government of $925 million for the Perth Freight Link which includes the Roe Highway extension,

(ii) Infrastructure Australia has not assessed this project despite the promise by the Prime Minister (Mr Abbott) that all Commonwealth-
funded infrastructure projects worth more than $100 million would undergo a cost-benefit analysis by Infrastructure Australia,

(iii) the Minister has not received a full business case for this project,

(iv) the modelling for the Roe 8 extension by the proponent, the Western Australian Government, demonstrates negligible impact on passenger traffic or heavy vehicle traffic on local roads; and

(b) there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, no later than noon on Monday, 7 July 2014:

(a) all communications between Western Australia’s Minister for Transport, Assistant Minister, Treasurer and Premier and the Federal Government in relation to the project being included in the budget, and

(ii) the cost benefit analysis submitted to the Government that demonstrates a 5:1 benefit to cost ratio and underlies the decision for Commonwealth funding.

(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 25 June 2014; documents tabled 8 July 2014.)

53 Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Order for production of documents—Order of continuing effect

That—

(1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each department or agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings, a statement showing:

(a) the number of questions taken on notice at the previous round of estimates hearings;

(b) the number of answers provided to the committee by the date set by the committee for answers; and

(c) of those answers not provided to the committee by the due date, the dates on which answers were provided to the approving minister’s office.

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

(3) This order is of continuing effect.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 25 June 2014.)

54 Defence—Air Warfare Destroyer Project—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 10 July 2014:

(a) the report of the review of the Air Warfare Destroyer project conducted by Professor Don Winter and Dr John White; and

(b) a statement of reasons as to why any information is commercial in confidence and the possible harm it might cause and where that information has been redacted from the report.
(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 9 July 2014; documents tabled 10 July 2014.)

55 Australian Electoral Commission—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Special Minister of State, no later than 15 July 2014:
(a) all correspondence and documents, whether written or in email form, from the Special Minister of State’s office and/or the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) relevant to:
   (i) the decision of the AEC to have Mr Michael Cordover declared a vexatious applicant, and
   (ii) the assertion that Mr Matthew Landauer colluded with Mr Cordover to harass the AEC; and
(b) the source code of the software by which Senate vote counts are conducted.
(Motion of Senator Rhiannon agreed to 10 July 2014; document tabled 15 July 2014.)

56 Defence—Air Warfare Destroyer Project—Order for production of documents—Failure to comply
(1) That the Senate:
   (a) notes:
      (i) the failure of the Minister for Defence (Senator Johnston) to comply with the order of the Senate of 9 July 2014 for the production of the report of the review of the Air Warfare Destroyer project,
      (ii) the statement by the Minister claiming public interest immunity on the basis that the report was prepared for Cabinet and informed Cabinet deliberations, and
      (iii) the public comments by the Minister citing the report, thereby placing the report in the public arena and abrogating such claims to public interest immunity; and
   (b) orders the Minister to comply with the order by 4 pm on Thursday 17 July 2014 or make a claim of public interest immunity which is in accordance with those accepted by the Senate; and
(2) That, in the event that the Minister fails to meet the requirements of paragraph (1)(b), a senator may immediately move without notice a motion in relation to the Minister’s failure to either comply or provide an acceptable claim of public interest immunity.
(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 15 July 2014; document tabled 18 July 2014.)

57 Administration—Australian Defence Force boots tender—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, no later than 4 pm on Friday, 18 July 2014, a document providing the following information:
(a) the name of the successful tenderer for Australian Defence Force boots, Tender DMOLSD/RFT0129/2012; and
(b) the price differential of the winning tenderer compared to that of the closest Australian tenderer as per one of the following ranges:
   (i) less than 10 per cent,
   (ii) between 10 per cent and 20 per cent,
(iii) between 20 per cent and 30 per cent,
(iv) between 30 per cent and 40 per cent, and
(v) 50 per cent and over.
(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 17 July 2014; document received 18 July 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014.)

58 Environment—Queensland—Abbot Point—Order for production of documents

(1) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, no later than noon on 26 August 2014, any document in relation to the water quality offset imposed on the Abbot Point dredging and dumping approvals in December 2013 that discusses or assesses:
   (a) the likely costs of offsetting 150 per cent of fine sediments ‘potentially available for resuspension’;
   (b) the contributions of North Queensland Bulk Ports, Adani or GVK to accomplishing this offset; and
   (c) contributions from the Queensland or Federal governments to accomplishing this offset.

(2) Documents previously released publicly pursuant to freedom of information or Senate orders for production of documents need not be included.
(Motion of Senator Waters agreed to 17 July 2014; document tabled 27 August 2014.)

59 Budget 2014-15—Distributional and cameo analysis—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Cormann), no later than noon on 28 August 2014, the distributional and cameo analysis of the impact of prospective policy measures contained in the 2014-15 Budget, and any other material prepared for the household budget breakdown that has appeared in the appendix of each Budget overview since 2004-05.
(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) agreed to 27 August 2014; documents tabled 28 August 2014.)

60 Law and Justice—Data retention—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) the Government has not yet provided a definition of ‘metadata’ to be retained under the proposed mandatory data retention scheme, and
      (ii) media reports on 26 August 2014 suggested that the Attorney-General’s department has provided a definition in a document provided to the telecommunications industry; and
   (b) orders that there be laid on the table, by the Attorney-General, no later than noon on Wednesday, 3 September 2014:
      (i) the definition of ‘metadata’ as defined by the Government’s proposal on mandatory data retention, and
      (ii) a copy of the document distributed to the telecommunications industry within the past week which discusses this policy.
(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 27 August 2014; documents tabled 4 September 2014.)
61 Communications—Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service Efficiency Study—Order for production of document

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 31 January 2014, the Minister for Communications announced an efficiency review of both national broadcasters, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS), to be conducted by Mr Peter Lewis, and

(ii) despite the potentially serious ramifications of the Lewis report for the ABC and SBS, the Government has to date failed to make the report available for public consideration; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, no later than 2 pm on Monday, 1 September 2014, a copy of Mr Lewis’s efficiency review of the ABC and SBS.

(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 28 August 2014; document tabled 1 September 2014.)

62 Transport—Victoria—East West Link—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, no later than 4 pm on 2 October 2014, the following documents held or prepared by Infrastructure Australia:

(a) any business case presented by the Victorian Government for the East West Link project;

(b) any other documents in relation to the East West Link project provided to Infrastructure Australia by the Victorian Government; and

(c) any assessment of the proposed East West Link undertaken by Infrastructure Australia, including the priority of this project as compared to other projects.

(Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 25 September 2014.)

63 Transport—Queensland—Toowoomba Bypass—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Ministers representing the Minister for Industry, the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and the Treasurer, no later than Wednesday, 1 October 2014, any documents held in relation to:

(a) funding sought by the Queensland Government, and/or any assessment of the priority of the Toowoomba Bypass project; and

(b) a review of the project by the Federal Government, and/or any correspondence between the Federal Government and Queensland State Government relating to a review of the infrastructure project.

(Motion of Senator Ludwig agreed to 30 September 2014; document tabled 1 October 2014.)

*64 Administration—Nauru Detention Centre—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than 3 pm on Thursday, 2 October 2014, the following documents:
(a) all incident reports logged at the Nauru detention centre relating to the misconduct of centre staff for the past 12 months; and

(b) all complaints of sexual assault, exploitation and child abuse made to case workers at the Nauru detention centre in the past 12 months.

(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 1 October 2014.)

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   Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

Conduct of business

2 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz): 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.

3 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
   Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus)
   Senator Day
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Madigan
   Senator Xenophon

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

Formal business

4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): 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.

Government documents

5 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus)
Senator Day
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Madigan
Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

Limitation of time
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus)
Senator Day
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Madigan
Senator Xenophon
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.

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.

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

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

10 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus)
Senator Day
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Madigan
Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
   Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus)
   Senator Day
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Madigan
   Senator Xenophon

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

Questions without notice

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
   Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus)
   Senator Day
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Madigan
   Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

13 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
   Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus)
   Senator Day
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Madigan
   Senator Xenophon

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

Tabling of documents

14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus)
Senator Day
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Madigan
Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

Standing Committees
- Legislative and General Purpose (including Legislation and References Committees)
  Community Affairs
  Economics
  Education and Employment (formerly Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; name amended 13 November 2013)
  Environment and Communications
  Finance and Public Administration
  Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
  Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
- Legislative Scrutiny
  Regulations and Ordinances
  Scrutiny of Bills
- Standing (Domestic)
  Appropriations and Staffing
  House
  Library
  Privileges
  Procedure
  Publications
  Selection of Bills
  Senators’ Interests

Select Committees
- Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts
- Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit
- Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs
- Health
- National Broadband Network
- School Funding

Joint Committees
- Select
Australia Fund Establishment
Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
Northern Australia
Trade and Investment Growth

- **Standing**
  - Electoral Matters
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
  - Migration
  - National Capital and External Territories
  - National Disability Insurance Scheme
  - Parliamentary Library
  - Treaties

- **Statutory**
  - Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
  - Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings
  - Corporations and Financial Services
  - Human Rights
  - Intelligence and Security
  - Law Enforcement
  - Public Accounts and Audit
  - Public Works

Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.

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**COMMITTEES**

**Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts—Select Committee**
(appointed 25 June 2014; final report due 20 June 2016)

*Members*
- Senator Di Natale (Chair), Senator Dastyari (Deputy Chair), and Senators Canavan, Lines, McGrath, Smith and Urquhart

*Participating members*
- Non-government

**Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit—Select Committee**
(appointed 11 December 2013; resolution of appointment varied 27 March 2014; reporting date varied 14 May 2014; final report tabled 19 June 2014)

*Reports presented*
- Interim report (received 19 February 2014; tabled 3 March 2014)
- Second interim report (received 24 April 2014; tabled 13 May 2014)
Third interim report (tabled 14 May 2014)
Final report (tabled 19 June 2014)

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee
Members
The President (Chair), the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Back, Collins, Fawcett, Fifield, Madigan and Marshall
Reports presented
Annual reports—
2013-14 (tabled 30 September 2014)

Australia Fund Establishment—Joint Select Committee
(appointed 4 September 2014; final report to be presented on or before 30 June 2015)
Members
Senator Carr, and Dr Gillespie, Mr Laming and Mr Porter

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Mr Matheson (Chair), Senator Bilyk (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, O’Sullivan and Sterle, and Ms Elliot, Mr Porter, Mr Wood and Mr Zappia
Current inquiry
Jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (adopted 6 March 2014)
Report presented
Examination of the annual report of the—
Integrity Commissioner 2012-13—Report (tabled 3 September 2014)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
The Speaker (Chairman), the President (Vice Chairman), and Senator Marshall, and Ms Bird, Mr Coulton, Mr Griffin, Ms Henderson and Mr Tehan

Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs—Select Committee
(appointed 30 September 2014; final report to be presented on or before 27 March 2015)
Members
Senators Ketter, Ludwig and Macdonald
Participating members

Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Health; Social Services, including Human Services

Members
Senator Seselja (Chair), Senator Siewert (Deputy Chair), and Senators Brown, Peris, Reynolds and Smith

Participating members

Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Ruston and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiries
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014 (referred 26 June 2014; reporting date: 29 October 2014)

Reports presented

Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (received 25 October 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
No. 1 of 2014 (tabled 19 March 2014)
No. 2 of 2014 (tabled 27 August 2014)

Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014 [Provisions], and Health Workforce Australia (Abolition) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 14 July 2014)
Correction (tabled 16 July 2014)
Report (tabled 27 August 2014)

Estimates reports—
Additional estimates 2013-14 (tabled 18 March 2014)
Budget estimates 2014-15 (tabled 26 June 2014)

Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 16 June 2014)

Report (received 12 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
  Report (tabled 27 August 2014)
Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014—
  Report (tabled 4 September 2014)
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
  Report (tabled 17 March 2014)
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Public Housing Tenants’ Support) Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
  Report (received 12 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Stronger Penalties for Serious Failures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
  Report (tabled 27 August 2014)
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
  Report on the bill, excluding Schedules 2, 6 and 9 (tabled 12 December 2013)
  Interim report (received 10 September 2014 and tabled 22 September 2014)
  Report (received 12 September 2014 and tabled 22 September 2014)
  Corrigendum to dissenting report from Opposition senators (received 19 September 2014 and tabled 22 September 2014)

Community Affairs References Committee

Members
  Senator Siewert (Chair), Senator Seselja (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Brown, Peris and Reynolds

Substitute member
  Grandparents raising grandchildren—Senator Smith to replace Senator Reynolds

Participating members

Government
  Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Smith and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiries
  Grandparents raising grandchildren (referred 9 December 2013; reporting date: 29 October 2014)
  Income inequality (referred 18 June 2014; reporting date: 26 November 2014)
  Out of home care (referred 17 July 2014; reporting date: the second sitting week in February 2015)

Reports presented
Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)—
   Interim reports (3) (received 12 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013; received 28 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014; tabled 19 March 2014)
   Report (tabled 26 March 2014)

Impacts on health of air quality in Australia—
   Interim report (received 12 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
   Report (received 16 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of people with disabilities in Australia—
   First report (received 17 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
   Final report (received 25 October 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—
   Report (tabled 14 November 2013)

Out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare [Australia’s healthcare system]—
   Interim report (received 8 August 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014)
   Report (received 22 August 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014)
   Corrigenda (2) (tabled 27 August and 1 September 2014)

Prevalence of different types of speech, language and communication disorders and speech pathology services in Australia [speech pathology services]—
   Interim report (tabled 27 March 2014)
   Report (tabled 2 September 2014)

Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—Joint Select Committee
   (appointed 2 December 2013; interim report tabled 16 July 2014; final report to be presented on or before 30 June 2015)
   Members
      Mr Wyatt (Chair), Senator Peris (Deputy Chair), and Senators McGrath, McKenzie and Siewert, and Mr SP Jones, Mr Neumann and Mr Porter
   Report presented
      Interim report (tabled 16 July 2014)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   (appointed 2 December 2013)
   Members
      Senator Fawcett (Chair), Senator O’Neill (Deputy Chair), and Senators Ketter, Madigan and Williams, and Mr Coleman, Ms Owens, Mr Smith, Mr Sukkar and Mr Watts
   Current inquiry
      Proposals to lift the professional, ethical and education standards in the financial services industry (adopted 14 July 2014)
   Reports presented
      Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission: the role of gatekeepers in Australia’s financial services system [Number 3, July 2013]—
         Report (received 29 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Reports on annual reports of bodies established under the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*—
Report on the 2012-13 annual reports (tabled 19 March 2014)

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**Cyber Safety—Select Committee**

*Report presented*

Options for addressing the issue of sexting by minors—
Report (received 30 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

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**Economics Legislation Committee**

*Portfolios*

Industry; Treasury

*Members*

Senator Edwards (*Chair*), Senator Dastyari (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Canavan, Ketter and Xenophon

*Participating members*

**Government**

Senators Back, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

**Non-government**


*Current inquiries*

Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013 (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 4 December 2014)

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014 (referred 20 March 2014; reporting date: 4 December 2014)

Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions] (referred 25 September 2014; reporting date: 24 November 2014)


*Reports presented*

Annual reports—

No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)

No. 1 of 2014 (tabled 19 March 2014)

No. 2 of 2014 (tabled 27 August 2014)

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Repeal) (No. 1) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—

Report (tabled 16 June 2014)

Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—

Report (tabled 4 September 2014)

Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency Repeal Bill 2014 [Provisions]—

Report (tabled 16 June 2014)

Consideration of time critical bills—


Estimates reports—
  Additional estimates 2013-14 (tabled 18 March 2014)
  Budget estimates 2014-15 (tabled 24 June 2014)


Economics References Committee

Members
Senator Dastyari (Chair), Senator Edwards (Deputy Chair), and Senators Canavan, Carr, Ketter and Xenophon

Substitute member
Affordable housing—Senator McLucas to replace Senator Carr

Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiries
Affordable housing (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 27 November 2014)
Australia’s innovation system (referred 18 March 2014; reporting date: first sitting day of July 2015)
Retail leasing (referred 25 June 2014; reporting date: 30 October 2014)
Forestry managed investment schemes (referred 25 June 2014; reporting date: 31 March 2015)
Australia’s naval ship building industry (referred 25 June 2014)
Implications of financial advice reforms (referred 4 September 2014; reporting date: first sitting day in July 2015)

Reports presented
Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry: Tender process for the navy’s new supply ships—
Report (part 1) (tabled 27 August 2014)
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—
Report (tabled 14 November 2013)
Performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—
Interim report (received 28 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
Final report (tabled 26 June 2014)
Ticket scalping in Australia—
Report (tabled 26 March 2014)

Education and Employment Legislation Committee
(formerly Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; name amended 13 November 2013)

Portfolios
Education; Employment

Members
Senator McKenzie (Chair), Senator Lines (Deputy Chair), and Senators O’Neill, O’Sullivan, Rhiannon and Ruston
Substitute members

Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—

Senator Carr to replace Senator O’Neill
Senator Waters to replace Senator Rhiannon

Participating members

Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, Seselja, Reynolds and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiry

Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions] (referred 4 September 2014; reporting date: 28 October 2014)

Reports presented

Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
No. 1 of 2014 (tabled 19 March 2014)
No. 2 of 2014 (tabled 27 August 2014)

Report (tabled 2 December 2013)
Correction (tabled 3 December 2013)

Estimates reports—
Additional estimates 2013-14 (tabled 18 March 2014)
Budget estimates 2014-15 (tabled 24 June 2014)
Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 25 September 2014)
Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (received 5 June 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]
Report (tabled 2 December 2013)
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 16 June 2014)
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 28 August 2014)
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 8 July 2014)
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 14 May 2014)
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
Education and Employment References Committee
(formerly Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; name amended 13 November 2013)

Members
Senator Lines (Chair), Senator McKenzie (Deputy Chair), and Senators O’Neill, Peris, Rhiannon and Ruston

Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, O’Sullivan, Seselja, Smith, Reynolds and Williams

Non-government

Reports presented
Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy—Final report (tabled 27 March 2014)
Immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia—Report (tabled 16 July 2014)
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—Report (tabled 2 December 2013)
Technical and further education system in Australia—Report (tabled 14 May 2014)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013; resolution of appointment varied 4 December 2013)

Members
Mr Smith (Chair), Mr Griffin (Deputy Chair), and Senators Canavan, Faulkner, Ketter, McGrath and Rhiannon, and Mr Goodenough, Mr Gray and Mr Pasin

Participating members for the purposes of the inquiry into the 2013 Election only
Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiry
Inquiry into the 2013 federal election (adopted 5 December 2013)

Reports presented
Inquiry into the conduct of the 2013 federal election: Senate voting practices—
Interim report (received 9 May 2014; tabled 13 May 2014)
Report by way of a statement—
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013 – Statement discharging the committee’s requirement to provide an advisory report (tabled 3 March 2014)

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Communications; Environment

Members
Senator Ruston (Chair), Senator Urquhart (Deputy Chair), and Senators Canavan, McGrath, Singh and Waters

Substitute member
National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Waters

Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiry

Reports presented
Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
No. 1 of 2014 (tabled 19 March 2014)
No. 2 of 2014 (tabled 27 August 2014)

Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (7 July 2014)

Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Go for Fair Use) Bill 2013—
Report (received 20 September 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Report (tabled 2 December 2013)

Report (tabled 8 July 2014)

Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2] [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 8 July 2014)

Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—
Report (tabled 12 February 2014)

Report (tabled 23 June 2014)

Estimates reports—
Additional estimates 2013-14 (tabled 18 March 2014)
Budget estimates 2014-15 (tabled 24 June 2014)

National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014—
Report (tabled 16 July 2014)

Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013—
Report (tabled 12 February 2014)

Performance, importance and role of Australia Post in Australian communities and its operations in relations to licensed post offices—
Interim report (tabled 11 December 2013)
Final report (tabled 24 September 2014)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
Report (received 28 March 2014; tabled 13 May 2014)

Environment and Communications References Committee
Members
Senator Urquhart (Chair), Senator Ruston (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bullock, McGrath, Singh and Waters

Substitute member
National Landcare Program—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Waters

Participating members

Government

Non-government

Current inquiries
Australia’s environment (referred 18 June 2014; reporting date: third last sitting day in June 2015)
National Landcare Program (referred 26 June 2014; reporting date: 29 October 2014)
Invasive species (referred 26 June 2014; reporting date: 3 December 2014)

Reports presented
Direct Action: Paying polluters to halt global warming?—
Report (tabled 26 March 2014)
Corrigendum (tabled 27 March 2014)

Effectiveness of current regulatory arrangements in dealing with radio simulcasts—
Report (received 12 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities’ protection in Australia—
Interim reports (3) (received 4 July, 23 July and 31 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Report (received 7 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Environmental offsets—
Report (tabled 26 June 2014)

Impacts of imposing a certain carrier licence condition on Telstra Corporation Limited—
Report (received 19 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Management of the Great Barrier Reef—
Report (tabled 3 September 2014)

Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events—
Interim reports (2) (received 10 July and 23 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Report (received 7 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area—
Report (tabled 15 May 2014)

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Finance; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet
Members
Senator Bernardi (Chair), Senator Lundy (Deputy Chair), and Senators Faulkner, McKenzie, Rice and Smith

Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiry
Department of Parliamentary Services (referred 26 June 2014; reporting date: seventh sitting day in March 2015)

Reports presented
Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
No. 1 of 2014 (tabled 19 March 2014)
No. 2 of 2014 (tabled 27 August 2014)

Report (tabled 16 June 2014)

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013—
Report (tabled 12 December 2013)

Estimates reports—
Additional estimates 2013-14 (tabled 18 March 2014)
Budget estimates 2014-15 (tabled 24 June 2014)

Flags Amendment Bill 2014—
Report (tabled 16 June 2014)

Omnibus Repeal Day (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 14 May 2014)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment Bill 2014—
Report (tabled 16 June 2014)

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
Report on Schedule 2 (tabled 11 December 2013)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Members
Senator Lundy (Chair), Senator Bernardi (Deputy Chair), and Senators Faulkner, Ludwig, Rice and Smith

Substitute member
Violence against women—Senator Waters to replace Senator Rice

Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiry
Violence against women (referred 26 June 2014; reporting date: 2 March 2015)

Reports presented
Senate order for departmental and agency contracts (tabled 14 May 2014)
Commonwealth procurement procedures (tabled 17 July 2014)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members
Ms Gambaro (Chair), Mr Champion, (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, Fawcett, Gallacher, Ludwig, Macdonald, McEwen, McKenzie, O’Neill, Reynolds, Singh, Whish-Wilson and Xenophon, and Mr Danby, Mr Feeney, Mr Ferguson, Mr Hawke, Dr Jensen, Mr ET Jones, Mr Kelly, Mr Marles, Mr Nikolic, Ms Parke, Ms Plibersek, Mrs Prentice, Mr Randall, Mr Wyatt Roy, Mr Ruddock, Mr BC Scott, Dr Stone and Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiries
The role of the private sector in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region (adopted 5 March 2014)
The human rights issues confronting women and girls in the Indian Ocean – Asia Pacific region (adopted 5 March 2014)
Defence annual report 2012-13 (ongoing statutory requirement)
Australia’s trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East (adopted 26 March 2014)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

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

Members
Senator Back (Chair), Senator Gallacher (Deputy Chair), and Senators Fawcett, Ludlam, McEwen and McGrath

Participating members
Government
Senators Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Heffernan, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government
Reports presented

African Development Bank Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
Report (received 20 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
No. 1 of 2014 (tabled 19 March 2014)
No. 2 of 2014 (tabled 27 August 2014)

Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013—
Report (received 20 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Erratum (received 21 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Report (tabled 4 March 2014)

Estimates reports—
Additional estimates 2013-14 (tabled 18 March 2014)
Budget estimates 2014-15 (tabled 24 June 2014)

Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013—
Report (tabled 4 March 2014)

Implementation of the Defence Trade Controls Act 2012—
Progress report no. 2 (tabled 14 May 2014)

Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014—
Report (tabled 27 August 2014)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

Senator Gallacher (Chair), Senator Back (Deputy Chair), and Senators Dastyari, Fawcett, Ludlam and McEwen

Substitute member

Illegal fishing—Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Ludlam

Participating members

Government

Senators Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government


Current inquiries

Illegal fishing (referred 24 March 2014; reporting date: 29 October 2014)
Abuse in Defence (referred 27 March 2014; reporting date: 30 October 2014)

Reports presented

Australia’s overseas aid and development assistance program—
Report (tabled 27 March 2014)

Breaches of Indonesian territorial waters—
Report (tabled 27 March 2014)
Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement—
  * Report (tabled 1 October 2014)

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Health—Select Committee
(appointed 25 June 2014; final report due 20 June 2016)
Members
Senator O’Neill (Chair), Senator Di Natale (Deputy Chair), and Senators Cameron, Edwards, McLucash, Seselja and Williams
Substitute members
Senator Wright to replace Senator Di Natale on 9 October 2014
Senator Siewert to replace Senator Di Natale on 10 October 2014
Senator Waters to replace Senator Di Natale on 31 October 2014
Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Di Natale from 3 November to 5 November 2014
Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Fawcett, Fifield, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston and Smith
Non-government

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House—Standing Committee
Members
The President (Chair), the Deputy President, and Senators Brown, Bushby, Collins, McEwen and Ruston
Report presented
Report (tabled 13 May 2014)

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Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Senator Smith (Chair), Mr Ferguson (Deputy Chair), and Senators Brown, Canavan, Moore and Wright, and Dr Gillespie, Ms Rowland, Ms FM Scott and Mr Wyatt
Reports presented
Annual report—
  2012-13 (tabled 10 December 2013)
Examination of legislation in accordance with the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011—
  Bills introduced 12 November to 5 December 2013; Legislative instruments received 8 June to 22 November 2013—First report of 44th Parliament (tabled 10 December 2013)
Bills introduced 9 December to 12 December 2013; Legislative instruments received 23 November 2013 to 31 January 2014—Second report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 11 February 2014)

Bills introduced 11 February to 27 February 2014; Legislative instruments received 1 February to 21 February 2014—Third report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 4 March 2014)

Bills introduced 3 March to 6 March 2014; Legislative instruments received 22 February to 28 February 2014—Fourth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 18 March 2014)

Bills introduced 17 March to 20 March 2014; Legislative instruments received 1 March to 7 March 2014—Fifth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 25 March 2014)

Bills introduced 24 March to 27 March 2014; Legislative instruments received 8 March to 25 April 2014—Sixth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 14 May 2014)

Bills introduced 13 May to 29 May 2014; Legislative instruments received 8 March to 30 May 2014—Seventh report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 19 June 2014)

Bills introduced 2 June to 19 June 2014; Legislative instruments received 31 May to 6 June 2014—Eighth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 24 June 2014)

Bills introduced 23 June to 26 June 2014; Legislative instruments received 7 June to 20 June 2014—Ninth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 15 July 2014)

Bills introduced 7 July to 17 July 2014; Legislative instruments received 21 June to 25 July 2014—Tenth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 27 August 2014)

Bills introduced 26 August to 28 August 2014; Legislative instruments received 26 June to 1 August 2014—Eleventh report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 2 September 2014)

Bills introduced 1 September to 4 September 2014; Legislative instruments received 2 August to 5 September 2014—Twelfth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 24 September 2014)

* Bills introduced 22 September to 25 September 2014; Legislative instruments received 6 September to 12 September 2014—Thirteenth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 1 October 2014)

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Tehan (Chair), Mr Byrne (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bushby, Conroy, Faulkner, Fawcett and Wong, and Mr Nikolic, Ms Plibersek, Mr Ruddock and Mr BC Scott

Current inquiries

Review of listing of Boko Haram as a terrorist organisation (adopted 17 July 2014)

* Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014 (adopted 25 September 2014)

* Review of administration and expenditure no. 13 (adopted 25 September 2014)

Reports presented

Inquiry into the National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014—
Advisory report (received 17 September 2014 and tabled 22 September 2014)

Review of administration and expenditure—

No. 11 and no. 12—Australian intelligence agencies (tabled 22 September 2014)

Review of the listing of Boko Haram; Review of the re-listing of the Islamic State—
Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Mr van Manen (Chair), Senator Singh (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, Ketter and O’Sullivan, and Mr Hayes Mr Matheson, Ms Vamvakinou and Mr Wood
Current inquiry
Financial related crime (adopted 5 March 2014)
Reports presented
Examination of the annual report of the—
Australian Federal Police 2012-13—Report (tabled 3 September 2014)
Spectrum for public safety mobile broadband—
Report (received 23 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Portfolios
Attorney-General; Immigration and Border Protection
Members
Senator Macdonald (Chair), Senator Collins (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, O’Sullivan, Reynolds and Wright
Substitute members
Exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014—
Senator Di Natale to replace Senator Wright
Senators Ketter† and Peris to replace Senators Bilyk and Collins
†Deputy chair for the purpose of this inquiry only
Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Wright
Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Wright
Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Wright
Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, McKenzie, McGrath, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams
Non-government
Rhiannon, Rice, Siewert, Singh, Sterle, Urquhart, Waters, Whish-Wilson, Wong, Wright and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013 (referred 12 December 2013; interim report received 28 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014; final reporting date: 4 December 2014)

Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013 (referred upon the introduction of the bill pursuant to the Selection of Bills Committee report no. 11, 12 December 2013; bill introduced 12 December 2013; interim report received 28 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014; final reporting date: 4 December 2014)

Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014 (referred 19 June 2014; reporting date: 28 October 2014)

Exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014 (referred 24 June 2014; reporting date: 27 October 2014)

Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014 (referred 28 August 2014; reporting date: 5 February 2015)

Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014 (referred 25 September 2014; reporting date: 17 October 2014)

Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014 [Provisions] (referred 25 September 2014; reporting date: 24 November 2014)

Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 [Provisions] (referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to the Selection of Bills Committee report no. 12, 25 September 2014; bill introduced 25 September 2014; reporting date: 27 November 2014)

Reports presented

Annual reports—

No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
No. 1 of 2014 (tabled 19 March 2014)
No. 2 of 2014 (tabled 27 August 2014)

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—

Report (tabled 27 August 2014)

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and Other Measures) Bill 2014—

Interim report (received 27 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)

Report (tabled 27 August 2014)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Psychoactive Substances and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—

Report (tabled 2 September 2014)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—

Report (received 5 June 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)

Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013—

Interim report (received 28 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)

Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013—

Interim report (received 28 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)

Customs Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—

Report (tabled 30 September 2014)
Customs Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 [Provisions] and Customs Tariff Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
  Report (tabled 24 September 2014)

Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Repeal Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
  Report (received 6 June 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)

Estimates reports—
  Additional estimates 2013-14 (tabled 18 March 2014)
  Budget estimates 2014-15 (tabled 24 June 2014)

  Interim report (received 27 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
  Report (tabled 18 July 2014)

Migration Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
  Report (tabled 12 February 2014)

Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
  Report (tabled 22 September 2014)

Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
  Report (tabled 18 March 2014)

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014 [Provisions]—
  Interim report (received 27 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
  Report (received 21 August 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014)

Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014—
  Report (tabled 25 September 2014)

  Report (received 8 May 2014; tabled 13 May 2014)

Telecommunications Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2013—
  Report (received 20 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Members
  Senator Wright (Chair), Senator Macdonald (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Collins, Ludwig and Reynolds

Substitute member
  Comprehensive revision of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Wright, and while substituting for Senator Wright has been elected to chair the committee for the consideration of this inquiry.

Participating members

Government
  Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, McKenzie, McGrath, O’Sullivan, Ruston, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government
Current inquiries
Comprehensive revision of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 (referred 12 December 2013; interim report presented 27 August 2014; final reporting date: 29 October 2014)
Manus Island Detention Centre (referred 5 March 2014; reporting date: 27 October 2014)
Illicit firearms (referred 19 June 2014; reporting date: 2 December 2014)
Australian Federal Police – Oil for Food Taskforce (referred 26 June 2014; reporting date: 26 November 2014)

Reports presented
A claim of public interest immunity raised over documents—
Interim report (received 21 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014)
Report (tabled 6 March 2014)
Current investigative processes and powers of the Australian Federal Police—
Report (tabled 15 May 2014)

Library—Standing Committee
Members
The President (Chair), and Senators Back, Lines, McGrath, Moore and Seselja

Migration—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Mrs Markus (Chair), Ms Vamvakou (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Dastyari, Edwards and Hanson-Young, and Mr CA Laundy, Mr Kelly, Mr Thistlethwaite and Mr Zappia

Current inquiry
Business Innovation and Investment Programme (adopted 19 March 2014)

National Broadband Network—Select Committee
(appointed 14 November 2013; final report due on the last day of sitting of the 44th Parliament)
Members
Senator Lundy (Chair), Senator Bernardi (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Conroy, Ludlam, Ruston and Smith
Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Macdonald, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Seselja and Williams
Non-government

Report presented
Interim report (tabled 26 March 2014)

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Mr Simpkins (Chair), Senator Brown (Deputy Chair), The Deputy President and Chair of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Back, Hanson-Young, Lundy and Seselja, and Ms Brodtmann, Mrs Griggs, Mr BC Scott, Mr Snowdon and Mr Vasta

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013; as soon as practicable after 30 June each year, an annual report to be presented on the activities of the committee during the year)
Members
Mr Brough (Chair), Senator Gallacher (Deputy Chair), and Senators Canavan, Reynolds, Seselja, Siewert and Urquhart, and Dr Gillespie, Ms Hall, Mr Irons, Ms Macklin and Ms Rishworth
Report presented
Progress report on the implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (received 29 July 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014)

Northern Australia—Joint Select Committee
(appointed 4 December 2013; resolution of appointment varied 26 June and 28 August 2014; interim report tabled 16 June 2014; final report tabled 4 September 2014)
Reports presented
Pivot north: Inquiry into the development of northern Australia—
Interim report (tabled 16 June 2014)
Final report (tabled 4 September 2014)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Ms Brodtmann (Chair), Senators Back, Lines, McGrath, Moore and Seselja, and Mr Broadbent, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Irons, Mr Taylor and Mr Wilson

Privileges—Standing Committee
Members
Senator Collins (Chair), Senator Macdonald (Deputy Chair), and Senators Faulkner, Ludlam, McKenzie, Ruston, Smith and Urquhart
Current inquiries
In relation to the use of closed circuit television footage by officers of the Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) for internal investigations involving DPS staff:
(a) whether there was any improper interference, or attempted improper interference, with the free performance by Senator Faulkner or any other senator of their duties as a senator;
(b) whether disciplinary action was taken against any person in connection with the provision of information to Senator Faulkner or any other senator; and
(c) if so, whether any contempts were committed in respect of those matters (referred 18 June 2014)

In the context of an inquiry by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into aviation accident investigations:
(a) whether disciplinary action was taken against either a witness before the committee or a person providing information to the committee; and
(b) if so, whether any contempt was committed in respect of those matters (referred 14 July 2014)

In the context of an inquiry by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into aviation accident investigations and Budget estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee in May 2013:
(a) whether disciplinary action was taken against either a witness before the committee or a person providing information to the committee; and
(b) if so, whether any contempt was committed in respect of those matters (referred 17 July 2014)

Reports presented
Persons referred to in the Senate—
155—Father Frank Brennan SJ AO (tabled 12 December 2013)
156—Mr Bernard Collaery (tabled 15 May 2014)
157—Professor Simon Chapman AO (tabled 14 July 2014)

Procedure—Standing Committee

Members
The Deputy President (Chair), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Bushby, Faulkner, Fifield, McEwen, Ruston and Siewert

Reports presented
2013—
Second report—Parliamentary privilege: republication of Hansard extracts; Speaking time in the open-ended adjournment debate; Removal of gender-specific language in standing orders; Routine of business (tabled 12 December 2013)

2014—
First report—Temporary orders; Matters referred to by the Scrutiny of Bills Committee; Question time; Routine of business (tabled 26 June 2014)
Third report—Routine of business – proposals for discussion; Photography in the Senate chamber; Seating for members of the House of Representatives on the floor of the Senate chamber (received 9 September 2014 and tabled 22 September 2014)
Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Dr Southcott (Chair), Mr Conroy (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Ketter, Lundy, McKenzie and Smith, and Ms Brodtmann, Mr Giles, Dr Hendy, Mr CA Laundy, Mrs Prentice, Mr Sukkar, Mr Taylor and Mr Watts

Reports presented
Report no.—
440—Annual report for 2012-13 (received 26 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
441—Inquiry into Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 Rules Development (tabled 14 May 2014)
444—Annual report for 2013-14 (tabled 24 September 2014)
445—Regional Cities Program, KPIs and Medicare: Review of Auditor-General’s reports nos 10 to 31 (2013-14) (tabled 24 September 2014)

Documents tabled
Executive minutes on reports—
Nos 417, 423, 436, 437 and 439 (tabled 24 September 2014)

Statement by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit on the 2014-15 draft estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office (tabled 14 May 2014)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Mrs KL Andrews (Chair), Mr Perrett (Deputy Chair), and Senators Canavan, Gallacher and Heffernan, and Ms Claydon, Mr Goodenough, Ms Ryan and Dr Southcott

Reports presented
Annual reports—
Seventy-seventh (2013) (tabled 12 February 2013)

Referrals—
Report 1/2014: Referrals made December 2013: Proposed integrated fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as Site 5 and 6, the Revitalised Dandenong Project, Dandenong (tabled 12 February 2014)


 Publications—Standing Committee

Members

Senator O’Sullivan (Chair), Senator Bilyk (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Marshall and Peris

Reports presented

1st report (tabled 12 December 2013)
2nd report (tabled 12 February 2014)
3rd report (tabled 3 March 2014)
4th report (tabled 26 March 2014)
5th report (tabled 15 May 2014)
6th report (tabled 26 June 2014)
7th report (tabled 17 July 2014)
8th report (tabled 4 September 2014)

 Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

Members

Senator Williams (Chair), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators Dastyari, Peris, Reynolds and Seselja

Delegated legislation monitors presented

2013—

No. 8 (tabled 4 December 2013)
No. 9 (tabled 11 December 2013)

2014—

No. 1 (tabled 12 February 2014)
No. 2 (tabled 5 March 2014)
No. 3 (tabled 19 March 2014)
No. 4 (tabled 26 March 2014)
No. 5 (tabled 14 May 2014)
No. 6 (tabled 19 June 2014)
No. 7 (tabled 26 June 2014)
No. 8 (tabled 9 June 2014)
No. 9 (tabled 16 July 2014)
No. 10 (tabled 27 August 2014)
No. 11 (tabled 3 September 2014)
No. 12 (tabled 24 September 2014)

* No. 13 (tabled 1 October 2014)
Report presented

Report of the work of the committee—
2012-13—Report no. 118 (tabled 11 December 2013)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Agriculture; Infrastructure and Regional Development

Members
Senator Heffernan (Chair), Senator Sterle (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bullock, Edwards and Siewert and Williams

Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Fawcett, Macdonald, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja and Smith

Non-government

Current inquiries
Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions] (referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to the Selection of Bills Committee report no. 12, 25 September 2014; bill introduced 25 September 2014; reporting date: 24 November 2014)

Reports presented
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Removing Re-approval and Re-registration) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 16 June 2014)

Annual reports—
No. 2 of 2013 (tabled 11 December 2013)
No. 1 of 2014 (tabled 19 March 2014)
No. 2 of 2014 (tabled 27 August 2014)

Estimates reports—
Additional estimates 2013-14 (tabled 18 March 2014)
Budget estimates 2014-15 (tabled 24 June 2014)
Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 17 March 2014)
Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—
Report (tabled 24 March 2014)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Members
Senator Sterle (Chair), Senator Heffernan (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bullock, Lines, Whish-Wilson and Williams

Substitute member

Public transport—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Whish-Wilson

Participating members

Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Macdonald, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja and Smith

Non-government

Current inquiries

Public transport (referred 12 December 2013; reporting date: 4 December 2014)
Grain export networks (referred 19 June 2014; reporting date: 3 December 2014)
Current requirements for labelling of seafood and seafood products (referred 23 June 2014; reporting date: 27 October 2014)
Agricultural sector levies (referred 2 September 2014; reporting date: 24 November 2014)
Australia’s transport energy (referred 3 September 2014; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2015)
Australia’s sugar industry (referred 4 September 2014; reporting date: 27 November 2014)

Reports presented

Review of the citrus industry in Australia—
Interim reports (2) [Australian citrus industry] (received 31 July 2013 and 27 September 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Report (received 16 December 2013; tabled 11 February 2014)

Beef imports—
Interim report (received 5 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
First report (received 12 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Erratum to first report (received 8 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia, effect on Australia ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji, and proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand—
Interim reports (3) (received 19 July and 4 September 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013; received 28 February 2013 and tabled 3 March 2014)
Final report (received 31 March 2014; tabled 13 May 2014)

Future of the beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia—
Report (tabled 16 July 2014)

Implications of the restriction on the use of fenthion on Australia’s horticultural industry—
Report (received 31 July 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014)

Industry structures and systems governing levies on grass-fed cattle—
Report (received 9 September 2014 and tabled 22 September 2014)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—
Report (tabled 14 November 2013)
Ownership arrangements of grain handling—
Interim reports (2) (received 31 July and 30 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Final report (tabled 4 December 2013)

Practice of sports science in Australia—
Interim reports (2) (received 10 July and 15 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Final report (received 23 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)

Qantas’ future as a strong national carrier supporting jobs in Australia—
Report (tabled 27 March 2014)

School Funding—Select Committee
(appointed 12 December 2013; final report tabled 9 July 2014)
Report presented
Equity and excellence in Australian schools (tabled 9 July 2014)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee
Members
Senator Polley (Chair), Senator Williams (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Heffernan, Lundy and Siewert
Alert Digests presented
2013—
No. 8 (tabled 4 December 2013)
No. 9 (tabled 11 December 2013)

2014—
No. 1 (tabled 12 February 2014)
No. 2 (tabled 5 March 2014)
No. 3 (tabled 19 March 2014)
No. 4 (tabled 26 March 2014)
No. 5 (tabled 14 May 2014)
No. 6 (tabled 19 June 2014)
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No. 10 (tabled 27 August 2014)
No. 11 (tabled 3 September 2014)
No. 12 (tabled 24 September 2014)
No. 13 (tabled 1 October 2014)

* Reports presented
2013—
Eighth report (tabled 4 December 2013)

2014—
First report (tabled 12 February 2014)
Second report (tabled 5 March 2014)
Third report (tabled 19 March 2014)
Fourth report (tabled 26 March 2014)
Fifth report (tabled 14 May 2014)
Sixth report (tabled 19 June 2014)
Seventh report (tabled 26 June 2014)
Eighth report (tabled 9 July 2014)
Ninth report (tabled 16 July 2014)
Tenth report (tabled 27 August 2014)
Eleventh report (tabled 3 September 2014)
Twelfth report (tabled 24 September 2014)

* Thirteenth report (tabled 1 October 2014)

Work of the committee during the 43rd Parliament: September 2010 to June 2013 (tabled 26 March 2014)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

Members
The Government Whip (Chair), the Opposition Whip, The Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens Whip, the Palmer United Party Whip, and Senators Bilyk, Fifield, Moore and Ruston

Reports presented
2013—
No. 9 (tabled 14 November 2013)
No. 10 (tabled 5 December 2013)
No. 11 (tabled 12 December 2013)

2014—
No. 1 (tabled 13 February 2014)
No. 2 (tabled 6 March 2014)
No. 3 (tabled 20 March 2014)
No. 4 (tabled 27 March 2014)
No. 5 (tabled 15 May 2014)
No. 6 (tabled 17 June 2014)
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No. 8 (tabled 26 June 2014)
No. 9 (tabled 17 July 2014)
No. 10 (tabled 28 August 2014)
No. 11 (tabled 4 September 2014)
No. 12 (tabled 25 September 2014)

Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee

Members
Senator Bilyk (Chair), Senator Ruston (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Bushby, Faulkner, Hanson-Young, O’Neill and Marshall

Notifications of alterations of interests presented
Register of senators’ interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between—
27 June and 10 December 2013 (tabled 12 December 2013)
11 December 2013 and 4 July 2014 (tabled 14 July 2014)
1 July and 31 August 2014 (tabled 4 September 2014)

Report presented

Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Select Committee
(appointed 4 September 2014; final report to be presented on or before 31 August 2015)

Members
Senators Bullock, Macdonald and Smith, and Mr O’Dowd, Mr Pasin and Mr Taylor

Participating members
Government
Senators Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, McGrath, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Ruston, Seselja and Williams

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members
Mr Wyatt Roy (Chair), Mr Thomson (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Fawcett, Lines, Ludwig, McGrath, Sterle and Whish-Wilson, and Mr Broad, Dr Jensen, Mr O’Dowd, Ms Parke, Dr Stone, Mr Watts and Mr Whiteley

Reports presented
Report 135—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2013 (received 23 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
Report 139—Treaties tabled on 11 December 2013, referred on 15 January and tabled on 11 February 2014 (tabled 14 May 2014)
Report 140—Treaty tabled on 13 May 2014 (tabled 24 June 2014)
Report 141—Treaties tabled on 19 March and 13 May 2014 (tabled 15 July 2014)
Report 142—Treaties tabled on 13 May 2014 (tabled 4 September 2014)
Report 143—Treaties tabled on 17 June and 15 July 2014 (tabled 24 September 2014)

SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives
Senator Faulkner (appointed 5 December 2013, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
Senator Seselja (appointed 11 December 2013, 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).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate
### MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

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| **Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz**  
Minister for Employment  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service  
Leader of the Government in the Senate | Prime Minister  
Minister for Agriculture  
Assistant Minister for Employment |
| **Senator the Honourable George Brandis QC**  
Attorney-General  
Minister for the Arts  
Vice-President of the Executive Council  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate | Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Justice |
| **Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion** | Minister for Indigenous Affairs |
| **Senator the Honourable David Johnston** | Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development  
Assistant Minister for Defence  
Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development |
| **Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann**  
Minister for Finance  
Acting Assistant Treasurer | Treasurer  
Minister for Small Business  
Minister for Trade and Investment  
Minister for the Environment |
| **Senator the Honourable Mitchell (Mitch) Fifield**  
Assistant Minister for Social Services  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate | Minister for Social Services  
Minister for Communications |
| **Senator the Honourable Fiona Nash** | Minister for Health  
Minister for Sport |
| **Senator the Honourable Michael Ronaldson**  
Minister for Veterans’ Affairs  
Special Minister of State  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC | Minister for Industry |
| **Senator the Honourable Marise Payne** | Minister for Human Services  
Assistant Minister for Education |
| **Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash**  
 Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women | Minister for Immigration and Border Protection |

† On 19 March 2014, the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) made a statement to the Senate in relation to the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos): ‘I inform the Senate that, given the announcement by Senator Sinodinos that he has voluntarily stood aside from his role as Assistant Treasurer while the Independent Commission Against Corruption’s inquiry into Australian Water Holdings Pty Ltd is underway, Senator Cormann will take questions on behalf of the Treasury portfolio until further notice’.

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*In those instances where senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is shown in parentheses.*
A GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

A Notice Paper is issued each sitting day containing details of current business before the Senate. It works in conjunction with the Senate Order of Business (otherwise known as the Red) which sets out the daily routine of business to be followed as per standing order 57.

Standing orders are the rules or procedures set down by the Senate to govern the Senate and its committees. The current version of The Senate: Standing Orders and other orders of the Senate is available on the Senate website at www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Senate/Powers_practice_n_procedures/standingorders

The publication of the Notice Paper is authorised by standing order 43(2).

Placement of business on the Notice Paper

The way business is placed on the Notice Paper is set down according to standing orders and is listed under one of the following four categories:

- **Matters of privilege** which take precedence over all other business and are listed at the beginning of the Notice Paper when they arise. They consist of notices of motion which the President has determined warrant such precedence and any orders relating to adjourned debates on such motions.

- **Business of the Senate** which has precedence over government and general business for the day on which it is listed. It includes disallowance motions, orders of the day for the presentation of committee reports, motions to refer matters to standing committees, motions for leave of absence for a senator and motions concerning the qualification of a senator.

- **Government business** which is business initiated by a minister including the consideration of government legislation. It takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours each week set aside on Thursdays for general business.

- **General business** which is all other business initiated by senators who are not ministers. It takes precedence over government business only as described above. (See below for a breakdown of this section.)

Within each of the above categories you may find notices of motions and/or orders of the day:

- **Notices of motion** are statements indicating that senators intend to move particular motions on the days indicated. They are entered on the Notice Paper in the order given and may be given jointly by two or more senators. Notices of motion are usually considered before orders of the day.

- **Orders of the day** are items of business which the Senate has ordered to be considered on particular days, usually arising from adjourned debates on matters, including legislation, or requirements to present committee reports.

On days other than Thursdays, the Notice Paper records all business of the Senate and government business items, but includes only new items of general business from the previous sitting day. On Thursdays, to take account of General Business at 4.30 pm, a full listing of business relating to the consideration of government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports and Auditor-General’s reports is also published.
Sections of the Notice Paper

Temporary Chairs of Committees
A daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

Other than the sections: Matters of Privilege, Business of the Senate and Government Business, the Notice Paper, may also contain the following:

General Business, including:

Orders of the Day—Adjourned debates on motions initiated by private senators to take note of business other than a government document or a private senator’s bill as these have their own sections.

Orders of the day relating to Private Senators’ Bills—Adjourned debates on motions to consider bills introduced by senators in a personal capacity. New items appear in the following day’s Notice Paper.

These can also be listed for consideration for up to 2 hours and 20 minutes on Thursday mornings (Temporary order agreed to 22 November 2010 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s fourth report of 2010; continuation of temporary order agreed to 12 May and 24 November 2011, 27 June 2012 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2012, 6 February 2013, 14 November 2013; continuation of temporary order amended and agreed to 24 June 2014).

Documents
New documents tabled pursuant to order and those which have had motion moved to take note and the debate adjourned. Such orders arise from consideration of the documents presented on a particular day and include consideration of any documents not reached on the day.

They are also listed for consideration for up to one hour on Thursdays during the consideration of general business, and as a result the section appears in full in the Thursday’s printed Notice Paper.

Committee Reports and Government Responses, and Auditor-General’s Reports
Adjourned debates on motions: to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses, or to consider Auditor-General’s reports. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business, and as a result the section appears in full in the Thursday’s printed Notice Paper.

Business for Future Consideration
Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered on a specific day in the future, for example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, or a notice of motion given for a day other than the next day of sitting.

Business, is listed under the date it is to dealt with in the chamber, starting with the next day of sitting. Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, for example, the tabling date may be a result of some other event occurring, will be placed at the end of the section.

Bills Referred to Committees
Lists all bills or provisions of bills currently being considered by Senate or joint committees, including details of: who referred, to which committee, when referred, variations to the reporting date, any interim reports presented and final reporting date.

Questions on Notice
Includes a listing of numbers of all unanswered questions on notice, available at www.aph.gov.au/SenateQON, and a number range of questions on notice which remain unanswered for more than 30 days.

**Answers to Estimates Questions on Notice**

Lists the dates set by standing committees for the answering of questions taken on notice during estimates hearings.

**Orders of the Senate**

An order of the Senate is a resolution agreed to by the Senate which is regarded as continuing in effect unless its terms indicate that it has a limited life, or is spent by the effluxion of time or the circumstances to which it applied no longer exist.

This section can include resolutions such as: new or amendments of standing orders which have not yet appeared in a current reprint, temporary orders of the Senate, the authorisation of committees to meet during the sitting of the Senate, and orders for production of documents.

**Contingent Notices of Motion**

These are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

**Categories of Committees**

Details in list form, categorised by type, all Senate and joint committees. Specific details of each committee appear in the section Committees.

**Committees**

An alphabetical listing of all Senate and joint committees, including their membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day i.e. presented out of sitting.

**Senate Appointments to Statutory Authorities**

A listing of the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

**Ministerial Representation**

A listing of Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

Inquiries concerning the Notice Paper or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.

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