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Temporary Chairs of Committees

Senators Back, Bernardi, Gallacher, Ketter, Marshall, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Sterle and Whish-Wilson

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GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

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

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

Business listed for today
- Matters of privilege
  - Proposed references to the Privileges Committee
- Business of the Senate
  - Disallowance motions
  - References to standing committees
  - Committee reports to be presented
- Government business
  - Government bills
  - Proposed changes to the order of business
- General business
  - Initiated by senators who are not ministers
  - Notices of motion
  - Continued debate on previous motions

Available for debate on Thursdays
- Private senators' business
- Documents
- Committee reports and government responses
- Auditor-General’s reports

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

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

Other information
- Questions on notice
  - Numbers of all unanswered questions on notice
- Orders of the Senate
  - An action the Senate requires to take place
  - New or amendments of standing orders
  - Temporary orders of the Senate
- Contingent notices
  - Motions to suspend standing orders that can be called upon when a specific event occurs
- Ministerial representation
  - Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent
Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2017

*1 Senator Roberts: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2017:

(1) The levelised cost of electricity (LCOE), with particular reference to the energy production options, including:
   (a) coal fired electricity (without carbon capture and storage);
   (b) combined cycle gas turbines (without carbon capture and storage);
   (c) wind turbines; and
   (d) medium-sized (five megawatt) solar photovoltaic (PV) systems.

(2) The projected LCOE generation in Australia from 2017 to 2030 as using coal, gas, wind and solar and the likely variations in the percentages of these sources of electricity over the same period.

(3) The amount of taxpayer subsidies currently paid for electricity generation from each source and the projected subsidies to 2030.

(4) To assist in cost effective decisions relating to carbon dioxide reductions, the amount of carbon dioxide emitted for coal, gas, wind and solar energy in:
   (a) the construction process for plants or farms, for example, construction of components and transportation;
   (b) a 20-year power production period once constructed; and
   (c) the amount of carbon dioxide emitted for wind and solar PV farms across a 20 year power production period when a gas fired power station is the back up power source for when wind and solar PV is not supplying power at the rated power level, including the CO₂ emitted from the backup power source.

(5) The average amount of time over a year, a month, a week and a day that power plants or power farms are not producing power at their full-rated power level.

(6) Whether the basis for calculating the effect on global climate of carbon dioxide as a result of human activity is either the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) or the reports of NASA or the reports of CSIRO.

(7) The financial costs and benefits to Australia of reducing Australia’s carbon dioxide output by 23 per cent, 50 per cent and 90 per cent.

Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Bell Group litigation.
2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2016
   In committee (20 March 2017).

*2 Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Digital Readiness and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)

3 Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016—
   (Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

4 Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017—
   (Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

5 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

*6 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017—
   (Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

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

8 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire) Bill 2016
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister
   (Senator McGrath)—That this bill be now read a second time.
   And on the amendment moved by Senator Cameron—At the end of the motion, add “but that further consideration of this bill be made an order of the day for the first sitting day after the Government has tabled a statement outlining how it intends to ensure that, under Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire:
   (a) jobs will not be displaced by cheaper labour;
   (b) wages will not be undercut and participants will not be paid below minimum award wages;
participants’ safety will not be compromised and adequate insurance
arrangements will be provided; and
small to medium enterprises will be prioritised in ‘Prepare, Trial, Hire’ as
they have a demonstrated track record of employing more job seekers
through their jobactive program” (13 February 2017).
9 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—
(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

*10 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017—(Special
Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

11 Treasury Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016—(Minister for
Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

*12 Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2017—(Special Minister of State,
Senator Ryan)

13 Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence,
Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

14 Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

15 Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Representation) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—
(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2017).

16 Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2016—(Minister for
Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

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

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

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

20 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2016).
21 Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).

22 Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 November 2016).

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

Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 79 from the House of Representatives (28 November 2016).

25 Governor-General’s Opening Speech
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hume—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—
We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), in continuation, 13 September 2016).

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Notices of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2017

*234 Senator Burston: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the statements made by the Chief Executive Officer of the Catholic Church’s Truth, Justice and Healing Council to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Royal Commission) identifying the extent of the abuse perpetrated by priests and members of religious orders;
(b) is of the opinion that, given the obligations on local bishops to disclose to the Vatican incidents of child sexual abuse, the Catholic Church must be aware of the identities of those perpetrators; and
(c) calls on the Government to request the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana to provide a list of those perpetrators, as a gesture of co-operation and responsiveness, to the work of the Royal Commission.
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to remuneration of certain office holders, and for related purposes. Communications Legislation Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017.

Senators Moore and Rice: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) the Brisbane action on Sunday, 12 February 2017, as part of the One Billion Rising movement to end violence against women and girls,
(ii) that together with Nia Australia, Vulcana Women’s Circus, WaW Dance and Brisbane Powerhouse, women gathered to celebrate a world free from violence, and
(iii) that funds raised on the day were directed to Brisbane domestic violence services; and
(b) recognises that One Billion Rising:
(i) is the biggest mass action to end violence against women and was launched on Valentine’s Day 2012,
(ii) began as a call to action based on the staggering statistic that 1 in 3 women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime, with the world population at 7 billion, this adds up to more than one billion women and girls, and
(iii) is focused is on women’s strength and resistance, aiming to work together to raise awareness and demand a world free from violence.

Senators Bernardi and Leyonhjelm: To move—That, given the Commonwealth’s debt and Australia’s budget deficit, the Senate is of the view that all senators receive an appropriate remuneration package and, therefore, the Remuneration Tribunal should not consider increasing the remuneration paid to senators until the Government has delivered a budget surplus.

Senators McKenzie, Williams, Canavan and O’Sullivan: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences has forecast the gross value of Australian farm production will increase by 8.3 per cent to a record $63.8 billion in 2016-17,
(ii) real net farm cash income is estimated to have been $25.7 billion in 2015-16, well above the 20-year average to 2014-15 of $15.6 billion,
(iii) farm cash income for Australian broadacre farms is projected to average $216,000 per farm in 2016-17 which is the highest recorded in the past 20 years,
(iv) new trade opportunities negotiated by the Coalition Government with China, Korea and Japan have boosted Australian farm exports which are projected to be $48.7 billion in 2017-18, and
(v) agriculture contributed 0.5 per cent to the Australian economy’s 1.1 per cent growth in the December quarter, the largest contribution of the 19 sectors of the economy; and
(b) further notes that, with the right policy settings and programmes, agriculture still has massive potential to grow and deliver even better results as an economic powerhouse of the nation.
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*239 Senators Cameron, Di Natale and Lambie: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Fair Work Act 2009, and for related purposes. Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Take Home Pay) Bill 2017 [No. 2].

*240 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
   (i) the comments of the Secretary of the ACTU, Ms Sally McManus, saying that if a law is unjust then she believes that the law can be broken, and
   (ii) the comments by the Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Di Natale, supporting Ms McManus’ comments;
(b) notes that:
   (i) the Parliament passes laws,
   (ii) all citizens are expected to abide by them, and
   (iii) if laws need to be changed, that is Parliament’s responsibility;
(c) disagrees with the ACTU Secretary’s comments; and
(d) supports the rule of law.

*241 Senator Cameron: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) the decision of the Fair Work Commission, in relation to penalty rates in matter AM2014/305, will result in reductions to the take home pay of up to 700,000 workers employed in retail, hospitality and pharmacies, and
   (ii) in its decision, the Fair Work Commission found that reductions in penalty rates will cause hardship to employees affected by the decision; and
(b) expresses its opposition to reductions in penalty rates that reduce the take home pay of Australian workers now and in the future.

*242 Senator Abetz: To move—That the Senate—
(a) affirms that our society operates on the rule of law;
(b) calls on all Australians to respect and abide by the rule of law; and
(c) condemns expressions of support for breaching the rule of law.

*243 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) 21 March 2017 is Harmony Day, a day which celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity and demonstrates cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home, and
   (ii) Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
(b) endorses Harmony Day’s message ‘everyone belongs’;
(c) notes the success of Australia’s laws in protecting Australians from discrimination on the basis of race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, key to Australia’s success as a multicultural society; and
(d) reaffirms its commitment to the right of all Australians to enjoy equal rights and be treated with equal respect regardless of race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) many aspects of modern life associated with a more inclusive, equal and respectful society have come about by people taking courageous, principled actions of civil disobedience, and

(ii) examples of such actions include hundreds of women arrested during the campaign to change the law so women could vote, thousands of Indians arrested at protests against British rule over India and the imposition of the salt tax, the action of Rosa Parks who refused to surrender her bus seat to a white passenger as the law then required, and the more than 1 000 protesters arrested in the campaign to save the Franklin River; and

(b) recognises that peaceful civil disobedience remains a driving force for progressive change to reduce economic and social inequality in our society.

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

(a) notes:

(i) the tragic death of a cyclist in Melbourne recently, who was struck and killed by a truck while riding a busy cycle route in the city’s inner west,

(ii) the work of cycling advocates in calling for improved infrastructure and safety measures to ensure people have the freedom to ride safely,

(iii) the importance of well-designed and properly funded infrastructure to support cycling as a healthy, clean and efficient mode of transport for Australians of all ages,

(iv) that our cities suffer from traffic congestion and pollution, which can be relieved by providing people with safe cycling routes,

(v) the National Cycling Participation Survey 2015 showed that four million people ride their bike each week in Australia,

(vi) that the National Cycling Strategy aimed to double the number of people riding a bike between 2011 and 2016, yet rider numbers remained relatively unchanged over that period, and

(vii) that the Federal Government funds a range of transport modes, yet provides very little funding to active transport; and

(b) calls on the Government to invest in cycling infrastructure in the upcoming Budget, to reflect the nationally significant role of cycling as a transport mode in Australia and the need to ensure the safety of everyone who rides.

*246 Senators Brown and Siewert: To move—That the Senate notes that—

(a) 21 March 2017 will mark the 12th anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day;

(b) World Down Syndrome Day recognises the rights of people with Down Syndrome;

(c) over 13,000 Australians live with Down Syndrome;
(d) it is the responsibility of local, state and territory, and national governments to advocate for people with Down Syndrome;

(e) we have a responsibility to ensure that people with Down Syndrome participate fully and equally in their communities and all aspects of Australian society; and

(f) we have an obligation to empower people with Down Syndrome, by giving them a voice in policy development and public life.

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

(a) notes:

(i) the deeply concerning reports of the persecution of the Rohingya people in Rakhine State in Myanmar, including United Nations' estimates of the deaths of more than 1,000 people in a recent crackdown and the displacement of at least 97,000 Rohingya,

(ii) the appalling reports, documented by Human Rights Watch, of arbitrary arrests, extrajudicial killings, and sexual violence, including the rape of women and girls, which appear to be part of coordinated and systematic attacks on Rohingya villagers, and

(iii) that the Australian Senate unanimously passed a motion on 16 February 2017 inviting the Government to consider calling for a United Nations Commission of Inquiry into human rights abuses in Myanmar, but that subsequently the Australian Government has indicated willingness to support Myanmar's national-level inquiries like the Investigation Commission, despite the fact that the Investigation Commission is neither credible nor impartial; and

(b) urges the Australian Government to co-sponsor the Myanmar resolution tabled by the European Union on 16 March 2017 at the United Nations Human Rights Council, which calls for an urgent independent international Fact Finding Mission into human rights abuses in Rakhine State.

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

(a) notes:

(i) the resounding defeat of the Barnett Government in Western Australia on 11 March 2017,

(ii) the unnecessary, destructive land-clearing undertaken by Main Roads Department contractors at the site of the proposed Roe Highway project in the Beeliar Wetlands in contravention of state and federal approval conditions, and

(iii) that the incoming McGowan Government has committed to cancel the project;

(b) congratulates Aboriginal leaders, community organisers, local governments and local residents for their defiant and ultimately successful campaign to protect country and culture in the Beeliar Wetlands; and

(c) calls on the Government to ensure that Commonwealth funds worth $1.2 billion committed to the unwanted Roe Highway project are reallocated to public transport, rail freight upgrades and rehabilitation of the Roe Highway corridor.

*249 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the Close the Gap Progress and Priorities Report 2017;
(b) acknowledges that unaddressed hearing loss and impairment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities leads to poorer life outcomes and entrenches disadvantage;
(c) recognises that not enough is being done to address hearing loss and impairment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;
(d) calls on the Minister for Indigenous Affairs to support the recommendations of the Close the Gap Progress and Priorities Report 2017, which calls for new engagement with our First Peoples and the Redfern Statement, as well as a reset to the national approach to health inequality; and
(e) calls on the federal, state and territory governments to urgently address hearing loss and impairment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

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BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (22 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 February 2017

1 Senators Kakoschke-Moore and Lambie: To move—That the Family Law (Superannuation) (Provision of Information - Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme) Amendment Determination 2016, made under the Family Law Act 1975, be disallowed [F2016L01759].

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Final report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

On 23 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the operation of the Administrative Arrangements Order.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Cooperation and Other Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

On 24 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

On 27 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on the ADF’s resistance to interrogation training.

On 28 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Airports Amendment Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 29 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 30 November 2016

1 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2017:
The tax and royalties collected from the extraction and sale of Australia’s oil and gas resources, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and integrity of the existing Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(b) compliance with the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(c) responsibilities and effectiveness of state and Federal Government departments in administering the existing PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(d) the suitability of the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime in the modern global economy;
(e) the comparison of tax and royalty regimes with other oil and gas producing countries that export to the Asia-Pacific region;
(f) principles for modification of the PRRT as it applies to gas;
(g) principles for an extended Commonwealth royalty regime covering offshore oil and gas projects in Commonwealth waters; and
(h) any other related matters.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Final report to be presented on closures of electricity generators.

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

3 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the non-payment of the Superannuation Guarantee.

Six sitting days after today (30 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 1 December 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Agriculture and Water Resources Measures No. 3) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01576].

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

On 30 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on price regulation associated with the Prostheses List Framework.

3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on airport and aviation security at Australian airports.

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

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on the effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector.

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 31 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 21 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on asbestos.

On 9 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016.

On 10 May 2017
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the complaints process under the Health Practitioners Regulation National Law.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the matters raised by New South Wales Police Strike Force CIVET.

3 Community Affairs References Committee

4 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula.

On 11 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2017

1 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That items 1 and 4 of Schedule 1 of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Narcotic Drugs) Regulation 2016, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. and made under the Crimes Act 1914 and the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, be disallowed [F2016L01652].

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the management of credit and other transaction cards by the Department of Defence.

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on gender segregation in the workplace.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 November 2016

127 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—That the Senate notes the wide ranging problems with Australia’s justice system, including access to justice.

On 25 May 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 31 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Government Procurement—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 13 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the commercial use of Tasmanian bumblebees.

Fourteen sitting days after today (20 June 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2017

*1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Health Measures No. 4) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01751].
   Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

*2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—that the Jervis Bay Territory Marine Safety Ordinance 2016, made under the Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act 1915, be disallowed [F2016L01756].
   Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 20 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 21 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future of Australia’s aged care sector workforce.
On 22 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on home, strata and car insurance industries.

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity.

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

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

5 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on shark mitigation and deterrent measures.

6 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on whistleblower protections.

7 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the import of seafood and seafood products.

On 19 July 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 7 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 14 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Strengthening Multiculturalism—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
   (select committee to be established on 27 March 2017)

On 15 August 2017

General Business—Order of the Day

1 National Integrity Commission—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 23 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2017 (6 September 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2017.

On 13 September 2017

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1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020.

On 30 September 2017

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

On 18 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the state of Australia’s rail industry.
General Business—Order of the Day

1 Lending to Primary Production Customers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

   On 28 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

   On 30 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

   On 1 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

   On 6 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

   On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Airports Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 28 March 2017)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 16 February 2017; reporting date: 10 May 2017)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date (final): 22 March 2017)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Cooperation and Other Measures) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 23 March 2017)

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

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 29 March 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 21 March 2017)

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 27 March 2017)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

Questions remaining unanswered

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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

Community Affairs
  Health
  Social Services, including Human Services

Economics
  Industry, Innovation and Science
  Treasury

Education and Employment
  Education and Training
  Employment

Environment and Communications
  Communications and the Arts
  Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
  Finance
  Parliament
  Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  Attorney-General
  Immigration and Border Protection

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

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)
Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates

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

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

**2017-18 Budget estimates:**
Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)
Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)
Monday, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the orders of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 3 March, Friday, 26 May and Friday, 27 October 2017, but not restricted to these days.

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

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

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

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

(a) Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates; and

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

*(Agreed to 8 November 2016; varied 8 February 2017)*

Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice

That:

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

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

(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

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

Autumn sittings:
Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
Monday, 13 February to Thursday, 16 February

Autumn sittings (2):
Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

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

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

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

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

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

(Agreed to 8 November 2016)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Day
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Robert John Day was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is “yes”, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, Mr Day was at any time incapable of sitting as a Senator prior to the
dissolution of the 44th Parliament and, if so, on what date he became so incapable;

(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(e) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 7 November 2016)

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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

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

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

Formal business

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

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

Limitation of time

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
No. 31—21 March 2017

Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Xenophon

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

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

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

Matters of urgency

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

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

To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

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

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

Senator Lambie

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

Questions without notice

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

Statements

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

Tabling of documents

16 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
   
   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives
Senator Moore (appointed 12 February 2015, for a period of 3 years).

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

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

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**RICHARD PYE**  
Clerk

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