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Senators Bernardi, Gallacher, Ketter, Leyonhjelm, O'Sullivan, Reynolds, Sterle, Whish-Wilson and Williams

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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.

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BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 10 August 2017

1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—that the following matters be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 5 December 2017:

The integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin, with particular reference to:

(a) the allegations of theft and corruption in the management of water resources in the Murray-Darling Basin;
(b) the failure of authorities, including the New South Wales State Government and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, to investigate and publicly disclose reported breaches within the Murray-Darling Basin, including the Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan;
(c) the actions of member states, in responding to allegations of corruption and the potential undermining of the Basin Plan;
(d) the use of Commonwealth-owned environmental water for irrigation purposes, and the impact on Basin communities and environment;
(e) the operation, expenditure and oversight of the Water for the Environment Special Account; and
(f) any other related matters.

Notice of motion altered on 14 August 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 14 August 2017

2 Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator McAllister): To move—that the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 4 December 2017:

Digital delivery of government services, with particular reference to:

(a) whether planned and existing programs are able to digitally deliver services with due regard for:
   (i) privacy,
   (ii) security,
   (iii) quality and reliability, and
   (iv) value for money;
(b) strategies for whole of government digital transformation;
(c) digital project delivery, including:
   (i) project governance,
   (ii) design and build of platforms,
   (iii) the adequacy of available capabilities both within the public sector and externally, and
(iv) procurement of digital services and equipment; and
(d) any other related matters.

3 Senator Gallacher: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 5 December 2017:
The integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin, with particular reference to:
(a) the allegations of theft and corruption in the management of water resources in the Murray-Darling Basin,
(b) the investigation and public disclosure by authorities, including the New South Wales Government and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, of reported breaches within the Murray-Darling Basin, including the Barwon Darling Water Sharing Plan,
(c) the actions of member states in responding to allegations of corruption and the potential undermining of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan,
(d) the use of Commonwealth-owned environmental water for irrigation purposes, and the impact on Basin communities and the environment,
(e) the operation, expenditure and oversight of the Water for the Environment Special Account, and
(f) any other related matters.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017
   In committee (15 August 2017).

2 Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 June 2017).

3 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Broadcasting Reform) Bill 2017
   Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Bill 2017
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

4 Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 March 2017).

5 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2016).

6 Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Commonwealth Entities) Bill 2017—(Minister for Education and Training, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 August 2017).
7 Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 August 2017).

8 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 2) Bill 2017—
(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

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

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

11 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—
(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

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

13 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).

14 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).

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

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

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

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

19 Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 79 from the House of Representatives (28 November 2016).
20 **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).  

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

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**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 14 August 2017*

420 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) the Murray Darling river system is a national resource,

(ii) the aim of the Murray Darling Basin Plan, agreed to in 2012, is to ensure that water is shared between all users, including the environment, in a sustainable way,

(iii) it is important that the Commonwealth, the States and users comply with the agreed plan,

(iv) on 24 July 2017 the ABC’s *Four Corners* program aired serious allegations in respect of the Barwon-Darling in relation to water pump tampering, theft and rorting, collusion between officials and irrigators, failures by officials to properly monitor compliance and the shutting down of compliance units in the face of alleged non-compliance, irregularity and illegality, and

(v) the Senate has an oversight responsibility in relation to implementation and execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan and visibility to modelling — financial and compliance data assist the Senate in this regard; and

(b) there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by the start of business on 4 September 2017:

(i) all documents and communications (draft or otherwise) concerning the purchase (proposed or otherwise) by the Commonwealth of water access licences held by Tandou Ltd,
(ii) all documents and communications (draft or otherwise) concerning any modelling undertaken by the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) for the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River between 1 January 2014 and today,

(iii) all documents and communications (draft or otherwise) concerning any investigations or work undertaken by the MDBA tracking the movement of environmental water in the Northern Basin between 1 January 2014 and today— including documents and communications (draft or otherwise) concerning the legal extraction of environmental water and/or potentially unlawful extraction of water,

(iv) all documents or communications (draft or otherwise) concerning the expenditure of monies from the Water for the Special Account between 1 January 2014 and today including:
   (A) any criteria for distributing monies from this account,
   (B) any evidence that these criteria had been met by the beneficiary of monies from this account, and
   (C) the details of any distributions of monies from this account to individuals or companies with properties on the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River, and

(v) all documents and communications (draft or otherwise) concerning the distribution of monies for the Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program between 1 January 2014 and today including:
   (A) any criteria for distributing monies from this account,
   (B) any evidence that these criteria had been met by the beneficiary of monies from this account, and
   (C) the details of any distributions of monies from this account to individuals or companies with properties on the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River.

Notice given 15 August 2017

*424 Senator Singh: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that 19 August is World Humanitarian Day, as designated by unanimous consensus of the United Nations General Assembly;

(b) recognises:
   (i) the impact of conflict, disaster and other humanitarian crises upon the safety, wellbeing and dignity of civilians throughout the world,
   (ii) the fundamental importance of humanitarian aid to the protection of civilians, particularly in light of current patterns of mass displacement and migration, and
   (iii) the critical nature of ongoing processes of stabilisation, peacebuilding, recovery and reconstruction after conflict;

(c) acknowledges and commends the ongoing contribution of humanitarian workers enabling the delivery of essential assistance to civilians impacted by conflict and disaster, often at great personal risk;

(d) encourages all Australians to reflect upon:
   (i) the significance of humanitarian work,
the importance of adequate resources for the delivery of crucial humanitarian aid programs, and

the essential role of the United Nations in maintaining a rules-based international order and protecting human life and dignity;

nenotes with concern:

(i) that cuts to Australia’s aid and development budget have represented around 25% of all budget cuts since 2013,

(ii) that the aid and development budget is predicted to fall to 0.22% of gross national income (GNI) – the lowest level in its history – in 2017-18, and

(iii) that Australia is, as a result, at odds with trajectories toward increased funding for aid and development both within and outside the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); and

calls upon the Government to commit to the promotion, implementation and provision of resources for humanitarian aid work wherever possible, including by:

(i) reversing the aid and development budget’s ever-diminishing trajectory, and ensuring that Australia’s aid program is adequately resourced in the future, and

(ii) maintaining Australia’s support for, and participation in, the United Nations.

*425 Senator Lambie: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to link pay for members of the Defence Force to pay for Parliamentarians or to CPI, and for related purposes. Defence Amendment (Fair Pay for Members of the ADF) Bill 2017.

*426 Senator Lambie: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 18 August is Vietnam Veterans’ Day,

(ii) the day marks 51 years since the Battle of Long Tan, where – led by the Tasmanian-born Commanding Officer of the D Company 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Harry Smith SG MC – 108 Australians fought, 24 were wounded and 18 were killed,

(iii) the day serves as an opportunity to commemorate more broadly the service of those 61 000 Australians who served in Vietnam, particularly the 521 who lost their lives and the 3 000 who were wounded, and their wives and families who have been left to care for them, and

(iv) Australia’s contribution to the Vietnam War was significant and costly, and these costs are still being experienced today; and

(b) calls on the federal government to work with all states and territories to:

(i) reflect on the repeated failings of repeated governments to recognise and respect those who came home, and those who did not, and

(ii) heed, in word and deed, the motto of the Vietnam Veterans Association, to “Honour the dead but fight like hell for the living”.

Notice of motion altered on 15 August 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.
Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) earlier this year the NSW Government released a range of draft regulations and instruments to support two laws that cover how biodiversity, ‘offsetting’ and land-clearing are assessed in rural and urban areas,

(ii) the NSW Government plans for these biodiversity and land-clearing changes to commence on 25 August 2017, and

(iii) the NSW Environment Defenders Office in its submission to the NSW Government on this issue pointed out that:

(A) the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme will not meet federal standards in the Commonwealth Offsets Policy under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and

(B) where Local Land Services (LLS) consider that proposed clearing may require Commonwealth approval, LLS will only certify the clearing after being reasonably satisfied by the landowner that Commonwealth approval is unnecessary or approval has been granted; and

(b) calls on the NSW Government to delay setting a commencement date until all the mapping required to be able to make decisions about land-clearing and offsets is accurately and comprehensively completed, and NSW offsets under the Commonwealth policy meet Commonwealth standards.

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes:

(i) the admission of the Member for New England, Mr Barnaby Joyce MP, that he may hold New Zealand citizenship,

(ii) that the New Zealand Government has confirmed that Mr Joyce is a citizen of New Zealand, and

(iii) that the case has been referred to the Court of Disputed Returns; and

(b) there be laid on the table, by the Attorney General, by no later than 3.30 pm on 16 August 2017, the Solicitor-General’s advice regarding the eligibility of the Member for New England to continue to sit as a member of the House of Representatives or serve as a minister in the Cabinet.

Senators Kakoschke-Moore and Griff: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) National Science Week runs from 12 to 20 August 2017,

(ii) it is Australia’s annual celebration of science and technology, and thousands of people get involved from students to scientists, and chefs to musicians,

(iii) the Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian scientists to the world of knowledge,

(iv) it also aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public, and to encourage younger people to become fascinated by the world we live in,

(v) science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) is a critical part of the Australian economy, and according to a
PricewaterhouseCoopers 2015 STEM report, a 1 per cent increase in people choosing a STEM-related career would result in gains for the country’s economy exceeding $50 billion in revenue,

(vi) however, Australia is not producing enough people with STEM skills to meet growing demand, with the number of young Australians choosing STEM subjects in high school in decline, according to ‘Engaging the future of STEM’ by Sarah Chapman and Dr Rebecca Vivian, and

(vii) Chapman and Vivian also state that there is a significant gender disparity in STEM in Australia, with females significantly underrepresented in STEM education and careers; and

(b) calls on the Government to address the mismatch between increasing demand and falling supply, and the gender imbalance, in STEM.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (17 August 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Strengthening Multiculturalism—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

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

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 20 June 2017

371 Senator Rice: To move—that the Senate—
   (a) notes that the Select Committee on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill tabled its report on 15 February 2017; and
   (b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, by no later than 9.30 am on 4 September 2017, a statement outlining the Government’s intentions in relation to the findings of the report.

Notice of motion altered on 20 June and 21 June 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.
Notice given 14 August 2017

417 Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) violent extremism in Australia is perpetrated or inspired by terrorist groups that claim to act in the name of Islam,

(ii) the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and similar groups exert influence through a violent ideology, persuasive propaganda and the grooming of young people which has produced significant numbers of radicalised Australian Muslims, and

(iii) the so-called ‘lone actor terrorists’ are in fact part of a wider group of radicalised communities within Australian Muslim enclaves in Australia; and

(b) calls on the Government to ban full face coverings in public places on the grounds of social cohesion, the need to identify people seeking community support and for public safety.

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

53 Competition and Consumer Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 21 June 2017).

41 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 13 February 2017).

On 31 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on asbestos.

On 4 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
4 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Validation of Decisions) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

*1 Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 August 2017).

Order for Production of Documents

*1 Government response to committee report—Australia’s automotive industry—Order for production of document
By the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, by no later than 3.30 pm on 4 September 2017, the Government’s response to the report of the Economics References Committee on the Future of Australia’s Automotive Industry. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 15 August 2017.)

On 5 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

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 6 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2017 and Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 7 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 11 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Corporations Amendment (Modernisation of Members Registration) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 August 2017

393 Senator Roberts: To move—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017 to provide for members of the Parliament to voluntarily opt-out of payment of certain remuneration and allowances, and for related purposes. Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (Voluntary Opt-out) Bill 2017.

On 12 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 August 2017

*1 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—that the Competition and Consumer (Industry Code—Sugar) Regulations 2017, made under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, be disallowed [F2017L00387].

Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on toll roads.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 August 2017

412 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—that the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) this week marks the 72nd anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which killed more than 200 000 people in 1945,
      (ii) the current global stockpile of nuclear weapons is around 15 000 weapons, held by nine countries,
      (iii) on 7 July 2017, 122 nations voted at the United Nations to adopt a Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which prohibits nations from developing, testing, producing, manufacturing, transferring, possessing, stockpiling, using or threatening to use nuclear weapons, or allowing nuclear weapons to be stationed on their territory,
      (iv) the adoption of the Treaty puts nuclear weapons on the same footing as other weapons of mass destruction, and represents a significant step forward in global efforts to eradicate nuclear weapons, and
      (v) despite clear global support and the obvious need to reinvigorate international nuclear disarmament architecture, the Australian Government did not participate in Treaty negotiations; and
   (b) calls on the Government to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons when it opens for signature on 20 September 2017.

On 13 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

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

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

**On 14 September 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on Community Development Program.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on online poker.

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

**On 30 September 2017**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

**On 16 October 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on penalty rates and the provisions of the Fair Work (Pay Protection) Bill 2017.

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the protection of personal Medicare information.

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2017 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

**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.

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

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

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

On 31 October 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 Economics References Committee  
Report to be presented on non-conforming building products.

On 23 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 27 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee  
Report to be presented on the affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs.

On 28 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

*2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee  
Report to be presented on the law of contempt.
On 29 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

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 4 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

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 regulation of remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.
On 7 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

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

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

4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products into Australia.

On 14 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 18 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on aged care assessment and accreditation.

On the second sitting Tuesday in 2018

Business of the Senate—Order 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.

On the second sitting Tuesday in February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage.
On the first sitting day in March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

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.

On the final sitting day of November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

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 (final): first sitting day in March 2018)

Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017 [provisions]
   Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 August 2017; reporting date: 12 September 2017)

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions]
   Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 4 September 2017)

Corporations Amendment (Modernisation of Members Registration) Bill 2017
   Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 11 September 2017)

Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017
   Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 13 September 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017
   Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 4 September 2017)
• Provisions of the bill referred to the Education and Employment References Committee as part of the committee’s inquiry into penalty rates (referred 19 June 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2017 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 August 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Migration Amendment (Validation of Decisions) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 August 2017; reporting date: 4 September 2017)

National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 June 2017; reporting date: 5 September 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 7 September 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 7 September 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 4 September 2017)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 6 September 2017)

Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 13 September 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.

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

Private senators' bills

Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 August 2016.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 395, 427 to 429, 442, 443, 446, 473, 475, 482, 488, 489, 493 to 495, 498, 502, 503, 506, 509 to 517.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 495 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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
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.

(2A) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 26 May 2017 and Friday, 27 October 2017.

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

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; varied 29 March 2017 in respect of paragraph (2A))

**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)

**First speech—Senator Georgiou**

That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 16 August 2017, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Georgiou to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

(Agreed to 9 May 2017, varied 13 June 2017)
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.

(Submitted by: [Agreed to 8 November 2016])

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Ludlam
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(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Ludlam was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘no’, is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and
(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference.

(Submitted by: [Agreed to 8 August 2017])
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Ms Waters
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(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Waters was returned;

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

(c) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘no’, is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and

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

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Canavan
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(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Matthew Canavan was returned;

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

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

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

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Roberts
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(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Roberts was returned;

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

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

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

(Agreed to 9 August 2017)
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)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   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)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
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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)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
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To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.
Order of business

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

13 Senator Lambie
   
   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)
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   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   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)
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   Senator Bernardi
   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)
    Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
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    Senator Bernardi
    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).

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate

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| **Senator the Honourable James McGrath**<br>Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister | |
| **Senator the Honourable Zed Seselja**<br>Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs | |
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**Key**
- ‡ = Date of Senate ⅓ Cut-Off
- B = Budget
- S = Senate sitting week only
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- hearings on Indigenous matters, and Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters