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### Other information

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- **Ministerial representation**
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Notices of Motion

Notice given 30 August 2016

1 Senator Siewert: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2016:

Changes to the Aged Care Funding Instrument announced in the 2015-16 MYEFO and 2016-17 Budget, with particular reference to:

(a) the impact of these cuts on service delivery and the level of care that older Australians receive, including in regional and remote communities;
(b) the impact of these cuts on the sector including the sector’s capacity to deliver complex health care, and the ongoing viability of the sector;
(c) the impact of these cuts on state and territory governments, if health systems are required to provide more complex care as a result;
(d) the assumptions and data underlying projections by the Government;
(e) the consultation process with consumers, community groups and aged care service providers in relation to these changes; and
(f) any other related matters.

Notice given 1 September 2016


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

Notice given 12 September 2016

*3 Senator Watt and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the provisions of the National Cancer Screening Register Bill 2016 and the National Cancer Screening Register (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016 be referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 October 2016.
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the Day

1 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 (12 September 2016).

Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 September 2016

*1 Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath): To move—that the provisions of paragraph (6) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016
- Corporations Amendment (Auditor Registration) Bill 2016
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
- National Cancer Screening Register Bill 2016
- National Cancer Screening Register (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016
- Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Bill 2016
- Statute Update Bill 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 30 August 2016

13 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—that the Senate—

(a) reaffirms its commitment to the right of all Australians to enjoy equal rights and be treated with equal respect, regardless of race, colour, creed or origin;

(b) reaffirms its commitment to maintaining an immigration policy wholly non-discriminatory on grounds of race, colour, creed or origin;
(c) reaffirms its commitment to the process of reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in the context of redressing their profound social and economic disadvantage;

(d) reaffirms its commitment to maintaining Australia as a culturally diverse, tolerant and open society, united by an overriding commitment to our nation, and its democratic institutions and values; and

(e) denounces racial intolerance in any form as incompatible with the kind of society we are and want to be.

Notice given 31 August 2016

28 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the former Treasurer Mr Wayne Swan thinks there should be stronger debate about the role of political donations and how donations are potentially leading to the skewing of political decision-making in favour of foreign countries,

(ii) most political donations are from domestic sources, which carry a similar risk of skewing decision-making in favour of donors, and

(iii) in the Australian Government’s 2008 Electoral Reform Green Paper, former Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner, argued that the perception of undue influence can be as damaging to democracy as undue influence itself; and

(b) calls for a ban on foreign political donations, and domestic donations from property developers, tobacco industry business entities, liquor business entities, gambling industry business entities, mineral resources or mining industry business entities, and industry lobby groups who represent these entities.

Notice given 12 September 2016

*32 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—That the following interim reports of the Economics References Committee, tabled in the last Parliament, be listed on the Notice Paper for consideration during the item of business relating to the consideration of committee reports and government responses under standing order 62(1) on Thursday:

(a) Personal choice and community impacts;

(b) Personal choice and community impacts—Bicycle helmet laws (term of reference d);

(c) Personal choice and community impacts—Sale and use of marijuana and associated products (term of reference c); and

(d) Personal choice and community impacts—Western Sydney Wanderers supporters (term of reference f).
*33 Senator McKenzie: To move—

(1) That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.

(2) That the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015 be restored to the Notice Paper and that consideration of the bill be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the previous Parliament.

*35 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Marriage Act 1961 to reduce government intervention in marriage, and for related purposes. Freedom to Marry Bill 2016.

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

(a) that the United States Department of State is hosting the Our Ocean 2016 conference in Washington DC on 15 and 16 September 2016;

(b) that the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop) and the Ambassador for the Environment (Mr Suckling) will be representing Australia;

(c) that Australian marine pollution advocate, Mr Tim Silverwood, has been asked to lead a panel on marine pollution at this prestigious gathering of world leaders and influencers;

(d) that a recent World Economic Forum report warned that on current projections there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans by 2050; and

(e) the unanimous recommendations of the Senate Environment and Communications References Committee outlining a plan of action for the Federal Government.

*37 Senators Griff, Xenophon and Kakoschke-Moore: To move—

(1) That the following matter be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters for inquiry and report by 14 March 2017—The funding of, and donations to, political parties and candidates with particular reference to:

(a) foreign political donations;

(b) sources of private (including corporate and union donations) and public funding and contribution limits and caps;

(c) alternative funding practices, including consideration of comparative overseas models operating in Canada and the United Kingdom;

(d) transparency, accountability and reporting measures;

(e) limiting election expenses; and

(f) any related matter.

(2) For the purposes of this inquiry only, participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination in the House of Representatives, of the Government or Opposition Whips or any minority group or independent member, and, in the Senate, of the Leader of the Government or Opposition, or any minority group or independent senator, and such participating member:

(a) shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purposes of forming a quorum if a majority of members of the committee is not present; and
may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee and have all rights of a committee member except that a participating member may not vote on any question before the committee.

(3) This resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

*38 Senator Gallagher: To move—That the resolution of the Senate of 2 November 2011, relating to the chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, be amended by omitting “Legal and Constitutional Affairs” and substituting “Environment and Communications”.

*39 Senator Rice: To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on 10 October 2016, by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, any documents held by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources relating to the relocation from Canberra to Armidale of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, including:

(a) any cost benefit analysis; and

(b) any correspondence or other information, including briefings, meeting and file notes, between any Australian Government Minister, department or agency.

Notice of motion altered on 12 September 2016 pursuant to standing order 77.

*40 Senator Xenophon: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) the President’s report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2016, listed the report of the Environment and Communications References Committee on stormwater management in Australia as amongst the reports the Government had failed to respond to within the 3 month timeframe, and

(ii) the Government still has not provided a formal response to the committee’s report, although it has been 10 months since the report was tabled; and

(b) there be laid on the table by no later than 3.30 pm on 10 October 2016 by the Minister representing the Minister for Environment and Energy the Government’s response to the report of the Environment and Communications References Committee on stormwater management in Australia, dated 2 December 2015.

*41 Senator Xenophon: To move—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) the President’s report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2016, listed the report of the Community Affairs References Committee on the availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia as amongst the reports the Government had failed to respond to within the 3 month timeframe, and

(ii) the Government still has not provided a formal response to the committee’s report, although it has been almost 12 months since the report was tabled; and
(b) there be laid on the table by no later than 3.30 pm on 10 October 2016 by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care the Government’s response to the report of the Community Affairs References Committee on the availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia, dated 17 September 2015.

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BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (On 14 September 2016)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 September 2016

*34 Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move—that the order of the Senate of 21 March 2002 restricting photography in the Senate chamber ceases to have effect on and from 10 October 2016.

Order for Production of Documents

*24 2016 Census—Legal advice—Order for production of documents
   By the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, no later than 3 pm on 14 September 2016, legal advice received from the Australian Government Solicitor. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 12 September 2016.)

On 15 September 2016

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

1 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
   Second reading (restored 31 August 2016).

On 10 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 12 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 30 August 2016

1 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—that the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Shotguns and Shotgun Magazines) Regulation 2016, made under the Customs Act 1901, be disallowed [F2016L01255].

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

On 13 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 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.)

On 14 October 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee


2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 7 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 14 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 21 November 2016

Order for Production of Documents

1 Government response - Select Committee on Wind Turbines—Order for production of document
By the Minister representing the Minister for Environment and Energy, by 3.30 pm on 21 November 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines. (Motion of Senators Leyonhjelm, Day, Xenophon, Lambie, Griff, Kakoschke-Moore, Burston, Culleton and Roberts, the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) and Senator Hinch agreed to 1 September 2016.)

On 24 November 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on 2016 Census.

On 30 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the last sitting day in March 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.

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 7 November 2016)

Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 September 2016)

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [provisions]‡
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 14 October 2016)
Questions on Notice

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 1 to 22 and 24 to 104.

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

Orders of the Senate

Address-in-reply—Suspension of standing order 3(4)
That standing order 3(4) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider business other than that of a formal character before the address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s opening speech has been adopted.
(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

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
Estimates hearings

(1) That the 2016-17 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
   Monday, 17 October and Tuesday, 18 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 19 October and Thursday, 20 October 2016 (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That, pursuant to the order of the Senate of 26 August 2008 and 23 June 2015, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 21 October 2016.

(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.
(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

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 speeches
That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:
   Wednesday, 31 August 2016—Senator Hume
   Thursday, 1 September 2016—Senators Dodson and Duniam
   Monday, 12 September 2016—Senator Hinch
   Tuesday, 13 September 2016—Senators Roberts and Watt
   Wednesday, 14 September 2016—Senators Hanson and McCarthy
   Wednesday, 12 October 2016—Senator Chisholm
(Agreed to 31 August, 1 September and 12 September 2016)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Standing order 25(9)—Determination of chair
That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:
(a) that the chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and
(b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).
(Agreed to 2 November 2011)
Meeting of Senate
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2016 be as follows:

Spring sittings:
- Thursday, 1 September
- Monday, 12 September to Thursday, 15 September

Spring sittings (2):
- Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October

Spring sittings (3):
- Monday, 7 November to Thursday, 10 November
- Monday, 21 November to Thursday, 24 November
- Monday, 28 November to Thursday, 1 December.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Ministerial statements—Consideration—Temporary order
That the following amendment to standing order 169 operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2017:

At the end of standing order 169, add:
(3) If a ministerial statement is presented to or tabled in the Senate other than in accordance with standing order 61, it shall be in order for a senator to move a motion without notice to take note of the statement. On any such motion, a senator may speak for not more than 10 minutes and paragraph (2) applies to the total time limit for individual or successive motions.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016; originally agreed to 11 November 2015 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s third report of 2015)

Rotation of senators
That, pursuant to section 13 of the Constitution, the senators chosen for each state be divided into two classes, as follows:

(1) Senators listed at positions 7 to 12 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall be allocated to the first class and receive 3 year terms.

(2) Senators listed at positions 1 to 6 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall be allocated to the second class and receive 6 year terms.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

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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 put 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)
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.

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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Leader of the Government in the Senate | Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Justice  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Counter-Terrorism  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cyber Security |
| Senator the Honourable Fiona Nash | Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
Minister for Urban Infrastructure  
Minister for Health and Aged Care |
| Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann | Treasurer  
Minister for Revenue and Financial Services  
Minister for Small Business |
| Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion | Minister for Communications  
Minister for the Arts  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate |
| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne | Minister for Defence Industry  
Minister for Veterans’ Affairs  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC  
Minister for Defence Personnel |
| Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash | Minister for Immigration and Border Protection |
| Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham | Minister for the Environment and Energy |
| Senator the Honourable Arthur Sinodinos AO | Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment  
Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science |
| Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan | Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources |
| Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells | Minister for International Development and the Pacific |
| Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan | Minister for Social Services  
Minister for Human Services |

**Assistant Ministers – Designated as Parliamentary Secretaries under the Ministers of State Act 1952**

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- **×**: Date of Senate ½ Cut-Off
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