The Senate meets at 9.30 am

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GENERAL BUSINESS—PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS

Orders of the Day

84 Social Security Amendment (Diabetes Support) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Senator Muir)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Muir, in continuation, 3 March 2016).

16 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rice, in continuation, 12 November 2015).

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 3 March 2016

1 Chair of the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (Senator McKenzie): To move—That the Senate adopt the recommendation contained in the report of the Education and Employment Legislation Committee on the additional estimates 2015-16 that standing order 26(4) be referred to the Procedure Committee for consideration.

Notice given 16 March 2016

*2 Senator McKim: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 May 2016:
The response to, and lessons learnt from, recent fires in remote Tasmanian wilderness affecting the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, with particular reference to:
(a) the impact of global warming on fire frequency and magnitude;
(b) the availability and provisions of financial, human and mechanical resources;
(c) the adequacy of fire assessment and modelling capacity;
(d) Australia’s obligations as State Party to the World Heritage Convention;
(e) world best practice in remote area fire management; and
(f) any related matter.
*3 Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 11 May 2016:

The partial suspension of sanctions against Iran, with particular reference to:

(a) the nature and scope of public consultation prior to the making of the Autonomous Sanctions (Suspension of Sanctions—Iran) Instrument 2016, the Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities and Declared Persons—Iran) Amendment List 2016, and the Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities and Declared Persons—Iran) Amendment List 2016 (No. 2);

(b) the adequacy of the explanatory statements accompanying the regulations for the removal of certain activities and entities from the sanctions regime;

(c) the extent to which any removed entities have institutional or financial ties to any entities that continue to be designated, and the nature of such ties;

(d) the impact of lifting sanctions on the conduct of Iran in international affairs and on Australia’s national interest;

(e) the Australian Government’s decision to re-open a trade office in Iran; and

(f) any related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

   Report to be presented on the Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

   Report to be presented on the mental health of returned Australian Defence Force personnel.

3 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

   Report to be presented on Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes.

4 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

   Report to be presented on the 2015-16 additional estimates.

6 **Economics References Committee**

   Report to be presented on cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms.

7 **Education and Employment Legislation Committee**

   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

8 **Murray-Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee**

   Final report to be presented.
No. 147—17 March 2016

9 Education and Employment References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s temporary work visa programs.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis)—That this bill be now read a second time.
And on the amendment moved by Senator Collins—At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate is of the opinion that there is a need to reform Australia’s political donation system by lowering the disclosure threshold, banning foreign donations, restricting anonymous donations and preventing donation splitting to avoid disclosure” (Senator Moore, in continuation, 16 March 2016).

2 Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2015-2016
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2015-2016—(Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, Senator Ryan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 March 2016).
(Bills exempted on 3 March 2016 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)

3 Dairy Produce Amendment (Dairy Service Levy Poll) Bill 2016
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston)—That this bill be now read a second time.
And on the amendment moved by Senator Leyonhjelm—At the end of the motion, add “and the bill be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016” (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 29 February 2016).
(Bill exempted on 23 February 2016 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)

4 Trade Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2016—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 March 2016).
(Bill exempted on 1 March 2016 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)

*5 Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory Local Court) Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2016).

*6 Biological Control Amendment Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2016).
*7 Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
   Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2016).

8 Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015—
   (Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 February 2016).

9 Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
   Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional
   Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2]—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water
   Resources, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 February 2016).

10 Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill
    2015—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 February 2016).

11 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program)
    Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2015).

12 Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information)
    Bill 2015
    Australian Crime Commission (National Policing Information Charges) Bill
    2015—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 February 2016).

13 Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts)
    Bill 2015
    Income Tax Rates Amendment (Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015
    Medicare Levy Amendment (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts) Bill
    2015
    Income Tax (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts—Offsets) Bill 2015—
    (Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 February 2016).

14 Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015—(Minister for
    Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 February 2016).

15 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015—
    (Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 February 2016).

16 Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures)
    Bill 2015
    Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 558 from the House of
    Representatives (29 February 2016).
17 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Back, in continuation, 4 February 2016).

18 Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2015) Bill 2015—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Waters, in continuation, 24 February 2016).

19 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 February 2016).

20 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 February 2016).

21 Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, Senator Ryan)

22 Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2015—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 November 2015).

23 Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015—(Senate bill)—(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 November 2015).

24 Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2014—(Minister for Regional Development, Senator Nash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (29 October 2014).

25 Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 February 2016).

26 Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Governance) Bill 2015
In committee (25 November 2015).

27 Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 February 2016).

28 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015—(Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, Senator Ryan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2015).
29 Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

30 Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 20 August 2015).

31 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014—(Minister for Education and Training, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2015).

32 Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 3) Bill 2015—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2015).

33 Social Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2015—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), in continuation, 10 August 2015).

34 Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (28 October 2014).

35 Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Improving the Comcare Scheme) Bill 2015—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)

36 Australian Citizenship and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)

37 Australian Securities and Investments Commission Amendment (Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee Abolition) Bill 2014—(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 March 2015).

Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 October 2014).

39 Fair Work Amendment (Bargaining Processes) Bill 2014—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 February 2015).

40 Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2014).

41 Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 September 2014).
42 **Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014**—*(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 October 2014).

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

44 **Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Student Measures) Bill 2014**—*(Minister for Regional Development, Senator Nash)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (28 October 2014).

45 **Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 4) Bill 2014**—*(Minister for Regional Development, Senator Nash)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (28 October 2014).

46 **National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014**—*(Minister for Tourism and International Education, Senator Colbeck)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 July 2014).

47 **Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014**—*(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 September 2014).

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

49 **Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014**
- **Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014**
- **Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2014**
- **Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2014**—*(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (26 June 2014).

50 **Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Repeal Bill 2014**—*(Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Scullion)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 June 2014).

51 **Higher Education Support Amendment (Savings and Other Measures) Bill 2013**—*(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 December 2013).

52 **Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2]**—*(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 July 2014).

53 **Historical events—Centenary of Anzac and Anzac Day 2015**—Ministerial statement by the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of Anzac (Senator Ronaldson)
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Defence (Senator Payne)—That the Senate take note of the document (13 May 2015).
54 Indigenous Australians—Closing the Gap—Ministerial statement and documents

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion)—That the Senate take note of the documents (12 February 2014).

(Consideration as government business—see Orders of the Senate—Temporary orders and changes to standing orders)

55 Budget statement and documents 2015-16

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (14 May 2015).

56 Budget statement and documents 2014-15

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

Notices of Motion

Notice given 16 March 2016

*1 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—that the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 10 May 2016 be from 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 12 May 2016 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

(a) the routine of business from 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 10 May 2016 shall be:

   (i) Budget statement and documents 2016-17, and
   (ii) adjournment; and

(b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 12 May 2016 shall be:

   (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
   (ii) adjournment.

Notice given 29 February 2016

2 Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan): To move—that the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Increasing Consumer Choice) Bill 2016
- Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016
- Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016
- Tax Laws Amendment (Norfolk Island CGT Exemption) Bill 2016.
3 Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan): To move—That
the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016, allowing it to be considered
during this period of sittings.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 4 December 2013

44 Senator Carr: To move—That the Senate—
     (a) condemns:
         (i) the failure of the Government to provide answers on immigration
             policy and implementation, especially on serious incidents, to the
             Senate and the Australian people,
         (ii) the Government’s complete lack of transparency, and its reversion
             to secrecy in its conduct of the business of government, especially
             as it relates to immigration policy, and
         (iii) the Government for misleading the electorate on its immigration
             policies such as the Indonesian fishing boat buyback policy,
             bounties, wardens and turning boats back (where it is safe to do so);
             and
     (b) calls on the Government to:
         (i) abandon unwarranted secrecy, and
         (ii) acknowledge the success of the Papua New Guinea Regional
             Resettlement arrangement in reducing boat arrivals and putting
             people smugglers out of business.

Notice given 17 June 2014

276 Senator Xenophon: To move—That the Senate—
     (a) notes that:
         (i) the use of the term ‘Occupied Palestinian Territories’ is an
             internationally accepted term in use by the United Nations (UN),
         (ii) the International Court of Justice and the UN General Assembly
             have deemed East Jerusalem part of the West Bank and an occupied
             territory,
         (iii) Australia has historically supported UN Security Council and
             General Assembly resolutions regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict
             and the status of Jerusalem,
         (iv) the voting patterns of Australia in relation to the Israel-Palestine
             conflict have shifted dramatically under the Abbott Government,
             and
         (v) these shifts in the position of the Australian Government have
             caused diplomatic tensions with a number of countries, including
             the threat of potential sanctions; and
(b) calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop) to publicly acknowledge that:
   (i) the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories are illegal and in breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention; and
   (ii) East Jerusalem is an occupied territory.

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

Notice given 18 June 2014

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

Notice given 23 June 2014

292 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) applauds the action taken by the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the International Court of Justice under Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty against the United States, Russia, China, France, the United Kingdom, India, Pakistan, Israel and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, for their failure to fulfil their obligations with respect to nuclear disarmament;
   (b) notes that:
      (i) in taking this action, the Republic of the Marshall Islands is in effect acting on behalf of all the world’s peoples in upholding international law, and
      (ii) the effects of the use of even a small percentage of the 17 000 nuclear weapons currently operational would be catastrophic for society and the global climate, and could bring about the deaths of up to 2 billion people from nuclear winter-induced famine; and
   (c) urges the Australian Government to join with the Marshall Islands legal action.
Notice given 26 June 2014

313 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes the Government of Brunei Darussalam’s recently adopted penal code, which threatens the human rights of minority groups, including women, religious minorities and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals; and
(b) calls on the Government to insist that Brunei address these human rights violations as a condition of them participating any further in the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade negotiations.

Notice given 7 July 2014

318 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes the Japanese Government’s determination to continue its lethal scientific whaling in the Southern Ocean in the name of research;
(b) calls on the Prime Minister (Mr Abbott) to:
(i) raise concerns with the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Abe, that Japan is moving to apply to reinstate a lethal scientific whaling program in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary, and
(ii) personally invite the Japanese to cooperate with Australian scientists on Australia’s non-lethal scientific whaling program; and
(c) calls on the Government to publicly condemn the consumption of whale meat.

Notice given 9 July 2014

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

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

Notice given 14 July 2014

344 Senator Madigan: To move—that the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) the campaign to eliminate the spiritual practice of Falun Gong practitioners began on 20 July 1999, and 20 July 2014 marks the 15th year of persecution,
(ii) in violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment the persecution of Falun Gong in China continues,
(iii) in the first half of 2014, there have been 49 verified deaths of Falun Gong practitioners as a result of persecution, and
(iv) there are continuing reports that organ transplants are taking place in China without the free and informed consent of the donor, and remain a cause for grave concern; and
(b) calls on the Government to oppose internationally the persecution and organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners.

Notice given 26 August 2014

383 Senator Lambie: To move— That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to continue the Nation Building Program Roads to Recovery Program, and for related purposes.  

_Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment (Continuing Roads to Recovery) Bill 2014._

Notice given 1 September 2014

408 Senator Ludlam: To move— That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) increasing tensions and armed aggression by the Government of Russia in eastern Ukraine,

(ii) comments by Russian President, Mr Vladimir Putin, that ‘I want to remind you that Russia is one of the leading nuclear powers’, and

(iii) that Australia has already applied sanctions to the Russian Government in response to their actions in Ukraine; and

(b) calls on the Government to immediately cease uranium exports to Russia.

Notice given 2 September 2014

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

(a) recognises that:

(i) millions of people have been forced to flee the ongoing deadly conflicts in Iraq and Syria, and

(ii) Australia must play its part in assisting those who are seeking protection from these atrocities; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) issue a moratorium on the return of asylum seekers back to danger in Iraq and Syria, and

(ii) offer a reprieve to those detained in immigration detention centres to allow them to apply for protection in Australia.

Notice given 24 September 2014

453 Senator Waters: To move— That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

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

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

(iii) the Queensland Government has indicated that it will ask the Federal Government to contribute to the cost of paying resource companies and port developers; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to rule out allowing federal taxpayer funds to be used to pay resource companies or port developers to meet their obligations under environmental approvals, including at Abbot Point.

Notice given 17 November 2014

506 Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Queensland Premier, Mr Campbell Newman, has announced that he will use public money from the sale of public assets to build a coal railway for mining magnates,

(ii) Premier Newman has already announced that public money will be used to pay for dredging in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area and dumping on the nationally-significant Caley Valley wetlands near Abbot Point, and

(iii) Queensland’s existing industries, our safety, our environment, including the Great Barrier Reef, and our very way of life are at risk from climate change which is driven by burning fossil fuels; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to rule out allowing federal public funds to be used to pay for coal mines or coal ports associated with the Galilee Basin.

Notice given 26 November 2014

540 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment, no later than noon on 27 November 2014, the substantially concluded text of the China – Australia Trade Agreement.

Notice given 3 December 2014

579 Senator McKenzie: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes statements of support for the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel, including the Victoria Trades Hall Council’s recent reiteration of its support for the BDS strategy; and

(b) denounces such support as anti-Semitic, ill-informed, simplistic, inflammatory and having no place in our society.

Notice given 5 March 2015

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

(a) notes that 10 March 2015 marked the 56th anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising;

(b) acknowledges that torture and mistreatment of Tibetans by Chinese authorities continues today;

(c) notes the evidence provided in the Torture and impunity: 29 Cases of Tibetan political prisoners report which details specific cases of torture in custody and the impacts of imprisonment on the lives of political prisoners from 2008 to 2014; and

(d) supports the release of all Tibetan political prisoners who have been detained for religious beliefs or practices, or peaceful expression of views.
Notice given 19 March 2015

668 Senators Day and Leyonhjelm: To move—that the Senate acknowledges, respects and values:
   (a) the historical ties between Australia and Israel, noting that Australia was among the first countries to recognise the State of Israel;
   (b) Australian trade with Israel nearing $1 billion per annum; and
   (c) the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce.

Notice of motion altered on 23 March 2015 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 25 March 2015

693 Senator Ludlam: To move—that the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) Australia, together with 155 other states, participated in the Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons on 8 December and 9 December 2014,
      (ii) in a statement to the conference, Pope Francis called for nuclear weapons to be “banned once and for all”,
      (iii) at the conclusion of the conference, Austria pledged to, inter alia, ‘identify and pursue effective measures to fill the legal gap for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons’, and
      (iv) the host government of Austria has invited all interested states to associate themselves with this pledge by formal diplomatic means;
   (b) endorses the Austrian Pledge; and
   (c) calls on the Australian Government to do the same and voice its support for the start of a time-bound diplomatic process to negotiate a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons and establishing a framework for their elimination.

Notice given 24 June 2015

775 Senator Moore: To move—that the Senate—
   (a) notes the Abbott Government’s failure to honour its promises; and
   (b) calls on the Government to be accountable to the Parliament.

777 Senator Rhiannon: To move—that the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms Bishop, stated in a speech to the Lowy Institute on 11 June 2015 that Australia’s military deployments could be accounted for as foreign aid,
      (ii) the Australian Council for International Development has stated it is vitally important that the Government clearly separates Australian aid expenditure from military logistical support,
      (iii) the United Nations has urged developed countries to commit to a 0.7 per cent GNI target by 2015 to meet the Millennium Development Goals and Britain has legislated this target, and
      (iv) the Abbott Government has cut $11 billion from the foreign aid budget since it was elected in 2013; and
   (b) calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to rule out accounting logistical support for the military and police in non-humanitarian responses as foreign aid.
Notice given 19 August 2015

829 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) that it has been 6 years since the Montara oil spill, and
   (ii) the recent report from the Australian Lawyers Alliance, After the spill, investigating the impact of Australia’s Montara oil disaster in Indonesia, which finds that local economies in the East Nusa Tenggara region of Indonesia have lost billions of Australian dollars, and reported widespread sickness and health conditions which they believe were caused by the oil spill; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to negotiate with Indonesia for a full investigation, that can pinpoint the cause of economic and environmental devastation experienced by seaside communities in Indonesia following the worst offshore oil spill in Australia’s history.

Notice given 9 September 2015

847 Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) the fact that Australia’s Pacific Island neighbours are already facing an existential threat from climate change, including catastrophic flooding, more intense cyclones, rising sea levels and salt water contamination of crops and fresh water stocks,
   (ii) that in 2015 alone, Vanuatu, Kiribati and Tuvalu have suffered severe flooding, and Cyclone Pam has devastated Vanuatu,
   (iii) the Suva Declaration on Climate Change from the Leaders of the Pacific Islands Development Forum and the Smaller Island State Leaders’ Port Moresby Declaration on Climate Change, and
   (iv) that Mr Abbott’s Direct Action policy hands out taxpayers’ money to big polluters while allowing them to keep increasing pollution; and

(b) calls on Mr Abbott to show leadership at the Pacific Islands Forum by immediately committing to science-based targets to cut pollution, providing assistance to Pacific Island nations for unavoidable loss and damage caused by climate change, and providing long-term financing for climate change adaptation and solutions for those facing displacement.

Notice given 12 October 2015

883 Senator Carr: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Education and Training, by no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 14 October 2015:

(a) any reports delivered under the Nous Group contract, ‘Assessment of Stakeholder Views – Higher Education’, listed on the Austender website (contract number CN3277481); and

(b) all other documentation related to the contract, including any correspondence between the Nous Group and the Minister or his department.
Notice given 14 October 2015

898 Senators Ludlam and Singh: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) offers deepest condolences to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) for the deadly bombing of its hospital by United States (US) forces in Kunduz, Afghanistan, which killed 22 people, including 12 MSF staff and 10 patients;
   (b) notes that:
      (i) the MSF hospital was the only facility of its kind in north-eastern Afghanistan providing free high level life- and limb-saving trauma care, and, due to the attacks, is no longer operational and cannot provide care,
      (ii) the secretariat of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission (IHFFC) has been activated to investigate this incident subject to consent of the US and Afghan governments, and
      (iii) NATO Supreme Commander, General Philip Breedlove, has publicly supported the call for the IHFFC investigation;
   (c) strongly supports the need to establish the facts of this tragedy through an independent inquiry such as the IHFFC investigation; and
   (d) affirms the status of health facilities as neutral, protected spaces under international law.

Notice given 11 November 2015

930 Senators Abetz, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan and Wang: To move—That the Senate, while not expressing a view on the contents of the booklet issued by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference entitled Don’t mess with Marriage, fully supports the rights of members of the Catholic Church, including Archbishop Julian Porteous, to distribute it.

Notice given 24 November 2015

956 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes, with deep concern, recent political developments in Cambodia, including:
      (i) the issuing of an arrest warrant based on seven-year-old defamation charges against the Opposition Leader, Mr Sam Rainsy, and his subsequent removal from Parliament and the stripping of his parliamentary immunity,
      (ii) violent attacks against opposition parliamentarians, and
      (iii) the removal of the Opposition Party Deputy Leader, Mr Kem Sokha, from his post as Vice-President of the National Assembly; and
   (b) calls on the Cambodian Government to:
      (i) revoke the arrest warrant issued against Mr Rainsy, and to allow him and other opposition parliamentarians to return to Cambodia without fear of arrest or persecution,
      (ii) protect and uphold the tenets of multi-party democracy, and to take concrete steps to guarantee a free and safe political space, and
      (iii) engage with the Opposition in open dialogue on actions to strengthen Cambodia’s democracy.
Notice given 25 November 2015

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

(a) notes that 1 December 2015 marks the 54th anniversary of the raising of the Morning Star flag by the people of West Papua, a day celebrated as the unofficial day of Papuan independence;

(b) celebrates the long overdue release in November 2015 of West Papuan leader and political prisoner, Mr Filep Karma, who was convicted after leading a peaceful rally that included the raising of the Morning Star flag on 1 December 2004;

(c) calls on the Australian Government to express to the Indonesian Government the need for:

(i) immediate amnesty and release of all remaining West Papuan political prisoners,

(ii) free media access to be specified in a presidential directive that makes clear obligations of government ministries and security forces to ensure unobstructed foreign media access to West Papua, and

(iii) free access for foreign researchers to West Papua; and

(d) affirms the right of the West Papuan people to self-determination, peace and security.

Notice given 30 November 2015

976 Senators Ludlam and Xenophon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the recommencement of legal action against Australia by Timor-Leste in the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague regarding claims that Australian spies bugged a Timor-Leste cabinet office during negotiations over an oil and gas treaty in 2004;

(b) calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to direct the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to reissue a passport to the individual known as ‘Witness K’, a former senior intelligence officer who came forward as a whistle-blower, to enable him/her to appear as a witness at the upcoming hearing of the case; and

(c) affirms the right of the Government of Timor-Leste to bring these proceedings against Australia in the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and the need for this case to be independently investigated.

Notice given 2 December 2015

998 Senator Moore: To move—That the Senate notes that despite the change of Prime Minister, the Turnbull Government has adopted former Prime Minister Abbott’s misplaced priorities and broken promises.
Notice given 2 February 2016

1004 Senator Lambie: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that under the United Nations oversight:
   (i) rogue nation and dictatorship North Korea has successfully carried out four nuclear bomb tests in 10 years,
   (ii) Islamic State terrorists control the site of the nuclear plant Syria was building with North Korean assistance,
   (iii) Islamic State terrorists could be in control of a Syrian nuclear reactor producing plutonium, or at least significant quantities of radioactive material, had Israel not destroyed the site, and
   (iv) rogue nation and theocratic dictatorship Iran has successfully negotiated a deal with America to drop hundreds of billions of dollars in economic sanctions while still denying the world full knowledge of its nuclear weapons programs; and

(b) calls on the Government to express the grave concerns of the Australian people about the ability of the United Nations to safely and properly oversee and manage the possible military dimensions of North Korea’s and Iran’s nuclear programs.

Notice given 29 February 2016

1054 Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Tibetan Plateau is the largest source of freshwater beyond the Arctic and Antarctic, a major driver of the global climate, the source of most of Asia’s major rivers, and an area of great significance to the global environment, and
   (ii) traditional nomadic herding has provided Tibetans with resilient livelihoods and ensured the health of Tibetan grasslands, including maintaining biodiversity and soil carbon;

(b) expresses concern that:
   (i) Tibetan nomads are leaving the grasslands, and that their displacement will have harmful impacts on their livelihood and culture as well as on Tibet’s fragile environment, and
   (ii) construction of large dams and water diversion projects in the headwater regions will impact the environment and the livelihood of millions of people in the region;

(c) notes China’s many positive steps towards addressing the challenges of climate change, including reducing dependence on coal; and

(d) calls for acknowledgement of:
   (i) the important role Tibetan nomads play in ensuring the health of Tibetan grasslands, and
   (ii) the importance of Tibetans having a say over decisions that affect their land and livelihoods.
1061 Senators Ludlam and Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Mr Benjamin Gantz, former Israel Defence Force (IDF) Chief of General Staff, is currently in Australia as a keynote speaker for United Israel Appeal events,

(ii) during his tenure as Chief of General Staff from 2011 to 2015, Mr Gantz led the IDF through numerous military campaigns, including Operation Protective Edge in Gaza from July to August 2014,

(iii) according to the United Nations, Operation Protective Edge resulted in the deaths of over 2,000 Palestinians, most of whom were civilians, and destroyed over 19,000 homes, and

(iv) both the United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry into the 2014 Gaza conflict, and Amnesty International, have released reports pointing to the possible commission of war crimes by both Israeli and Palestinian armed groups; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) work for an end to Israel’s occupation of the Palestinian territories, and end the 8 year blockade of Gaza,

(ii) halt military cooperation and military trade with Israel, and

(iii) communicate this position to Mr Gantz whilst he is in Australia, should he be issued a visa.

Notice given 2 March 2016

1071 Senators Madigan, Leyonhjelm, Day, Muir, Lambie, Wang and Xenophon, and Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus): To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Sport (Senator Fiona Nash), no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, 15 March 2016, the following documents relating to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) and the National Anti-Doping Framework:

(a) the final report by ASADA investigator, Mr Aaron Walker, on its investigation into the Essendon Football Club’s player supplements program during the 2012 AFL season (Operation Cobia), dated 4 March 2014;

(b) the independent review of Operation Cobia conducted by former Federal Court judge, Garry Downes;

(c) the report of the independent review of ASADA commissioned by former Minister for Sport (Ms Ellis); and

(d) the decision of the AFL Anti-Doping Tribunal signed by the chairman, Mr David Jones, and members, Mr John Nixon and Mr Wayne Henwood, dated 31 March 2015 which cleared 34 Essendon footballers who played for the club during the 2012 AFL season of an alleged violation of the 1 January 2012 AFL Anti-Doping Code.

Notice of motion altered on 2 March 2016 pursuant to standing order 77.
Notice given 15 March 2016

1079 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—that the Senate—

(a) notes that the week beginning 13 March 2015 marks the 5th anniversary of the beginning of the Syria crisis, and that since the conflict began:

(i) between 250,000 and 470,000 people have lost their lives, and 11 million people have been forced to flee their homes, including 4.5 million refugees,

(ii) the Syrian Government has forcibly ‘disappeared’ at least 65,000 people, including human rights activists and aid workers,

(iii) all parties to the conflict have committed war crimes and human rights violations, including murder, torture and rape,

(iv) many of those remaining in Syria are struggling to survive without access to lifesaving humanitarian aid due to the actions of warring parties and insufficient funding for humanitarian appeals,

(v) the recent cessation of hostilities and peace talks are a cause for cautious optimism, but the situation on the ground in Syria remains dire for millions of people,

(vi) the Australian Government has provided $213 million in aid to the people of Syria since 2011,

(vii) the Australian Government in 2015 committed to resettle 12,000 refugees from Syria and Iraq, only 26 of whom have been settled in Australia to date, and

(viii) the Australian Government played an important role during 2013-14 on the United Nations Security Council negotiation resolutions aimed at improving humanitarian access for vulnerable populations within Syria; and

(b) calls on the Turnbull Government to:

(i) increase diplomatic efforts to demand all parties to the conflict abide by the rules of war and protect civilians,

(ii) provide further humanitarian assistance to vulnerable people inside Syria, as well as refugees who have fled the conflict and are now in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and other countries in the region,

(iii) expedite the resettlement of the 12,000 Syrian and Iraqi refugees that the Australian Government committed to resettle in 2015,

(iv) take all possible steps to avoid harming civilians during any Australian military operations, and

(v) work to ensure people fleeing Syria are treated fairly, including by increasing assistance to refugee-hosting countries.

1083 Senator Waters: To move—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel, stated on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s Q&A program that Australia is ‘losing the battle’ against global warming,

(ii) Professor Terry Hughes has told ‘The Conversation’ that Australia can either develop new coal mines or protect the Great Barrier Reef, but ‘we can’t possibly do both’,
(iii) coral bleaching caused by global warming has already caused the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to raise its bleaching alert to Level 2, and the United States’ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has upgraded its Coral Reef Watch warning for the far northern Great Barrier Reef to Alert Level 2, the highest threat level, and

(iv) the mining and burning of coal is driving dangerous global warming which threatens the Great Barrier Reef; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to abandon its support for the Adani mega coal mine and Abbot Point coal port expansion, and support a rapid transition to 100 per cent clean energy as soon as possible, and at least 90 per cent clean energy by 2030.

Notice given 16 March 2016

*1091 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the tragic drug overdoses, including loss of life, that occurred over the past summer at music festivals around the country,

(ii) the Parliamentary Drug Summit on 2 March 2016 heard from experts in the drug and alcohol field who outlined harm reduction strategies that, if available at the time, may have prevented the overdoses and deaths,

(iii) that as a harm-reduction intervention, drug testing is available in several European countries, and

(iv) that drug testing has been shown to change the black market, change drug users’ behaviour, enable the provision of information to drug users, capture data about substances present in the drug scene and create the potential for an early warning system;

(b) applauds the efforts of Dr Alex Wodak and Dr David Caldicott to implement a privately-funded drug testing trial at public events in New South Wales where drug use is common; and

(c) encourages the Australian Government, and state and territory governments, to work with health professionals, community organisations, event organisers and drug users to implement publicly-funded drug testing trials.

*1092 Senator McAllister: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the importance of good dental health for an individual’s overall health;

(b) recognises the important role of water fluoridation in promoting good dental health in our communities;

(c) condemn:

(i) the anti-fluoridation activists who prevent the implementation of evidence-based policy such as water fluoridation, and

(ii) the Abbott/Turnbull Governments’ cuts to the historic $4.6 billion investment in public dental services made by the Gillard Labor Government; and
(d) calls for all funding to public dental services and the Child Dental Benefits scheme to be restored.

*1093 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) electricity network operators in New South Wales are in the process of shedding thousands of jobs,

(ii) in the past 12 months, Ausgrid has shed 879 jobs, Endeavour Energy 155 jobs and Essential Energy 350 regional jobs through voluntary redundancy, and further job cuts are being pursued,

(iii) on 7 March 2016, Essential Energy filed an application with the Fair Work Commission to terminate the Essential Energy Enterprise Agreement 2013 which, if successful, will allow the company to significantly reduce workers’ pay and conditions and deliver widespread forced redundancies,

(iv) a decision by the Fair Work Commission called Aurizon Operations Limited and others [2015] FWCFB 540 (22 April 2015) set a dangerous precedent for the termination of agreements without the consent of employees or their unions, and

(v) further job losses in New South Wales electricity distribution businesses will cause significant economic and social harm and negatively impact on the safety and security of the electricity network; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to amend section 225 of the Fair Work Act 2009 to:

(i) prevent an employer from applying to the Fair Work Commission to have an enterprise agreement that has passed its nominal expiry date terminated, and

(ii) require employers and workers to undertake negotiation and conciliation and, where necessary, arbitration in the Fair Work Commission to determine a new and fair enterprise agreement.

*1094 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, no later than 17 March 2016, the proposed draft Australian national standard on egg labelling to be considered by the Meeting of Ministers for Consumer Affairs to be held on 31 March 2016, and any associated documents.

*1095 Senators Madigan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Wang, Lambie, Xenophon, Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus), and Senator Muir: 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 1 December 2015, listed the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines as among the reports the Government had failed to respond to within the required 3 month timeframe, and

(ii) the Government still has not provided a formal response to the committee's report, although it has been some 7 months since the report was tabled; and
(b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham), no later than 3.30 pm on 10 May 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines, dated August 2015.

*1096 Senator McEwen: To move—That the Senate—
(a) acknowledges that:
   (i) 23 July 2016 marks the centenary of Australia’s participation in the Battle of Pozières,
   (ii) 24,000 Australian soldiers lost their lives in the battle, and
   (iii) no other battle in World War I equalled the horror of the Battle of Pozières as measured by lives lost and soldiers wounded; and
(b) thanks the Australian Pozières Remembrance Association Inc., together with the village of Pozieres, for creating a Memorial Garden in Pozières to pay tribute to Australia’s World War I defence personnel.

*1097 Senator McEwen: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the comments of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) in the debate on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016, stating ‘Labor joined with the Coalition to support the invasion of Iraq’;
(b) reminds Senator Di Natale that Labor consistently opposed the 2003 war in Iraq; and
(c) calls on Senator Di Natale to correct the record.

*1098 Senator Smith: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that on 8 November 2015, Myanmar held its first openly contested election in 25 years;
(b) congratulates the people of Myanmar on the peaceful and efficient conduct of the election, which was a powerful demonstration of the people’s wish to transition to democracy;
(c) notes:
   (i) the result of the election, which delivered a significant majority to the National League for Democracy (NLD), the political movement led by pro-democracy campaigner Ms Aung San Suu Kyi,
   (ii) the election by Myanmar’s Union Parliament on 15 March 2016 of Mr Htin Kyaw as President, and
   (iii) the election of Mr Henry Van Thio to the office of Second Vice-President, and its particular significance for the Chin and Christian communities of Myanmar, given this is the most senior office to be held by a Chin person since the Union of Burma was formed in 1947; and
(d) recognises that the selection of the Myanmar’s president and vice-presidents is an important step in its political transition, whilst noting the need for further reforms to strengthen representative government in that country.

*1099 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move—That the Senate affirms the previous announced decision of the Government to deliver the 2016-17 Budget on 10 May 2016.
Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the Economics References Committee report received on 11 March 2016 into the collapse of forestry managed investment schemes, a $4 billion Ponzi scheme facilitated by the lax lending standards of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank and the ANZ bank;
(b) notes that during the term of the 44th Parliament, the following financial scandals have been uncovered:
   (i) 1,100 Commonwealth Bank clients were given unsuitable advice, and another 8,000 are having their cases reviewed,
   (ii) 1,000 National Australia Bank clients were given unsuitable advice,
   (iii) 160 Macquarie Bank clients were given unsuitable advice, and thousands more are having their cases reviewed,
   (iv) 8,500 ANZ Bank clients were charged for services they did not get,
   (v) IOOF is alleged to have engaged in insider trading, front running and other misconduct,
   (vi) the ANZ Bank is alleged to have rigged the Bank Bill Swap Rate, and
   (vii) the Commonwealth Bank is alleged to have engaged in fraud to unfairly deny life insurance claims; and
(c) calls on the government to establish a Royal Commission into crime and misconduct within the financial services sector.

Senator Williams: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
   (i) the Contractor Driver Minimum Payments Road Safety Remuneration Order 2016 that will still come into effect on 4 April 2016, forcing self-employed drivers to charge rates 35 per cent higher than trucking companies, deliberately placing them at a competitive disadvantage,
   (ii) that this order unfairly targets self-employed drivers, while exempting transport companies that employ drivers,
   (iii) the main outcome of this order will force self-employed drivers out of the market by requiring them to charge for transport at a higher rate than large company-owned competitors, and
   (iv) that leading industry representatives, including the Australian Industry Group, the National Road Transport Association, the Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association, the National Farmers Federation and the Council of Small Business of Australia have all supported calls to review this anti-small business decision; and
(b) supports this delay so that these small business owners are not unfairly targeted and driven out of the market by being forced to charge uncompetitive rates.
*1102 Senator Urquhart: To move—That the Senate—
  (a) recalls the decision of the Australian Greens to vote with the Liberal and National parties to oppose the introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme; and
  (b) recognises the significant role played by the Australian Greens in opposing action on climate change and the subsequent damage to Australia’s future.

*1103 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—
  (a) notes that:
     (i) the Turnbull Government is yet to commit funding to any major public transport projects in our urban centres,
     (ii) the recent audit of East West Link federal funding showed significant flaws in the Liberal Government’s approvals and funding decisions for that proposed project, and that there are strikingly similar features of the funding decisions for WestConnex and Perth Freight Link toll roads,
     (iii) communities in Sydney, Perth and Melbourne are standing up and saying they do not want more polluting toll roads pushed through their urban neighbourhoods, and
     (iv) investment in well-designed public transport infrastructure is a more effective, economic, equitable and less polluting means of tackling congestion than new toll road projects; and
  (b) calls on the Government to withdraw funding for WestConnex and the Perth Freight Link, and prioritise funding for public transport in our major urban centres before polluting toll roads that further embed car-dependence in our cities.

*1104 Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus): To move—That the Senate—
  (a) recognises the damaging impact of yellow crazy ants in northern Queensland on:
     (i) rainforests, including a 60 hectare World Heritage Area within an 800 hectare infestation south of Cairns,
     (ii) ecotourism,
     (iii) farming, including the infestation of 230 hectare of sugarcane,
     (iv) Australian wildlife and pets, including many endangered species endemic to northern Queensland rainforests,
     (v) the health of residents, including the risk of temporary blindness if sprayed in the eye with formic acid,
     (vi) the safety of schools,
     (vii) the liveability of the region, and
     (viii) property values; and
  (b) calls on the Government to urgently commit funding to the Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program to fund it for 3 years past June 2016.
Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Daniel Morcombe Foundation was established as a lasting legacy to Daniel by parents Bruce and Denise Morcombe in 2005 after their son Daniel was abducted and murdered in December 2003 while waiting to catch a bus on the Sunshine Coast, and
   (ii) the foundation has two main aims: to educate children on how to stay safe in a physical and online environment, and to support young victims of crime;

(b) recognises the important work of the foundation in:
   (i) assisting educators and parents in the education of children about their personal safety, by funding the development of child safety educational resources,
   (ii) assisting young victims of crime through financial support in addition to that provided by Government agencies, and
   (iii) empowering all Australians to make their own local communities safer places for children;

(c) congratulates Denise and Bruce Morcombe on their selfless and tireless work to protect children from harm and recognise their call for the establishment of a national ‘Sex Offender and Child Homicide Offender Public Website’, known as Daniel’s Law, which would list ‘the worst of the worst’ child sex offenders, including those convicted of killing a child; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to establish a working group comprising state and territory government representatives, law enforcement, child safety advocates and other relevant professionals to consider and develop solutions to issues affecting children’s safety, including for example the possible viability of the establishment of such a register.

Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus): To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises:
   (i) the importance of community legal centres, as one of the four key free legal assistance providers in Australia, in:
      (A) playing a central role in combatting the current Australian domestic violence crisis as a front-line service,
      (B) providing free legal advice in areas such as family violence, family law, credit and debt, employment and housing,
      (C) providing crucial early intervention to stop legal problems escalating and community legal education, and
      (D) assisting 216,000 people nationally in 2015, nearly 50,000 of whom are in in Queensland,
   (ii) that in 2015, 160,000 people were turned away nationally, 80,000 of whom were in Queensland, and there is rising demand for services, and
   (iii) that the planned funding cuts will directly affect the ability of people in Queensland, and across Australia, to access the legal help they need; and

(b) therefore calls on the Government to:
(i) urgently halt funding cuts to community legal centres due to take effect from 1 July 2017,
(ii) commit to increasing funding in line with the recommendations made by the Productivity Commission, including a minimum of $14.4 million per year to community legal centres,
(iii) remove restrictions on community legal centres using Federal Government funding to undertake vital law reform and policy advocacy work, and
(iv) invest long-term in community legal centres, Family Violence Prevention Legal Services and other legal assistance services.

*1107 Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Polley): To move—That the following amendment to standing order 24 operate as a temporary order from 10 May 2016 until the end of the 44th Parliament:
Add the following paragraph:
“(1)(d) If the committee has not completed its inquiry into a bill due to the failure of a minister to respond to the committee’s concerns, then immediately prior to the order of the day relating to the bill being called on, a senator may:
(i) ask the minister for an explanation as to why the committee has not received a response; and
(ii) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice—That the Senate take note of the explanation; or
(iii) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the minister’s failure to provide an explanation.”

*1108 Senators Moore, McKenzie, Siewert and Brown: To move—That the Senate—
(a) recognises that:
(i) 21 March 2016 marks the 3rd anniversary of the former Prime Minister Julia Gillard’s apology on behalf of the Australian Government to people affected by forced adoption or removal policies and practices, and
(ii) this apology, on behalf of the Australian people, acknowledges the policies and practices that forced the separation of mothers from their babies created a lifelong legacy of pain and suffering;
(b) acknowledges:
(i) the profound sadness and remorse, in the unreserved apology,
(ii) the hope that the apology will assist healing through shining a light on a dark period of our nation’s history, and
(iii) the Australian Government’s response provided funding for:
(A) an increased awareness and understanding of the experiences of individuals affected by forced adoption practices in the community,
(B) developing guidelines and training materials for mental health professionals to assist in the diagnosis, treatment and care of those affected by forced adoption practices, and
(C) the National Archives of Australia to document the experiences of those affected by forced adoption and provide information about how to access records; and
(c) notes:
   (i) the bravery of the survivors who participated and gave evidence to the Senate inquiry into the Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices, and
   (ii) the 20 recommendations of the report of the inquiry were significant in instigating the National Apology for Forced Adoptions.

*1109 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), and Senators Moore and Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) World Down Syndrome Day will be celebrated internationally on 21 March 2016, and the theme for this year’s commemoration is ‘My Friends, My Community’, and
   (ii) people with Down syndrome must be able to enjoy full and equal rights to include the opportunity to participate fully in their communities;

(b) recognises that, sadly, the reality remains for many that prevailing negative attitudes result in low expectations, discrimination and exclusion; and

(c) joins with Down Syndrome Australia, Down Syndrome International and the Australian Down syndrome community in:
   (i) supporting the ‘My Friends, My Community’ conversation, and notes that when children with Down syndrome are given opportunities to participate, all children benefit from this shared environment of friendship, acceptance and respect for everyone and high expectations are created, and
   (ii) acknowledging these environments prepare all today’s children for life as tomorrow’s adults, enabling adults with Down syndrome to live, work, and participate, with confidence and individual autonomy, fully included in society alongside their friends and peers.

*1110 Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus): To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges the importance of Australia’s shipping and maritime industry, and its contribution to the Australian economy and national defence capabilities;

(b) notes that some 7,000 people are employed directly in shipbuilding yards across Australia, and a further 24,000 people in associated industries;

(c) recognises that 1,800 shipbuilding jobs have been lost in Australia since 2013, and the need to protect and retain Australian jobs for Australian workers;
(d) understands the Federal Government is currently in the process of awarding a large Australian Government shipbuilding contract for the build of defence supply vessels to a Spanish company, Navantia, which will create some 3,000 jobs in Spain and further decimate the Australian shipbuilding and maritime industry; and

(e) calls on the Federal Government to immediately halt any further negotiations with the Spanish company, and instead work with the Australian shipbuilding and maritime industry to immediately establish the capability to build the ships in Australia which will provide Australian jobs for Australian workers.

*1111 Senator Simms: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that:
   (i) a strong public education system is key to investing in the next generation, and building a fair, successful and cohesive society,
   (ii) the Student Start-up Scholarship allows students from disadvantaged or low income backgrounds to purchase necessary study items such as textbooks and course equipment, and
   (iii) by turning the Student Start-up Scholarship into a loan, hundreds of thousands of low-income students are being saddled with an extra $6,150 of HELP debt; and

(b) calls on the Government to:
   (i) reinstate the Student Start-up Scholarship as a grant and not a loan, and
   (ii) increase support for higher education students from disadvantaged or low income backgrounds.

*1112 Senator Xenophon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Minister for Defence has declined to provide documents commissioned from Macroeconomics.com.au Pty Ltd relating to the potential impact on the Australian economy in accordance with the 17 November 2014 order for production of documents,
   (ii) on 23 February 2016 the Minister advanced a public interest immunity claim that the Department of Defence commissioned the documents to inform the Cabinet’s consideration of the build of the future submarine,
   (iii) in 1975 the Senate by resolution laid out its position with respect to public interest immunity claims indicating that while the Senate may permit claims of public interest immunity to be advanced, it reserves the right to determine whether any particular claim will be accepted,
   (iv) on 3 March 2016 a further order for production of documents was made by the Senate requiring the Minister for Defence to provide the basis for the public interest immunity claim made in the Senate on 23 February 2016, and
   (v) on 16 March 2016 the Minister failed to comply with the order for production of documents of 3 March 2016 indicating that the Government would not disclose legal advice; and
(b) does not accept the public interest immunity claim made by the Minister for Defence in relation to the order for production of documents of 17 November 2014, and that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, by the next day of sitting, the documents commissioned from Macroeconomics.com.au Pty Ltd, including economic modelling and other examination of the potential economic impact of the SEA1000 submarine project on the Australian economy, among other subjects.

Orders of the Day

1 Transport—The Australian Government’s aviation safety regulation review—Ministerial statement
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sterle—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 2 December 2013).

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

3 Employment—Job losses
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate—
(a) condemns:
   (i) the failure of the Government to:
       (A) articulate a comprehensive innovation policy so that Australia has the high skill, high wage jobs of the future, and
       (B) fight for Australian jobs,
   (ii) the deliberate and hostile actions of the Government in bringing about the end of Australia’s automotive manufacturing sector threatening a further 50,000 jobs directly reliant and the 200,000 jobs that rely on it indirectly, and
   (iii) the cowardice of the Government for blaming job losses on workers to distract from its own inaction and lack of any plan to deal with the crisis facing Australian manufacturing due to the strong dollar; and

(b) calls on the Government to immediately outline:
   (i) its plans to support the 50,000 Australian workers who have lost their jobs since the election,
   (ii) the industries in which it expects these workers to find new jobs, and
   (iii) its plans to attract the billions in new investment, new jobs, new skills and new technologies to replace those lost in the automotive sector (12 November 2015).

4 Industry—Australian shipbuilding
Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate—
(a) recognises:
   (i) the vital contribution of the Australian shipbuilding industry as an employer, a storehouse of advanced manufacturing capabilities and a strategic asset,
(ii) the urgent need for the Government to bring forward project work to ensure continuity of industry development, growth and employment;

(b) is gravely concerned by:

(i) the scheduled end of project work in three Australian shipyards in 2015,

(ii) the severe consequences of the resulting project trough, including:

(A) the retrenchment of more than 3,000 skilled workers,

(B) the crippling of the shipbuilding supply chain, and

(C) the forced closure of research projects and facilities supporting shipbuilding and advanced manufacturing,

(iii) the heavy costs of rebuilding lost capabilities and retraining workers to meet future defence needs, and

(iv) the threat to national security posed by the erosion of local capability; and

(c) calls on the Government to immediately:

(i) identify suitable project work to be fast-tracked and make a public commitment to those projects with a revised timeframe for tendering and delivery,

(ii) recognise that this cannot wait for the Defence White Paper process to be concluded, and

(iii) incorporate the long-term opportunities for the Australian shipbuilding industry as a strategic priority in all future naval procurement plans (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 6 March 2014).

5 Senate—Western Australia—Election

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

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

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Back, in continuation, 24 March 2014).

7 Administration—Commonwealth procurement policy

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

8 Teacher quality—Response from the Minister for Education (Mr Pyne) to a Senate resolution of 26 March 2014—Document

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Lines—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 May 2014).
9 Budget 2014-15
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate condemns the Abbott Government’s budget of twisted priorities and broken promises. (Senator O’Sullivan, in continuation, 15 May 2014).

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 Administration—Establishment of a National Independent Commission Against Corruption
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Rhiannon—That the Senate calls on the Government to establish a National Independent Commission Against Corruption, delivered through an integrity commissioner, to ensure Australia is equipped with a national framework for the comprehensive prevention of corruption and misconduct, and to restore faith of the Australian people in the integrity of our democracy (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 25 September 2014).
17 Education—Higher education reforms
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate notes the adverse impact of the Abbott Government’s proposed cuts to university funding and deregulation of higher education fees (Senator Back, in continuation, 2 October 2014).

18 Taxation—Indexation of fuel excise
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bullock—That the Senate notes the Abbott Government’s petrol tax ambush and its negative impact on cost pressures facing Australian households and businesses.

And on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus)—Omit all words after “That”, substitute:

(a) the Senate notes the Abbott Government has broken another pre-election promise with their petrol tax ambush in bypassing parliamentary processes to increase the cost of petrol through a ‘tariff proposal’, effectively raising the tax before having parliamentary approval;
(b) this underhanded act to increase petrol prices will have a negative impact on Australian families, pensioners, low income earners, single parents, retirees, the sick and disadvantaged, and businesses, including small business owners; and
(c) the Senate calls on the Abbott Government to reverse this decision and instead proceed to put the proposal to the Senate where it can be properly debated and the will of the people delivered (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 30 October 2014).

19 Finance—Government spending
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate acknowledges that it has a responsibility to propose and discuss options to cut government spending (Senator Carr, in continuation, 27 November 2014).

20 Administration—Abbott Government
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate condemns the Abbott Government for its litany of broken promises which are hurting low- and middle-income earners, harming the economy, damaging business and consumer confidence, costing jobs, undermining fairness, and changing Australia for the worse. (Senator Reynolds, in continuation, 12 February 2015).

21 Mining—Coal seam gas mining
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus)—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that the possible impact on human health and our water resources from coal seam gas (CSG) mining is not well understood; and
(b) calls on the Government to:
   (i) act with caution and stop approving CSG projects until such time as CSG mining is considered completely safe by scientists and qualified professionals, and
   (ii) establish a royal commission into the human impact of CSG mining (Senator Madigan, in continuation, 5 March 2015).
22 Environment—Coal and coal seam gas mining
Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) the negative impacts of coal and coal seam gas mining on Australia’s environment, including prime agricultural land and water, and the wellbeing of regional communities, and
(ii) the concerning relationship between these mining activities and political corruption, particularly in New South Wales, as evidenced by the findings of the Independent Commission Against Corruption; and
(b) calls on all parties contesting the New South Wales state election to commit to a ban on coal and coal seam gas mining (19 March 2015).

23 Social Issues—Marriage laws
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Rice—That the Senate affirms that people should be able to marry the person they love, in accordance with the principles of equality and personal freedom, to end discrimination, and to support the mental health and wellbeing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex Australians and their families (Senator Back, in continuation, 18 June 2015).

24 Industry—Automotive Transformation Scheme
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Xenophon—That the Senate notes the importance of an automotive transformation scheme to Australia’s economic prosperity and development (Senator McEwen, in continuation, 13 August 2015).

25 Science and Technology—National Science Week 2015
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) that National Science Week 2015 runs from 15 August to 23 August 2015,
(ii) the importance of inspiring and supporting young Australians to study and pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and
(iii) that science and research are critical to building the jobs of the future;
(b) congratulates the organisers of the 1500 National Science Week events around the nation, aimed at engaging Australians of all ages with the wonders of science; and
(c) condemns:
(i) the short-sighted cuts to science and research in the Government’s first two budgets, totalling more than $1 billion,
(ii) the Government’s attempts to undermine Australia’s publicly-funded research agencies, by slashing funding and jobs, including overseeing the largest job losses at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) in the organisation’s history,
(iii) the complete failure of the Government to understand and advocate for basic research, which delivers new knowledge and underpins technological innovation, and
(iv) the total lack of vision or commitment on the part of the Government when it comes to creating and sustaining the jobs of the future (Senator Edwards, in continuation, 20 August 2015).

26 Defence—Involvement of Australian forces in Syria—Parliamentary approval
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludlam—That parliamentary approval should be required for Australian forces to be deployed to Syria (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 10 September 2015).

27 Transport—Infrastructure spending
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brown—That the Senate notes the 20 per cent fall in public sector infrastructure spending under the Coalition Federal Government, and the Turnbull Government’s need to catch-up on 2 lost years of support for public transport projects (Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 15 October 2015).

28 Foreign Affairs—Syria and Iraq
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hanson-Young—That the Senate—
   (a) notes:
       (i) the ongoing conflict in Syria, which has led to over 250 000 deaths, and the fleeing of 4 million refugees, over half of whom are children, and
       (ii) Australia’s ongoing military involvement in Syria and Iraq, the scale of which is second only to the United States of America; and
   (b) calls on the Government to:
       (i) increase the intake of refugees from the Syrian crisis,
       (ii) support legislation passed in the Senate that would remove children and their families from detention, and
       (iii) de-escalate Australia’s military presence in Syria and Iraq, and explore political, economic and diplomatic avenues that will work toward a peaceful settlement to the conflict (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 26 November 2015).

29 Taxation—Goods and Services Tax
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate opposes the plan by the Turnbull Government to increase the goods and services tax rate to 15 per cent and broaden its base to include fresh food, education and health (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 4 February 2016).

30 Law and Justice—Free speech
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate notes the Turnbull Government’s failure to uphold free speech (Senator Gallagher, in continuation, 25 February 2016).

Orders of the Day relating to Private Senators’ Bills

1 National Integrity Commission Bill 2013—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Lines, in continuation, 13 August 2015).
2 Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Brown, in continuation, 25 September 2014).
(Restored 13 November 2013—consideration of bill to resume at the stage reached in the 43rd Parliament)

3 Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)
Second reading (restored 13 November 2013).
(Restored 13 November 2013—consideration of bill to resume at the stage reached in the 43rd Parliament)

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

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

6 Poker Machine Harm Reduction ($1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon, Madigan and Di Natale)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Moore, in continuation, 5 December 2013).
(Restored 3 December 2013—consideration of bill to resume at the stage reached in the 43rd Parliament)

7 Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Madigan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Ketter, in continuation, 27 November 2014).
(Restored 3 December 2013—consideration of bill to resume at the stage reached in the 43rd Parliament)

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

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

11 Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (28 August 2014).
(Restored 10 December 2013—consideration of bill to resume at the stage reached in the 43rd Parliament)
12 Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 10 December 2013).
(Restored 10 December 2013—consideration of bill to resume at the stage reached in the 43rd Parliament)

13 Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 10 December 2013).
(Restored 10 December 2013—consideration of bill to resume at the stage reached in the 43rd Parliament)

14 Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [2013]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 10 December 2013).
(Restored 10 December 2013—consideration of bill to resume at the stage reached in the 43rd Parliament)

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

16 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rice, in continuation, 12 November 2015).

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

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

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

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

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

23 Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Whish-Wilson)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 February 2015).

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

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

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

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

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

29 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Fawcett, in continuation, 5 March 2015).

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

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

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

33 Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Di Natale)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 27 March 2014).
34 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Alpine Grazing) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Di Natale)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 13 May 2014).

35 Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Minister for Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), in continuation, 4 February 2016).

36 Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 February 2016).

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

38 Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 July 2014).

39 Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 16 July 2014).

41 Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Back, in continuation, 26 November 2015).

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

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

44 Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014—(Senate bill)—(Senators Day, Bernardi, Leyonhjelm and Smith)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 October 2015).

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

46 Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (28 October 2014).
47 Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014—(Sen. Siewert)

48 Freedom to Marry Bill 2014—(Sen. Leyonhjelm)

50 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014—(Sen. Xenophon)


Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 December 2014).

54 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donations Reform) Bill 2014—(Sen. Rhiannon)

55 Australian Centre for Social Cohesion Bill 2015—(Sen. bill)


57 Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015—(Sen. Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 February 2015).

58 Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015—(Sen. Waters)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Sen. Waters, in continuation, 4 March 2015).

59 Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015—(Sen. Ludlam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Sen. Ludlam, in continuation, 4 March 2015).
60 International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—
(Senator Rhiannon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rhiannon, in continuation, 5 March 2015).

61 Charter of Budget Honesty Amendment (Intergenerational Report) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 March 2015).

63 Freedom of Information Amendment (Requests and Reasons) Bill 2015—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludwig)

64 Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—
(Senator Rhiannon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rhiannon, in continuation, 23 June 2015).

65 Higher Education Support Amendment (New Zealand Citizens) Bill 2015—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Carr)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 17 September 2015).

67 Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015—
(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon, Waters and Lambie and Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus))
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 24 June 2015).

68 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2015—
(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKim, in continuation, 3 March 2016).

69 Fair Work Amendment (Penalty Rates Exemption for Small Businesses) Bill 2015—
(Senate bill)—(Senators Leyonhjelm and Day)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Minister for Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), in continuation, 17 September 2015).

70 Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 13 August 2015).

71 Marriage Equality Plebiscite Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Senator Rice, Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus), and Senators Leyonhjelm, Lambie, Muir and Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rice, in continuation, 19 August 2015).

72 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Senator Rhiannon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rhiannon, in continuation, 17 September 2015).
74 Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Senator Wang)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 October 2015).

75 Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment (Securing the Automotive Component Industry) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Senators Rice and Simms)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rice, in continuation, 10 November 2015).

76 Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment (Expanded Gold Card Access) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team, Senator Lambie)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 October 2015).

80 Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Senator Leyonhjelm)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Cameron, in continuation, 3 March 2016).

81 Restoring Territory Rights (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) and Senator Gallagher)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 1 March 2016).

82 Migration Amendment (Free the Children) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 2 March 2016).

84 Social Security Amendment (Diabetes Support) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Senator Muir)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Muir, in continuation, 3 March 2016).

85 Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Senator Cameron)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Cameron, in continuation, 15 March 2016).

DOCUMENTS

Orders of the Day

1 Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)—Report No. 129—Traditional rights and freedoms—Encroachments by Commonwealth laws—Final and summary reports
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the documents (3 March 2016).
No. 147—17 March 2016

2 Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 October to 31 December 2015

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cameron—That the Senate take note of the document (3 March 2016).

3 Treaty—Bilateral—Treaty on Extradition Between Australia and the People’s Republic of China (Sydney, 6 September 2007)—Text, together with national interest analysis

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Lines—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Lines, in continuation, 3 March 2016).

4 Economics References Committee—Housing affordability—Implementation of Recommendations—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Social Services (Mr Porter) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 2 February 2016

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Gallagher—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Gallagher, in continuation, 15 March 2016).

5 Family and community services—International Day of People with Disability—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Western Australian Minister for Disability Services (Mrs Morton) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 2 February 2016

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Lines—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Lines, in continuation, 15 March 2016).

6 Regional Australia—Western Australia—Bushfires—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Premier of Western Australia (Mr Barnett) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 3 February 2016

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Lines—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Back, in continuation, 15 March 2016).


Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Brown, in continuation, 15 March 2016).

8 Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2014-15

Consideration (15 March 2016).

9 Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2014-15

Consideration (15 March 2016).

10 Annual Red Tape Reduction—Report for 2015

Consideration (15 March 2016).

11 Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (INSLM)—Report for 2014 15

Consideration (15 March 2016).

12 Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918—2016 Redistribution into electoral divisions—New South Wales—Report, together with composite maps [4] and compact disc of supporting information

Consideration (15 March 2016).
13 Treaty—Multilateral—Australia’s Accession to the Convention on Choice of Court Agreements (The Hague, 30 June 2005)—Text, together with national interest analysis
   Consideration (15 March 2016).

14 Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2015—Statements of compliance pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended—Department of Human Services; Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio; Social Services portfolio
   Consideration (15 March 2016).

15 Entity contracts for 2015—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended—Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio; Environment portfolio; Social Services portfolio
   Consideration (15 March 2016).

*16 Indigenous Australians—Imprisonment rates—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Victorian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Ms Hutchins) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 2 December 2015
   Consideration (16 March 2016).

*17 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 1002130, 1002154, 1002164, 1002187, 1002270, 1002291, 1002320, 1002331, 1002477, 1002574, 1002575, 1002578, 1002579, 1002582, 1002747, 1002839, 1002842, 1002923, 1002934, 1002950, 1002951, 1002952, 1002953, 1002954, 1002955, 1002956, 1003001, 1003031, 1003083, 1003093, 1003094, 1003097, 1003154, 1003166, 1003326, 1003397, 1003399, 1003407, 1003447 and 1003491—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports
   Consideration (16 March 2016).

*18 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 1002130, 1002154, 1002164, 1002187, 1002270, 1002291, 1002320, 1002331, 1002477, 1002574, 1002575, 1002578, 1002579, 1002582, 1002747, 1002839, 1002842, 1002923, 1002934, 1002950, 1002951, 1002952, 1002953, 1002954, 1002955, 1002956, 1003001, 1003031, 1003083, 1003093, 1003094, 1003097, 1003154, 1003166, 1003326, 1003397, 1003399, 1003407, 1003447 and 1003491—Government response to Ombudsman’s reports
   Consideration (16 March 2016).

*19 Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation—Report for 2014-15
   Consideration (16 March 2016).
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee—Agribusiness managed investment schemes: Bitter harvest—Report
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ketter)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 15 March 2016).

2 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016—Advisory report
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Fawcett—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 3 March 2016).

3 Education and Employment References Committee—Feasibility of, and options for, creating a national long service standard, and the portability of long service and other entitlements—Report
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Lines—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Lines, in continuation, 3 March 2016).

4 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Phenomenon colloquially referred to as ‘revenge porn’—Report
   Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Lazarus)—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

5 Education and Employment References Committee—Access to real learning: the impact of policy, funding and culture on students with disability—Report
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Lines, in continuation, 3 March 2016).

6 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Grandparents who take primary responsibility for raising their grandchildren—Government response
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Smith—That the Senate take note of the document (3 March 2016).

7 Economics References Committee—‘I just want to be paid’: Insolvency in the Australian construction industry—Report
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cameron—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

8 Economics References Committee—Australia’s innovation system—Report
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).
10 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Final report—Performance, importance and role of Australia Post in Australian communities and its operations in relation to licensed post offices—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the document (3 March 2016).

11 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Impact of the 2014 and 2015 Commonwealth Budget decisions on the arts—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Lazarus)—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

12 Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s automotive industry: Driving jobs and investment—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 3 March 2016).

13 National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme—Progress report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Gallacher—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

14 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Shipping Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Dissenting report from Opposition senators
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

15 Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—Select Committee—Taking responsibility: conditions and circumstances at Australia’s regional processing centre in Nauru—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Gallacher—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

16 Community Affairs References Committee—Out of home care—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

17 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Domestic violence in Australia—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Gallagher—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).
19 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Use of unmanned air, maritime and land platforms by the Australian Defence Force—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher)—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

20 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Blind agreement: reforming Australia’s treaty-making process—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher)—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

21 Community Affairs References Committee—Adequacy of existing residential care arrangements available for young people with severe physical, mental or intellectual disabilities in Australia—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (3 March 2016).

22 National Broadband Network—Select Committee—Second interim report—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the document (3 March 2016).

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

By noon on 17 March 2016

*109 Senate—Electoral law changes—Communications—Order for production of documents
By the Special Minister of State, by noon on 17 March 2016, all documents recording communications with the Australian Electoral Commission and the Minister for Finance, the Acting Special Minister of State, the Special Minister of State and the Department of Finance relating to proposed changes to the Senate voting system since 1 September 2016. (Motion of Senator Collins agreed to 16 March 2016.)

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 24 March 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the 2015-16 additional estimates.
On 30 March 2016

Orders for Production of Documents

*110 Science and Technology—CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—Restructure—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, by 9.30 am on 30 March 2016, all documents, briefings or correspondence between CSIRO and the Minister or Department of Industry, Innovation and Science relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division. (Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 16 March 2016.)

*111 Science and Technology—CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—Restructure—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, by 9.30 am on 30 March 2016, documents assembled by Dr Alex Wonhas and now held by the CSIRO or the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division. (Motion of Senator Waters agreed to 16 March 2016.)

On 31 March 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on development of bauxite resources near Aurukun.

On 1 April 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on the capability of Defence’s physical science and engineering workforce.

On 6 April 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the 2015-16 additional estimates.

On 8 April 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on marine plastic pollution.

2 Economics References Committee
Final report to be presented on the foreign investment review framework.
On 22 April 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 29 April 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the gender retirement income gap.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Perth Freight Link.

3 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s video game development industry.

On 30 April 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on large capacity fishing vessels.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on contamination caused by firefighting foams at government sites other than RAAF Base Williamtown and Australian Defence Force facilities.

3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the operations of Defence Housing Australia.

On 1 May 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on planned acquisition of the Joint Strike Fighter.

On 5 May 2016

Business of the Senate—Order 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.
On the next day of sitting (10 May 2016)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 3 December 2015

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Christmas Island Marine Traffic and Harbour Facilities Determination 2015, made under section 4 of the Utilities and Services Ordinance 1996, be disallowed [F2015L01591].

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 17 March 2016 (Notice given 16 March 2016)

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Marine Traffic and Harbour Facilities Determination 2015, made under section 4 of the Utilities and Services Ordinance 1996, be disallowed [F2015L01593].

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 17 March 2016 (Notice given 16 March 2016)

Notice given 1 March 2016

3 Senator Waters: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 15 June 2016:

The rehabilitation of mining and resources projects, with regard to:

(a) the cost of outstanding rehabilitation obligations of currently operating projects;

(b) the adequacy of existing regulatory, policy and institutional arrangements to ensure adequate and timely rehabilitation;

(c) the adequacy and transparency of financial mechanisms, including assurances, bonds and funds, to ensure that mines are able to be rehabilitated without impacting on public finances;

(d) the effectiveness of current rehabilitation practices in safeguarding human health and repairing and avoiding environmental damage;

(e) the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of inadequate rehabilitation, including potential impacts on matters of national environmental significance under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999;

(f) the potential social, economic and environmental benefits of adequate rehabilitation, including job opportunities and investment in communities affected by job losses in mining and resources;

(g) the impacts of the legacy of abandoned mines and resources projects around Australia, and the cost of rehabilitating those mines;

(h) international examples of effective rehabilitation policy and practice;
(i) proposals for reform of rehabilitation of mining and resources projects; and
(j) any other related matters.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australian Defence Force resistance to interrogation training.

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

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—
   (Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, Senator Ryan)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 March 2016).
   (Consideration adjourned to 10 May 2015 pursuant to standing order 111.)

2 Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Single Appeal Path) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, Senator Ryan)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 March 2016).
   (Consideration adjourned to 10 May 2015 pursuant to standing order 111.)

*3 Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2016).
   (Consideration adjourned to 10 May 2015 pursuant to standing order 111.)

*4 Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2016).
   (Consideration adjourned to 10 May 2015 pursuant to standing order 111.)

*5 Registration of Deaths Abroad Amendment Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2016).
   (Consideration adjourned to 10 May 2015 pursuant to standing order 111.)

*6 Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2016).
   (Consideration adjourned to 10 May 2015 pursuant to standing order 111.)

*7 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2016).
   (Consideration adjourned to 10 May 2015 pursuant to standing order 111.)

*8 Treasury Legislation Amendment (Repeal Day 2015) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2016).
   (Consideration adjourned to 10 May 2015 pursuant to standing order 111.)
On 11 May 2016

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 2 December 2015

1 Senator Xenophon: To move—that the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 23 June 2016:

The adequacy of security for government and citizen data held, or transmitted, by governments, commercial entities, non-government organisations (NGOs) or citizens, with a particular focus on:

(a) Australia’s current laws and their enforcement;
(b) the Government’s cyber security policy framework for government agencies, and reporting requirements of same;
(c) security, such as vetting, measures for personnel with access to government and citizen data stored, or transmitted, on government, NGO and commercial entities’ information technology (IT) systems;
(d) physical security measures for government, NGO and commercial entities’ IT systems which store or transmit government and citizen data, including for mobile phone networks;
(e) cyber-attack and interception security measures for government, NGO and commercial entities’ IT systems which store, or transmit, government and citizen data, including for mobile phone networks (for example, SS7 vulnerabilities and International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) catchers);
(f) the safe disposal of obsolete government, NGO and commercial entities’ IT systems, databases, storage systems;
(g) methods for detecting security breaches, including the detection of mobile surveillance devices such as IMSI catchers;
(h) other approaches to these areas used in other jurisdictions; and
(i) any other related matters.

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

*1 Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016—
(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2016).
On 12 May 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.)

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future role and contribution of regional capitals.

3 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.)

4 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the collapse of listed retailers.

5 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea.

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

7 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.)

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

73 Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Senator Waters)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Waters, in continuation, 17 September 2015).

77 Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015—
   (Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 24 November 2015).

Order for Production of Documents

103 Administration—Outsourcing of work to foreign businesses—Order for production of documents
   By each Government minister, by 4 pm on 12 May 2016, documents relevant to the outsourcing of work by their government departments and associated agencies to foreign businesses. (Motion of Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus) agreed to 24 February 2016; documents tabled 29 February 2016.)
On 19 May 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 3 June 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 13 June 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of Commonwealth legislation, policies and guidelines.

On 17 June 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

83 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Senator Rhiannon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rhiannon, in continuation, 2 March 2016).

On 20 June 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Health—Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

2 Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures—Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

3 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Lyme-like illness in Australia.
4 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

6 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Interest Charge) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

78 Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)—(Senator McKenzie)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 1 December 2015).

On 22 June 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

4 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on Commonwealth payments relating to asylum seeker boat turn backs.

5 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
Report to be presented on the financing of participants in the political process.

On 23 June 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on paper procurement.

2 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the medical complaints process.
On 28 June 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the last sitting day in June 2016 (30 June 2016)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on a national registration system for paramedics.

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

On 30 June 2016

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Unconventional Gas Mining—Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

2 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future of Australia’s aged care sector workforce.

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the reduction of alcohol-fuelled violence.

4 Economics References Committee
   Final report to be presented on Australia’s naval ship building industry.

5 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on residential fire safety.

As soon as practicable after 30 June each year

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 1 July 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on foreign bribery.
On 27 July 2016
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on penalties for white collar crime or misconduct.

On 30 July 2016
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the indefinite detention of people with cognitive and
   psychiatric impairment.

On 24 August 2016
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on gender inequality.

On 25 August 2015
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of law
   enforcement and justice services.

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

On 30 August 2016
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 School Funding Investment—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 31 August 2016
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
   Final report to be presented on the implications of financial advice reforms.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2016 (On 21 September 2016)
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2016.
On 22 September 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the first sitting day in December 2016 (1 December 2016)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the access by children to Internet pornography.

On 31 December 2016

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru
   and Papua New Guinea.

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

Order for Production of Documents

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

On the last day of sitting of the 44th Parliament

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

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BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy)
Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred
3 December 2015; reporting date: 20 June 2016).
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 3 March 2016; reporting date: 12 May 2016).

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 3 March 2016; reporting date: 17 June 2016).

Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 12 November 2015; reporting date: 16 March 2016).

Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 15 October 2015; reporting date: 12 May 2016).

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 3 December 2015; reporting date: 17 March 2016).

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee (referred 26 November 2015; reporting date: 12 May 2016).

Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 February 2016; reporting date: 16 March 2016).

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity) Bill 2016 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 3 March 2016; reporting date: 20 June 2016).

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Interest Charge) Bill 2016 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 3 March 2016; reporting date: 20 June 2016).

Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 25 February 2016; reporting date: 11 May 2016).

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

Government bills

Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014

Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013
Second reading negatived, 17 August 2015.

Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014
Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014
Question that the bills be agreed to was negatived in committee of the whole, 24 November 2014.
Recommitted, 15 March 2015.

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

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

Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Second reading negatived, 9 July 2014.

Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013

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

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

Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility and Other Measures) Bill 2015
Second reading negatived, 24 June 2015.

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

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014
Second reading negatived, 2 March 2015.

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 2]
Second reading negatived, 17 August 2015.

Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014
Second reading negatived, 2 December 2014.
Second reading negatived, 17 March 2014.

Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013
Discharged from Notice Paper, 15 October 2015.

Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013

Shipping Legislation Amendment Bill 2015
Second reading negatived, 26 November 2015.

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

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014
Discharged from Notice Paper, 28 October 2014.

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment and Other Measures) Bill 2015
Second reading negatived, 9 September 2015.
Private senators’ bills

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

Family Tax Benefit (Tighter Income Test) Bill 2014—(Senate bill)
Second reading negatived, 4 December 2014.

Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015—(Senate bill)
Second reading negatived, 12 August 2015.

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 420, 423, 424, 427, 429, 444, 459, 567, 568, 576, 848, 849, 858, 859, 928, 931, 1099, 1487, 1649, 1656, 1696, 1759, 1803, 1909, 2017, 2047, 2202, 2280 to 2282, 2345, 2359, 2402, 2427, 2508, 2563, 2578, 2644, 2645, 2657, 2658, 2663, 2679, 2680, 2685, 2686, 2688, 2698, 2701, 2702, 2704, 2705, 2707, 2708, 2719 to 2721, 2727, 2730, 2732, 2747, 2750, 2765, 2766, 2773, 2776, 2778, 2794, 2795, 2810, 2820, 2833, 2837, 2838, 2845, 2848, 2849, 2876, 2879, 2883, 2892, 2895, 2906, 2912 to 2957 and 2959 to 3001

Question Nos, as shown, from 420 to 2906 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

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

Group A:
Environment and Communications .................................. Friday, 17 January 2014
Finance and Public Administration .................................. Friday, 17 January 2014
Legal and Constitutional Affairs ..................................... Thursday, 16 January 2014
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport......................... Friday, 10 January 2014
Group B:
Community Affairs................................................. Friday, 24 January 2014
Economics .............................................................. Friday, 17 January 2014
Education and Employment................................. Wednesday, 15 January 2014
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ......................... Friday, 17 January 2014

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

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

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

Group B:
Community Affairs................................................. Thursday, 24 April 2014
Economics .............................................................. Thursday, 24 April 2014
Education and Employment ....................................... Thursday, 24 April 2014
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ............................. Thursday, 24 April 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

Group A:
Environment and Communications—
20 October hearing............................................. Friday, 5 December 2014
30 October hearing............................................. Friday, 12 December 2014
Finance and Public Administration ................................ Friday, 5 December 2014
Legal and Constitutional Affairs—
   Attorney-General’s portfolio.................................. Friday, 12 December 2014
   Immigration and Border Protection portfolio ............. Friday, 30 January 2015
   Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport............... Friday, 12 December 2014
Group B:
Community Affairs.................................Friday, 12 December 2014
Economics—
   Industry portfolio ..................................Friday, 12 December 2014
   Treasury portfolio ..................................Friday, 12 December 2014
   Education and Employment..........................Friday, 12 December 2014
   Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ..................Friday, 12 December 2014
Standing order 74(5) takes effect after these dates.

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

Group A:
   Environment and Communications ..................Friday, 10 April 2015
   Finance and Public Administration .................Friday, 10 April 2015
   Legal and Constitutional Affairs ..................Friday, 17 April 2015
   Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport .........Friday, 17 April 2015

Group B:
   Community Affairs.................................Friday, 17 April 2015
   Economics...........................................Friday, 17 April 2015
   Education and Employment..........................Friday, 29 May 2015
   Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade .................Friday, 17 April 2015
Standing order 74(5) takes effect after these dates.

2015-16 Budget estimates
The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2015-16 Budget estimates are as follows:

Group A:
   Environment and Communications ..................Friday, 10 July 2015
   Finance and Public Administration .................Friday, 10 July 2015
   Legal and Constitutional Affairs ..................Friday, 10 July 2015
   Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport .........Friday, 10 July 2015

Group B:
   Community Affairs.................................Friday, 24 July 2015
   Economics...........................................Friday, 17 July 2015
   Education and Employment..........................Friday, 24 July 2015
   Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade .................Friday, 17 July 2015
Standing order 74(5) takes effect after these dates.

2015-16 Supplementary Budget estimates
The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2015-16 supplementary Budget estimates are as follows:

Group A:
   Environment and Communications ..................Friday, 4 December 2015
   Finance and Public Administration .................Friday, 4 December 2015
   Legal and Constitutional Affairs ..................Friday, 4 December 2015
   Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport .........Friday, 4 December 2015
Group B:
Community Affairs.......................................................... Friday, 11 December 2015
except, in relation to those answers to
Senator Siewert’s questions on notice to the
Department of Human Services which were
received by the department at a date later than
her other written questions on notice .................. Thursday, 24 December 2015
Economics ................................................................. Friday, 4 December 2015
Education and Employment ............................................. Friday, 18 December 2015
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade .............................. Friday, 4 December 2015
Standing order 74(5) takes effect after these dates.

2015-16 additional estimates
The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the
2015-16 additional estimates are as follows:

Group A:
Environment and Communications .............................. Friday, 8 April 2016
Finance and Public Administration .............................. Friday, 1 April 2016
Legal and Constitutional Affairs ................................. Friday, 8 April 2016
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport ..................... Friday, 1 April 2016

Group B:
Community Affairs..................................................... Monday, 4 April 2016
Economics ................................................................. Friday, 1 April 2016
Education and Employment ........................................ Tuesday, 29 March 2016
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ............................. Friday, 1 April 2016

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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Temporary orders, orders of continuing effect and changes to standing orders

1 Closing the Gap—Prime Minister’s annual report
   That the Senate—
   (a) notes the national framework agreed to by the Council of Australian
       Governments (COAG) in 2008 to tackle Indigenous disadvantage and the
       six priority areas for change identified by COAG;
(b) further notes that there have been five annual reports by the Prime Minister to the Australian Parliament on progress in meeting these Closing the Gap targets;

(c) is of the view that the presentation of these annual reports should be marked by a special parliamentary procedure in recognition of the significance of these initiatives to all Australians;

(d) therefore proposes to the House of Representatives that it consider marking the presentation of the Prime Minister’s annual report on Closing the Gap by:
   (i) hosting a meeting of the House to which senators are invited in a similar manner as senators are invited to attend addresses by foreign Heads of State, and
   (ii) inviting senior Indigenous leaders to be present when the Prime Minister’s annual report is presented; and

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

(AGreed to 12 December 2013.)

2 Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation

That—

(1) The Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016 have precedence over all government business until determined.

(2) On Tuesday, 15 March 2016:
   (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to 7 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment;
   (b) the routine of business from 7.30 pm shall be government business only; and
   (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 10.30 pm.

(3) On Wednesday, 16 March 2016:
   (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 7 pm and 7.30 pm to 11.10 pm;
   (b) the routine of business from 7.30 pm shall be government business only; and
   (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 10.30 pm.

(4) If by adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, 16 March 2016, the following bills have not been finally considered:

   Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Increasing Consumer Choice) Bill 2016
   Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2015-2016 and Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2015-2016
   Biological Control Amendment Bill 2016
   Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Amendment Bill 2016
   Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016
   Dairy Produce Amendment (Dairy Service Levy Poll) Bill 2016
Law and Justice Amendment (Northern Territory Local Court) Bill 2016
Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015
Tax Laws Amendment (Norfolk Island CGT Exemption) Bill 2016
Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 and Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2016
Trade Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2016,

(a) on Thursday, 17 March 2016:
   (i) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment,
   (ii) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with,
   (iii) the routine of business from not later than 4.30 pm shall be government business only, and
   (iv) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and

(b) the Senate shall adjourn after it has finally considered the bills listed above in paragraph (4) only, or a motion for the adjournment is moved by a minister, whichever is the earlier.

(Agreed to 15 March 2016.)

3 Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2016 be as follows:

**Autumn sittings:**
- Tuesday, 2 February to Thursday, 4 February
- Monday, 22 February to Thursday, 25 February
- Monday, 29 February to Thursday, 3 March
- Tuesday, 15 March to Thursday, 17 March

**Budget sittings:**
- Tuesday, 10 May to Thursday, 12 May

**Winter sittings:**
- Monday, 20 June to Thursday, 23 June
- Monday, 27 June to Thursday, 30 June

**Spring sittings:**
- Tuesday, 23 August to Thursday, 25 August
- Monday, 29 August to Thursday, 1 September
- Monday, 19 September to Thursday, 22 September
- Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October

**Spring sittings (2):**
- Monday, 7 November to Thursday, 10 November
- Monday, 21 November to Thursday, 24 November
- Monday, 28 November to Thursday, 1 December.

(Agreed to 10 November 2015.)
4 Motions after tabling—Standing order 169—Temporary order

That the following amendment to standing order 169 operate as a temporary order for the remainder of the Parliament:

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 11 November 2015 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s third report of 2015.)

5 Publications—Standing Committee—Amendment of standing 22(3)(a)

That standing order 22(3)(a) be amended as follows:

Omit “printing,”.

(Agreed to 11 November 2015 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s third report of 2015.)

Administration

6 Privileges—Standing Committee—160th report—Consideration

That the Senate—

(a) adopt the recommendation in the 160th report of the Committee of Privileges, on the use of CCTV material in Parliament House, that no contempt be found in relation to the matter referred; and

(b) adopt the following further recommendations made by the committee:

• That the Presiding Officers instigate the development of a new Code of Practice which restores the focus on matters of security and safety, and emphasises accountability to the Presiding Officers and the Parliament, with appropriate regard for the primacy of the powers, and immunities of the Houses and their members.

• That the review process involve consultations with members and senators and other building occupants, and give consideration to the matters dealt with in this report.

• That senior officers in the Department of Parliamentary Services involved in the administration of the CCTV system and other systems managed on behalf of the Parliament undertake some structured training to acquaint themselves with the principles of privilege.

• That the attention of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee be drawn to the matters set out from paragraph 2.2, under the heading Contradictory evidence, relating to the misleading evidence given at its estimates hearing on 26 May 2014.

(Agreed to 12 February 2015.)

Committees

7 Amendment of committee names; Allocation of departments

(1) That standing order 25(1) be amended as follows:

Omit ‘Education, Employment and Workplace Relations’

Substitute ‘Education and Employment’.
(2) That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

**Community Affairs**
- Health
- Social Services, including Human Services

**Economics**
- Industry
- Treasury

**Education and Employment**
- Education
- Employment

**Environment and Communications**
- Communications
- Environment

**Finance and Public Administration**
- Finance
- Parliament
- Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs**
- Attorney-General
- Immigration and Border Protection

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**
- Agriculture
- Infrastructure and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 13 November 2013.)

8 **Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), during the sittings of the Senate, from 10 am, as follows:

(a) Thursday, 4 February 2016, followed by a public meeting;
(b) Thursday, 25 February 2016; and
(c) Thursday, 17 March 2016.

(Agreed to 25 November 2015.)

9 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Authorisation to publish unpublished committee documents**

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

(Agreed to 4 March 2014.)

10 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet

Public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 17 March 2016, from 3.30 pm, for the committee’s consideration of the 2015-16 additional estimates.

(Agreed to 15 March 2016.)

11 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.)

12 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:
   (a) Thursday, 4 February 2016;
   (b) Thursday, 25 February 2016;
   (c) Thursday, 3 March 2016; and
   (d) Thursday, 17 March 2016.

(Agreed to 3 February 2016.)

13 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation

That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as amicus curiae if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O’Chee is set down for trial.

(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)

14 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to meet, as follows:
   (a) to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 4 February 2016; and
(b) to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate from 10.45 am, as follows:
   (i) Thursday, 25 February 2016,
   (ii) Thursday, 3 March 2016, and
   (iii) Thursday, 17 March 2016.

(Agreed to 3 February 2016.)

15 **Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate, from 10.30 am, as follows:
(a) Thursday, 12 May 2016, followed by a public meeting from 11 am;
(b) Thursday, 23 June 2016, followed by a public meeting from 11 am; and
(c) Thursday, 30 June 2016.

(Agreed to 15 March 2016.)

16 **Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Select Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Select Committee on Trade and Investment Growth be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:
(a) Thursday, 4 February 2016;
(b) Thursday, 25 February 2016;
(c) Thursday, 3 March 2016; and
(d) Thursday, 17 March 2016.

(Agreed to 24 November 2015.)

**Estimates**

17 **2014-15 additional estimates—2015-16 Budget estimates—Hearings**

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2016 be scheduled as follows:

   **2015-16 additional estimates:**
   Monday, 8 February and Tuesday, 9 February (*Group A*)
   Wednesday, 10 February and Thursday, 11 February (*Group B*).

   **2016-17 Budget estimates:**
   Monday, 23 May to Thursday, 26 May, and, if required, Friday, 27 May (*Group A*)
   Monday, 30 May to Thursday, 2 June, and, if required, Friday, 3 June (*Group B*)
   Monday, 17 October and Tuesday, 18 October (*supplementary hearings—*Group A*)
   Wednesday, 19 October and Thursday, 20 October (*supplementary hearings—*Group B*).  

(2) That pursuant to the orders of the Senate of 26 August 2008 and 23 June 2015, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 12 February, Friday, 27 May and Friday, 21 October, 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, 1 March 2016 in respect of the 2015-16 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 28 June 2016 in respect of the 2016-17 Budget estimates.

**Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Unanswered estimates questions**

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

*(Agreed to 10 November 2013.)*

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Estimates hearings—Consideration of the Department of Defence**

That the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee meet to consider additional estimates 2015-16 prior to 10 March 2016 to further examine the Department of Defence and that Dr Rob Bourke, Economic Adviser, Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group appear before the committee at that time to answer questions.

*(Agreed to 23 February 2016.)*

**Legislation**

**Senate consideration—Private senators’ bills**

That the following general business orders of the day be considered on Thursday, 17 March 2016 under consideration of private senators’ bills:

- No. 84 Social Security Amendment (Diabetes Support) Bill 2016
- No. 16 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013

*(Agreed to 15 March 2016.)*
21 Senate consideration—Variation
That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:
   Dairy Produce Amendment (Dairy Service Levy Poll) Bill 2016
   Narcotic Drugs Amendment Bill 2016
   Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment Bill 2016
   Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment (Injury Compensation Scheme) Bill 2016
   Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business Restructure Roll-over) Bill 2016.
(Agreed to 23 February 2016.)

22 Senate consideration—Variation
That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:
   Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Amendment Bill 2016
   Trade Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2016
(Agreed to 1 March 2016.)

23 Senate consideration—Variation
That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:
   Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Increasing Consumer Choice) Bill 2016
   Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2015-2016
   Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2015-2016
   Tax Laws Amendment (Norfolk Island CGT Exemption) Bill 2016.
(Agreed to 3 March 2016.)

Orders for production of documents
24 Finance—Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund—Grant—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than 2 pm on Thursday, 14 November 2013, all documents relating to the decision to grant $8.8 billion to the Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund, including, but not limited to, documents produced by and/or for, and communications to and/or from the following:
   (a) the Treasurer;
   (b) the office of the Treasurer;
   (c) the Treasury;
   (d) the Prime Minister;
   (e) the office of the Prime Minister;
   (f) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet;
   (g) members of the board of the Reserve Bank of Australia; and
   (h) the Reserve Bank of Australia.
(Motion of Senator Cameron agreed to 13 November 2013; document tabled 14 November 2013.)
25 Environment—Response to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and COP 19 negotiating instructions—Order for production of documents

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

(a) the Government’s response to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 5th Assessment report; and

(b) the Government’s negotiating instructions to the Australian delegation to the nineteenth session of the Conference of Parties [COP 19] of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Warsaw, November 2013.

(Motion agreed to 13 November 2013.)

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

That—

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

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

(i) the chronology of events,
(ii) ‘illegal maritime arrivals’ (unauthorised arrivals),
(iii) Suspected Irregular Entry Vessels (SIEVs) intercepted at sea,
(iv) distress calls to and response time by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority,
(v) where the SIEV was detected,
(vi) nationality of passengers,
(vii) safety-of-life-at-sea incidents,
(viii) SIEV turn backs,
(ix) SIEV tow backs,
(x) number of people suspected to be on board the SIEVs,
(xi) the number of children suspected to be on board the SIEVs, and
(xii) how many people, if any, were subject to ‘on water transfers’;

(b) no later than 24 hours after an event relating to ‘on water operations’ all communications be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, including but not limited to:

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

(i) the chronology of events,
(ii) ‘illegal maritime arrivals’ (unauthorised arrivals),
(iii) Suspected Irregular Entry Vessels (SIEVs) intercepted at sea,
(iv) distress calls to and response time by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority,
(v) where the SIEV was detected,
(vi) nationality of passengers,
(vii) safety-of-life-at-sea incidents,
(viii) SIEV turn backs,
(ix) SIEV tow backs,
(x) number of people suspected to be on board the SIEVs,
(xi) the number of children suspected to be on board the SIEVs, and
(xii) how many people, if any, were subject to ‘on water transfers’; and

(c) if the Senate is not sitting within the 24 hours after the event relating to ‘on water operations’ then the documents are to be presented to the President under standing order 166 on the next working day.

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

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

(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) agreed to 2 December 2013; document tabled 11 December 2013.)

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

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

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

(Motion of Senator Whish-Wilson agreed to 4 December 2013; document tabled 5 December 2013.)
30 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Towing of an Indonesian vessel—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than Tuesday, 10 December 2013, all incident reports, logs, briefings, ministerial notes, internal communications and other reports (excluding any publicly available documents), in relation to the reported incident that took place on Friday, 15 November 2013, involving the towing of an Indonesian vessel near Christmas Island by an Australian Customs, Navy or other government asset or vessel.
(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 5 December 2013; document tabled 10 December 2013.)

31 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Undetected boat arrivals—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than noon on Thursday, 12 December 2013, all incident reports, briefings, internal communications and other reports (excluding already publicly available documents), between the Minister or the Minister’s office and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Detection, Interception and Transfer Task Group and related agencies in relation to an undetected boat arrival suspected to have arrived on Monday, 3 December 2013, carrying 27 asylum seekers.
(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 11 December 2013, document tabled 12 December 2013.)

32 Industry—SPC Ardmona—Report on government assistance—Order for production of document
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, no later than Thursday, 13 February 2014, a copy of the report produced by the high-level panel, comprised of Ms Catherine Livingstone AO, Mr Richard (Dick) Warburton AO LVO and the Honourable Greg Combet AM, established in December 2013 to advise the Government on assistance to SPC Ardmona.
(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 12 February 2014; document received 17 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014.)

33 Immigration—Border protection operations—Lifeboats—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than noon on Thursday, 13 February 2014, documents detailing the number and cost of the lifeboats purchased by the Australian Government for use in border protection operations, including the cost of any upgrades or alterations; the number of lifeboats remaining in the Australian Government’s possession; and details of the procurement process for these lifeboats in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.
(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 12 February 2014; document tabled 13 February 2014; document received 21 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014.)
34 Communications—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Funding—Order for production of document

That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) is Australia’s most trusted news and current affairs broadcaster,
   (ii) the ABC is an extremely well-loved national institution, and that independent opinion polls regularly reveal high levels of public satisfaction with the broadcaster, and
   (iii) the Coalition has cut funding for the ABC in the past, including an 11 per cent cut in 1998 under Prime Minister John Howard;
(b) calls on the Government to:
   (i) commit to protecting funding to the ABC in the forthcoming budget, and
   (ii) cease threatening the ABC’s editorial independence; and
(c) orders that there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), by 3 March 2014, the 2006 KPMG report into the adequacy and efficiency of ABC funding commissioned by the Howard Government.

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

35 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Operation Sovereign Borders—Order for production of document

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

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

36 Finance—National Commission of Audit reports—Order for production of documents

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

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

37 Administration—Assistant Minister for Health—Former chief of staff—Order for production of document

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

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 4 March 2014; document tabled 5 March 2014.)
38 Education—Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Education, no later than Friday, 21 March 2014, a copy of the Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform, and associated bilateral agreements, between the Commonwealth and New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, including all schedules and attachments, letters, implementation plans submitted, whether or not agreed by the Commonwealth, along with other documents that outline Commonwealth-state/territory funding commitments, agreements with or letters to any state or territory outlining future Commonwealth school funding and related requirements, including letters the Minister has sent to Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

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

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

(a) application for an approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 for proposed capital dredging at Abbot Point (EPBC 2011/6213);
(b) application for a permit under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983 to dump Abbot Point dredge spoil in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (ref 34897, dated 6 January 2012); and
(c) application dated 4 March 2013 for a permit under the Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981 to dump Abbot Point dredge spoil at sea.

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

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

(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 20 March 2014; document tabled 24 March 2014.)
41 Administration—Department of Employment—Jobs data—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Employment, no later than 10 am on Wednesday, 26 March 2014, the following:

(a) a copy of the email between the Minister’s office and officials in the Department of Employment, as referenced in The Australian of 24 March 2014 (‘Coalition urged department to “massage” jobs data’);
(b) details of any subsequent communications, including emails and file notes of telephone conversations, between the department and the Minister’s office regarding the department’s draft labour market growth rate projections; and
(c) the alternate job forecasts produced by the department following the aforementioned correspondence with the Minister’s office.

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

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

(a) all letters and emails;
(b) all briefing notes, including but not limited to all Ministerial briefing notes;
(c) all internal departmental emails and memos;
(d) all recorded or noted phone calls and meetings, including meeting minutes; and
(e) all records and other relevant documents.

(Motion of Senator Rhiannon agreed to 14 May 2014; document received 23 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014.)

43 Social Issues—Homelessness—Order for production of documents
That—

(a) the Senate notes that:
   (i) the Government’s 2014-15 budget will have severe impacts on those Australians most at risk of becoming homeless,
   (ii) the consequences of this budget will be an increase in the number of homeless people, and
   (iii) the Government has already cut more than $40 million from the capital budget of homeless service providers for shelters and housing for the homeless; and
(b) there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services, no later than noon on Monday, 16 June 2014:
   (i) an estimate of the number of additional Australians who will be forced into homelessness as a result of measures taken in the 2014-15 budget, and
(ii) measures that the Government proposes to take to provide adequate emergency accommodation and services, and adequate and affordable housing for people made homeless by measures in the Government’s 2014-15 budget in addition to those 100,000 already experiencing homelessness in Australia.

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

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

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

(i) any business case presented for Stage 1 or 2 for the East West Link project,
(ii) any correspondence or submissions from the Victorian Government seeking Australian Government funding for this project, and
(iii) any assessment by Infrastructure Australia of the priority of this project compared to other projects; and

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

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

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

(a) the Senate notes:

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

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

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

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

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

(a) all communications between Western Australia’s Minister for Transport, Assistant Minister, Treasurer and Premier and the Federal Government in relation to the project being included in the budget, and
(ii) the cost benefit analysis submitted to the Government that demonstrates a 5:1 benefit to cost ratio and underlies the decision for Commonwealth funding.

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

46 Defence—Air Warfare Destroyer Project—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 10 July 2014:
(a) the report of the review of the Air Warfare Destroyer project conducted by Professor Don Winter and Dr John White; and
(b) a statement of reasons as to why any information is commercial in confidence and the possible harm it might cause and where that information has been redacted from the report.

(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 9 July 2014; documents tabled 10 July 2014.)

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

(Motion of Senator Rhiannon agreed to 10 July 2014; document tabled 15 July 2014.)

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

(*Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 15 July 2014; document tabled 18 July 2014.*)

49 **Administration—Australian Defence Force boots tender—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, no later than 4 pm on Friday, 18 July 2014, a document providing the following information:

(a) the name of the successful tenderer for Australian Defence Force boots, Tender DMOLSD/RFT0129/2012; and

(b) the price differential of the winning tenderer compared to that of the closest Australian tenderer as per one of the following ranges:

(i) less than 10 per cent,
(ii) between 10 per cent and 20 per cent,
(iii) between 20 per cent and 30 per cent,
(iv) between 30 per cent and 40 per cent, and
(v) 50 per cent and over.

(*Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 17 July 2014; document received 18 July 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014.*)

50 **Environment—Queensland—Abbot Point—Order for production of documents**

(1) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, no later than noon on 26 August 2014, any document in relation to the water quality offset imposed on the Abbot Point dredging and dumping approvals in December 2013 that discusses or assesses:

(a) the likely costs of offsetting 150 per cent of fine sediments ‘potentially available for resuspension’;

(b) the contributions of North Queensland Bulk Ports, Adani or GVK to accomplishing this offset; and

(c) contributions from the Queensland or Federal governments to accomplishing this offset.

(2) Documents previously released publicly pursuant to freedom of information or Senate orders for production of documents need not be included.

(*Motion of Senator Waters agreed to 17 July 2014; document tabled 27 August 2014.*)

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

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

(*Motion agreed to 27 August 2014; documents tabled 28 August 2014.*)
52 Law and Justice—Data retention—Order for production of documents
That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) the Government has not yet provided a definition of ‘metadata’ to be retained under the proposed mandatory data retention scheme, and
   (ii) media reports on 26 August 2014 suggested that the Attorney-General’s department has provided a definition in a document provided to the telecommunications industry; and
(b) orders that there be laid on the table, by the Attorney-General, no later than noon on Wednesday, 3 September 2014:
   (i) the definition of ‘metadata’ as defined by the Government’s proposal on mandatory data retention, and
   (ii) a copy of the document distributed to the telecommunications industry within the past week which discusses this policy.
(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 27 August 2014; documents tabled 4 September 2014.)

53 Communications—Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service Efficiency Study—Order for production of document
That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) on 31 January 2014, the Minister for Communications announced an efficiency review of both national broadcasters, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS), to be conducted by Mr Peter Lewis, and
   (ii) despite the potentially serious ramifications of the Lewis report for the ABC and SBS, the Government has to date failed to make the report available for public consideration; and
(b) orders that there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, no later than 2 pm on Monday, 1 September 2014, a copy of Mr Lewis’s efficiency review of the ABC and SBS.
(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 28 August 2014; document tabled 1 September 2014.)

54 Transport—Victoria—East West Link—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, no later than 4 pm on 2 October 2014, the following documents held or prepared by Infrastructure Australia:
   (a) any business case presented by the Victorian Government for the East West Link project;
   (b) any other documents in relation to the East West Link project provided to Infrastructure Australia by the Victorian Government; and
   (c) any assessment of the proposed East West Link undertaken by Infrastructure Australia, including the priority of this project as compared to other projects.
(Motion of Senator Rice agreed to 25 September 2014; document tabled 2 October 2014.)
55 Transport—Queensland—Toowoomba Bypass—Order for production of documents

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

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

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

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

56 Administration—Nauru Detention Centre—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than 3 pm on Thursday, 2 October 2014, the following documents:

(a) all incident reports logged at the Nauru detention centre relating to the misconduct of centre staff for the past 12 months; and

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

(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 1 October 2014; document tabled 2 October 2014.)

57 Administration—Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014—Advice—Order for production of document

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

(Motion of Senator Ludwig agreed to 2 October 2014; document tabled 28 October 2014.)

58 Estimates hearings—Questions on Notice—Answers and explanations—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Cormann), by no later than 5 pm today, the answers to questions on notice nos 60 to 143, 228 to 269, 354 to 689, 922 to 926, 929 to 931, 946 to 955, 959 to 970, 988, 989, 1016 to 1024, 1063, 1064, 1075 to 1077, 1091 to 1094, 1101, 1102, 1297 to 1279, 1284 to 1288, 1621 to 1648, 1650 to 1658, 1660 to 1677, 1680, 1682 to 1687, 1693 to 1716, 1718 to 1742, 1749 to 1751, 1757 to 1777, 1782 to 1786, 1789 to 1796, 1868 to 1876, 1887, 1933 to 1943, 1950 to 1952, 2089 to 2090, 2119 to 2146, 2148 to 2156, 2158 to 2171, 2174 to 2176, 2178, 2180 to 2185, 2191 to 2214, 2216 to 2249, 2255 to 2275, 2280 to 2312, 2314 to 2322,
Administration—Future Fund—Risks posed by climate change—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Cormann), no later than noon on 24 November 2014, a copy of the Future Fund’s analysis of risks posed by climate impacts and ‘unburnable carbon’ to its portfolio, through the Asset Owners Disclosure Project 2014 survey.

(Motion agreed to 28 October 2014; document tabled 29 October 2014.)

Immigration—Humanitarian intake from Ebola-affected countries—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than 3 pm on 30 October 2014, a copy of the advice which informed the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection’s decision to suspend the humanitarian intake from Ebola-affected countries, in particular Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) agreed to 29 October 2014; document tabled 30 October 2014.)

Administration—Executive international travel—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Abetz), by 3.30 pm on Monday, 24 November 2014, any correspondence between the Prime Minister’s Office and other ministers, or their offices, concerning approval of international travel by members of the executive, since 7 September 2013.

(Motion of Senator Moore agreed to 17 November 2014; document tabled 24 November 2014.)
62 Administration—Biosecurity operations—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Abetz), by 3.30 pm on Monday, 24 November 2014, copies of any documents, including correspondence to and from other members of the Executive, prepared since 7 September 2013, concerning: (a) arrangements; and (b) changes in biosecurity functions within the department and any other department or agency under current administrative arrangements or proposed administrative arrangements.

(Motion of Senator Moore agreed to 17 November 2014; document tabled 24 November 2014.)

63 Defence—Submarines tender process—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, no later than 4 pm on the next day of sitting, any documents produced by Macroeconomics.com.au Pty Ltd as a result of tender reference DMOCIP/RFT 0315/2012, including economic modelling and other examination of the potential economic impact of the SEA1000 submarine project on the Australian economy, among other subjects.

(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 17 November 2014; document tabled 24 November 2014; explanation sought and provided 23 February 2016.)

64 Law and Justice—Data retention—Investigation of costs—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Attorney-General’s Department is reported to have contracted PricewaterhouseCoopers to conduct a financial study into the cost of the Government’s data retention policy, and

(ii) the Government has not stated what the cost to the Australian public and to the telecommunications industry of its data retention policy will be; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis), no later than noon on Tuesday, 25 November 2014:

(i) the terms of reference for the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, and

(ii) any report provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers in the calendar year 2014 to the Government concerning the cost of data retention.

(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 24 November 2014; document tabled 25 November 2014.)

65 Transport—Queensland—Moreton Bay rail link—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development (Senator Johnston) and the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Cormann), no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 26 November 2014, any documents held in relation to:

(a) the Moreton Bay rail link project (the project);

(b) funding sought by the Queensland Government for this project; and

(c) the assessment and/or priority of this project.

(Motion of Senator Ludwig agreed to 25 November 2014; document tabled 26 November 2014.)
66 Transport—Queensland—Ipswich Motorway—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development (Senator Johnston) and the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Cormann), no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 26 November 2014, any documents held in relation to:
   (a) the Ipswich Motorway, Darra to Rocklea, project (the project);
   (b) funding sought by the Queensland Government for this project; and
   (c) the assessment and/or priority of this project.
(Motion of Senator Ludwig agreed to 25 November 2014; document tabled 26 November 2014.)

67 Health—National Mental Health Commission—Mental Health review—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, no later than 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 1 December 2014, copies of the following National Mental Health Commission documents in relation to its Mental Health review, as referred to during the estimates hearing of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on Wednesday, 22 October 2014:
   (a) the preliminary report completed during February 2014; and
   (b) the interim report completed in June 2014.
(Motion of Senator McLucas agreed to 25 November 2014; document tabled 1 December 2014 and 11 February 2015.)

68 Family and Community Services—Northern Territory—Income management—Order for production of document
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services, no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, 3 December 2014, the report into income management in the Northern Territory, Evaluating new income management in the Northern Territory, final report.
(Motion of Senator Siewert agreed to 1 December 2014; document tabled 3 December 2014.)

69 Transport—Queensland—Ipswich Motorway—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Cormann), by 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 3 December 2014, any documents held in relation to the contents of a letter dated 6 February 2014 from the Hon. Warren Truss MP to the Hon. Scott Emerson MP (QLD ref:MC73750/Federal ref:05543-2013) which details the Australian Government’s commitment to the Ipswich Motorway, Darra to Rocklea, project of $279 million.
(Motion of Senator Ludwig agreed to 1 December 2014; document tabled 3 December 2014.)

70 Defence—Air Warfare Destroyer Program—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, no later than 4 pm on Wednesday, 3 December 2014, the following:
   (a) the report on the independent review into the performance of the Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyer Program conducted by Professor Don Winter and Dr John White;
(b) a statement of reasons as to why any information is commercial-in-confidence and the possible harm it might cause, and where that information has been redacted from the report;

(c) any summary that has been made of the report;

(d) any document that provides the findings, or outlines the findings of the report; and

(e) any document that outlines the reasons for the findings.

(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 2 December 2014; document received 5 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015.)

71 Family and Community Services—Child care and early childhood learning—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Treasurer, no later than 3 pm on 4 December 2014, a copy of the final report of the Productivity Commission’s inquiry into child care and early childhood learning

(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 3 December 2014; document received 5 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015.)

72 Education—Students with disability—Nationally Consistent Collection of Data—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Education, no later than 3.30 pm on 8 February 2015, the following:

(a) the reports on the results of the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on students with disability in 2013 and 2014; and

(b) the report by Ernst and Young on a national quality assurance framework for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on students with disability.

(Motion of Senator Wright agreed to 3 December 2014, document tabled 11 February 2015.)

73 Law and Justice—Data Retention—Cost estimates—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 25 November, the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) declined to table a report by PricewaterhouseCoopers into the cost of the Government’s data retention legislation, and

(ii) the Government has not detailed the cost of its data retention legislation; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, no later than noon on Thursday, 4 December 2014:

(i) the summarised findings of the PricewaterhouseCoopers study or a copy of the study with commercially-sensitive information redacted; and

(ii) a timeline for the Government’s process for developing cost estimates for its data retention policy.

(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 3 December 2014; document received 5 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015.)
74 Health—National Mental Health Commission—Mental Health review—Order for production of documents

That—

(a) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 11 February 2015, copies of the following National Mental Health Commission documents in relation to its Mental Health review, as referred to during the estimates hearing of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on Wednesday, 22 October 2014:
   (i) the preliminary report completed during February 2014, and
   (ii) the interim report completed in June 2014; and

(b) the Senate not accept a public interest immunity claim by the Minister that tabling these documents would impact the Government’s ability to properly respond to the Mental Health Review because:
   (i) the production of these documents is necessary to allow people living with mental illness, their representative organisations and service providers to have an open and honest conversation about the future of the mental health system in Australia,
   (ii) the Mental Health Review must be transparent for the community to have faith in the review outcomes,
   (iii) there has been significant demand from the mental health sector, including consumers, for the reports to be made available, and
   (iv) the more than 1 800 organisations and individuals that made submissions to the review have the right to see these reports.

(Motion of Senator McLucas agreed to 9 February 2015.)

75 Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Budget Estimates 2014-15 (Supplementary)—Questions on Notice—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Director of Fair Work Building and Construction has failed to provide information in his responses to Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-15 questions on notice and has not made a claim of public interest immunity; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Employment, by the end of question time on Thursday, 12 February 2015, a copy of complete answers to Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-15 question on notice EM1529 15, EM1521 15 and EM1555 15.

(Motion of Senator Cameron agreed to 10 February 2015; document tabled 12 February 2015.)

76 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Nauru processing centre—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than 3 pm on Wednesday, 11 February 2015, a copy of the completed ‘review into recent allegations relating to conditions and circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru’, conducted by Mr Phillip Moss.

(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 10 February 2015; document tabled 11 February 2015.)
77 Social Issues—Homelessness and affordable housing commitments—Order for production of document

That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that the Abbott Government’s 2014-15 budget included cuts of $589.6 million from housing and homelessness initiatives, including axing the $44 million capital budget in the National Partnership for Homelessness (NPAH) used for shelters and housing for the homeless,

(ii) continued uncertainty over the future of the Government’s responsibility for housing places at least 3,400 highly specialised jobs across 180 initiatives providing services to 80,000 clients every year under the NPAH at risk, and

(iii) even at current levels of funding there are 100,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night in Australia and another 225,000 Australian families on waiting lists for social housing; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services, no later than 3 pm on Wednesday, 11 February 2015, a statement to the Senate clarifying the Government’s commitment to:

(i) homelessness beyond June 2015, including progress on review and negotiations of the NPAH, and

(ii) affordable housing, including the future of the NPAH.

(Motion of Senators Ludlam and McLucas agreed to 10 February 2015, document tabled 11 February 2015.)

78 Health—National Mental Health Commission—Mental Health review—Order for production of documents

That—

(a) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, no later than 3.30 pm on Thursday, 12 February 2015, copies of the following National Mental Health Commission documents in relation to its Mental Health review:

(i) the preliminary report which was completed during February 2014,

(ii) the interim report which was completed in June 2014, and

(iii) the final report which was completed by the end of November 2014; and

(b) the Senate not accept a public interest immunity claim by the Minister that tabling these documents would impact the Government’s ability to properly respond to the Mental Health review because:

(i) the production of these documents is necessary to allow people living with mental illness, their representative organisations and service providers to have an open and honest conversation about the future of the mental health system in Australia,

(ii) the Mental Health review must be transparent for the community to have faith in the review outcomes,

(iii) there has been significant demand from the mental health sector for the reports to be made available to allow for an informed debate in the lead-up to Government decision-making around the 2015-16 Budget, and
(iv) the more than 1 800 organisations and individuals that made submissions to the review have the right to see these reports.

(Motion of Senator McLucas agreed to 12 February 2015; document tabled 12 February 2015.)

79 Health—National Mental Health Commission—Mental Health review—Order for production of documents

That—

(a) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, no later than 9.30 am on Wednesday, 4 March 2015, copies of the following National Mental Health Commission documents in relation to its Mental Health review:

(i) the preliminary report which was completed during February 2014,

(ii) the interim report of the Mental Health Review which was completed in June 2014, and

(iii) the final report which was completed by the end of November 2014; and

(b) the Senate not accept a public interest immunity claim by the Minister that tabling these documents would impact the Government’s ability to properly respond to the Mental Health Review because:

(i) organisations in the mental health sector are losing staff and being forced to cut services because of the lack of certainty the Government is causing by not releasing the reports,

(ii) the production of these documents is necessary to allow people living with mental illness, their representative organisations and service providers to have an open and honest conversation about the future of the mental health system in Australia,

(iii) the Mental Health Review must be transparent for the community to have faith in the review outcomes,

(iv) there has been significant demand from the mental health sector for the reports to be made available to allow for an informed debate in the lead-up to Government decision-making around the 2015-16 Budget, and

(v) the more than 1 800 organisations and individuals that made submissions to the review have the right to see these reports.

(Motion of Senator McLucas agreed to 3 March 2015; document tabled 4 March 2015.)


That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act requires that the overseeing Minister (currently the Attorney-General), as soon as practicable after 30 June each year, cause to be prepared a written report on the operation of the Act that relates to the year ending on that 30 June,

(ii) the report contains critical information on law enforcement access to Australians’ telecommunications data which is directly pertinent to the Parliament’s consideration of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill,
(iii) for the past 3 years, this report has been tabled in November or December each year, and
(iv) the Government has not yet tabled the report for the year ended 30 June 2014; and

(b) there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, no later than noon on Thursday, 19 March 2015, the report on the operation of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act for the year ended 30 June 2014.

(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 17 March 2015; document received 20 March 2015 and tabled 23 March 2015.)

81 Industry—Automotive Transformation Scheme—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on Monday, 23 March 2015:

(a) by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry and Science, any correspondence since 1 July 2014 between the Minister for Industry and Science and the Prime Minister regarding the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS); and

(b) by the Minister for Finance, any correspondence since 1 July 2014 between the Minister and the Prime Minister regarding the ATS.

(Motion of Senators Xenophon, Carr, Madigan, Muir and Wright agreed to 17 March 2015; document tabled 17 March 2015.)

82 Transport—New South Wales—WestConnex motorway project—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, no later than 4 pm on Wednesday, 25 March 2015, the following documents relating to the WestConnex road project in New South Wales not previously provided to the Senate, including but not limited to:

(a) any agreements or Memorandum of Understanding detailing the milestones and requirements that New South Wales must meet, tied to the Commonwealth funding commitment;

(b) traffic modelling forecasts, including alternative public transport options available, and the resultant effects on inner Sydney congestion and transport connections;

(c) routes under consideration, or previously under consideration, including tunnel exit and entry points;

(d) exhaust stack chimney locations and air pollution forecasts;

(e) modelling of proposed tolls and predicted costs per trip; and

(f) construction cost estimates.

(Motion of Senator Rhiannon agreed to 18 March 2015; document tabled 25 March 2015.)
83 Industry—Automotive Transformation Scheme—Order for production of documents—Failure to comply

That the Senate—

(a) recalls its resolution of 13 May 2009, moved by Senator Cormann, setting out the process to be followed by public sector witnesses who believe that they have grounds for withholding information from Senate committees;

(b) concurs with the statement of Senator Cormann during debate on the motion, in which he said, ‘At the end of the day, the final decision on whether to claim a public interest ground for not disclosing information should be made by a minister, with a statement of the ground, and ultimately only the Senate itself can determine whether the claim is accepted’;

(c) acknowledges a letter tabled by Senator Cormann on 17 March 2015 in response to an order for the production of documents agreed to by the Senate on the same day, relating to the Automotive Transformation Scheme;

(d) does not recognise that the act of marking documents as ‘Protected for reasons of Cabinet confidentiality’ is an appropriate basis for making a claim of public interest immunity;

(e) does not accept Senator Cormann’s claim of public interest immunity on the grounds that to produce the documents ordered would disclose the substance of Cabinet deliberations which would give rise to harm to the public interest; and

(f) insists that Senator Cormann table the correspondence requested in the order for production of documents agreed to by the Senate on 17 March 2015 by 3.30 pm on 12 May 2015.

(Motion of Senators Carr, Xenophon, Muir, Wright and Wang and the Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus) agreed to 26 March 2015; document received 22 April 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015.)

84 Trade—Free trade agreements—Order for production of documents—Failure to comply

That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Malaysian Government:

(i) is undertaking a cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (the Agreement) to inform its cabinet and parliamentary decision making processes prior to signing any deal, and

(ii) is stating that it will not sign the Agreement unless it proves to be in Malaysia’s interest to do so; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to request that the Productivity Commission undertake a comprehensive socio-economic cost-benefit inquiry into the impact of the Agreement on Australia, and

(c) reiterates the order of the Senate of 11 December 2013 requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Trade to table the full text of the Agreement at least 14 days before signing.

(Motion of Senator Whish-Wilson agreed to 26 March 2015.)
85 **Health—Genetically-modified foods—Advice—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by noon on 14 May 2015, a copy of the advice generated by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator stating that crops developed using EXZACT Delete technology would not contain introduced foreign nucleic acid, once the ZFN genes are no longer present, and would not be considered GMO and therefore not subject to regulation under the Gene Technology Act 2000.

(*Motion of Senator Siewert agreed to 12 May 2015; document tabled 14 May 2015.*)

86 **Entity Contracts—Order for Production of Documents—Variation**

(*Motion of Senator Gallagher agreed to 14 May 2015—see full motion under Temporary orders, orders of continuing effect and changes to standing orders.*)

87 **Immigration—Asylum seekers—Payments from Commonwealth officers—Order for production of documents**

That—

(a) there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, by 3 pm on 17 June 2015, all documents containing information pertaining to:

(i) any money paid to anyone on board a vessel en route to Australia or New Zealand by any Customs, Immigration or other Commonwealth officer from September 2013 to date, and

(ii) the facilitation or authorisation of the payment of any money to anyone on board a vessel en route to Australia or New Zealand by any Customs, Immigration or other Commonwealth officer from September 2013 to date, and

in relation to any such payment, a document containing information pertaining to the details of the interception of the vessel, the amount of money paid, to whom and for what purpose; and

(b) there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, by 3 pm on 17 June 2015, any documents produced by the Office of the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service regarding:

(i) the interception of a vessel en route to Australia or New Zealand in May 2015,

(ii) any orders to turn back or take back that vessel, its passengers or crew,

(iii) any payments made to the vessel’s captain, crew or passengers, and

(iv) any payments made in relation to the passage of the vessel, its passengers or crew.

(*Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 16 June 2015; document tabled 17 June 2015; failure to comply motion agreed to 22 June 2015.*)
88 Communications—NBN—Corporate plans and strategic review—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) and the Minister representing the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), by 3.30 pm on Thursday, 18 June 2015:

(a) a complete and unredacted copy of the NBN Corporate Plan 2015-18, prepared by NBN under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 and applicable rules and guidelines, and containing each and every financial and deployment forecast identified by NBN and the Department of Communications during the 2015 Budget Estimates hearings as being contained in the NBN 2015-18 Corporate Plan;

(b) a complete and unredacted copy of the NBN Co Corporate Plan 2014-17, prepared by NBN Co under the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997 and applicable regulations and guidelines; and

(c) a complete and unredacted copy of the NBN Co Strategic Review.

(Motion of Senator McAllister agreed to 17 June 2015; documents tabled 18 June 2015.)

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

That—

(a) the Senate notes the comments made by Productivity Commissioner, Mr Peter Harris, who said ‘we treat consumers like idiots if we don’t publish [cost benefit studies]’ in relation to Commonwealth funding of major infrastructure projects; and

(b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, no later than 5pm on Tuesday, 11 August 2015, the following documents held or prepared by Infrastructure Australia:

(i) the Infrastructure Australia Board evaluation of the Perth Freight Link project that occurred at its meeting on 7 May 2015,

(ii) any business case presented by the Western Australian Government for the Perth Freight Link project,

(iii) any other documents in relation to the Perth Freight Link project provided to Infrastructure Australia by the Western Australian Government, and

(iv) any assessment of the proposed Perth Freight Link undertaken by Infrastructure Australia, including the priority of this project as compared to other projects.

(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 10 August 2015; documents tabled 11 August 2015.)

90 Transport—Western Australia—Roe 8 Extension and Perth Freight Link—Order for production of documents

That—

(a) the Senate notes the non-transparent process the Barnett and Abbott governments have followed in relation to the Roe 8 Extension and Perth Freight Link; and
(b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, 12 August 2015, the following documents which are not publicly available but crucial to the assessment process:

(i) the draft Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Perth and Peel Region, including any advice requested from the Western Australian Government on its progress,

(ii) evidence that the proponent’s offset proposal can be met,

(iii) any completed Aboriginal cultural heritage surveys and evidence of the Western Australian Department of Aboriginal Affairs’ Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee ‘sign off’ on the Roe 8 Extension,

(iv) evidence of formal consultation with Whadjuk Noongyar representatives,

(v) any evidence to support the proponent’s assertion on the Main Roads Western Australian website that the Whadjuk Noongyar people support the Roe 8 Extension and Perth Freight Link,

(vi) evidence that the Hope Road Swamp (Roe Swamp) site was deregistered during the time of environmental assessment on the Roe 8 Extension,

(vii) any survey work on the Mound (tumulus) Spring Inquiry post-September 2013, and any advice on exact weighting of various Mound Spring categorisation criteria,

(viii) the independent modelling on the increased traffic, diesel particulate pollution, and noise pollution due to the increased scale and size of the Perth Freight Link project since the project was submitted for assessment in 2009,

(ix) any material, including maps, relating to alignments for the Perth Freight Link through North Fremantle,

(x) evidence of consideration of alternatives to the proposed Perth Freight Link, and

(xi) the business case for the Perth Freight Link.

(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 11 August 2015; documents tabled 12 August and 18 August 2015.)

91 Education—Higher Education Reforms—Modelling and costings—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training, no later than 11 am on Wednesday, 19 August 2015, all documents held by the Government in relation to the modelling or costings of impacts of the Government’s proposed changes to higher education or funding for students, universities or other related changes regarding higher education not previously provided to the Senate, including but not limited to:

(a) the impact of removing caps on university fees charged to students;

(b) calculations of the potential impact on student fees, accumulated student HELP debt and loan costs, and interest rates where applicable;

(c) the effects of accumulated fee and loan costs for female graduates over their working lives;

(d) the level of public funding to public and for-profit higher and VET education providers, including potential cost of cuts for individual institutions;
(e) cuts to course funding;
(f) the assessment of impacts of deregulation and funding on regional public universities; and
(g) access by lower income, regional and other students suffering disadvantage to a full choice of university courses.

(Motion of Senator Rhiannon agreed to 12 August 2015; document tabled 19 August 2015.)

92 Communications—NBN Co Limited—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) and/or the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), by 3.30 pm on Monday, 12 October 2015, the following documents in relation to NBN Co Limited:

(a) the ‘Operating Plan’ referred to in its Corporate Plan 2016;
(b) financial and deployment forecasts for the multi-technology mix from FY2015 to FY2022, as included in the Operating Plan;
(c) the most recent ‘12 Quarter Integrated Deployment Plan’ referred to in its Corporate Plan 2016;
(d) the high level desktop analysis of an all-FTTP fixed line deployment scenario referred to in its Corporate Plan 2016; and
(e) the letter from shareholder ministers to NBN Co Limited requesting that it prepare the high level desktop analysis of an all-FTTP fixed line deployment scenario.

(Motion of Senator Conroy agreed to 17 September 2015; documents tabled 12 October 2015.)

93 Politics—Coalition Agreement—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, by no later than 3.30 pm on Thursday, 17 September 2015, the Coalition Agreement, and related side letter between the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister, signed on Tuesday, 15 September 2015, outlining the relationship between the Liberal and National parties in government.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 17 September 2015; document tabled 17 September 2015.)

94 Defence—Department of Veterans’ Affairs—2014 Client Services Survey—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson), by no later than 3.30 pm on Monday, 12 October 2015, the following information relating to the 2014 Client Services Survey conducted by ORIMA Research for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA):

(a) any contractual restrictions placed on the Minister releasing the survey methodology by the third party company, ORIMA, which conducted the survey;
(b) all questions asked in the survey;
(c) the sampling methodology;
(d) the format(s) of how the survey and results are stored by DVA;
(e) aggregated results for each question (including in an electronic format);
(f) aggregated results showing which areas of DVA’s performance are regarded as:
   (i) strong,
   (ii) poor, and
   (iii) in need of improvement;
(g) a copy of each set of survey responses with any personal identifiers redacted (including in an electronic format);
(h) a breakdown by age group of all who responded;
(i) a copy of all ‘client commentary’ provided and examples of which are published on the DVA website; and
(j) the criteria used by DVA in selecting the summarised interpretation of the results on the DVA website.
(Motion of Senator Lambie agreed to 17 September 2015; document tabled 12 October 2015.)

95 Education—Nous Group contract—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Education and Training, no later than 3.30 pm on Thursday, 15 October 2015, the following:

(a) a redacted copy of any reports delivered under the Nous Group contract, ‘Assessment of Stakeholder Views – Higher Education’ listed on the Austender website (contract number CN3277481), omitting any reference to the views expressed by individual senators or their staff; and

(b) all other documentation related to the contract, including the contract itself and any correspondence between the Nous Group and the Minister or his department, omitting any reference to the views expressed by individual senators or their staff.

(Motion of Senators Carr and Lambie, Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus) and Senator Siewert agreed to 15 October 2015; document tabled 15 October 2015; documents received 21 October 2015 and tabled 9 November 2015.)

96 Health—Food Standards Australia New Zealand—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health (Senator Nash) by 22 October 2015, a copy of the following in relation to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ):

(a) any advice FSANZ has received from the Attorney-General’s department, the Attorney-General’s office or the Solicitor-General relating to the right of FSANZ to give advice regarding the interpretation of the Food Standards Code;

(b) the terms of reference for the report it has commissioned from an ‘expert toxicologist’ on the safety of nano titanium dioxide and silica; and

(c) the contract for that report.

(Motion of Senator Siewert agreed to 15 October 2015.)
97 **Transport—Western Australia—Perth Freight Link—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, no later than 5 pm on Monday, 23 November 2015, the following documents that underpin the Perth Freight Link project but are not publicly available:

(a) any figures, modelling and forecasts on freight movements to and from the Fremantle Port, including current and projected figures, provided by the Western Australian Government for the Perth Freight Link project;

(b) any evaluation of freight figures or modelling to underpin the Perth Freight Link by the Minister’s department or Infrastructure Australia;

(c) any peer review undertaken of freight figures provided for the Perth Freight Link;

(d) any modelling of air quality, diesel particulates and truck congestion on roads and communities in the vicinity of the Perth Freight Link; and

(e) the modelling for future traffic congestion on Perth metropolitan roads for 2011, 2016 and 2021 that was completed as part of the Western Australian Auditor General’s report of March 2015 using the new version of the Regional Operations Model [ROM].

(Motion of Senators Ludlam and Sterle agreed to 12 November 2015; documents tabled 23 November 2015.)

98 **Administration—Gosford waterfront—Building contracts—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer, Senator Cormann, no later than 3.30 pm on 30 November 2015, all documents recording contacts between:

(a) the Commonwealth and New South Wales State Government relating to the purchase or lease of the old Gosford Public School site on the Gosford waterfront; and

(b) the Commonwealth and the New South Wales State Government, Gosford City Council, the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation, the Doma Group and other tenderers relating to the proposed Australian Taxation Office building development in Gosford.

(Motion of Senator O’Neill agreed to 26 November 2015; document tabled 30 November 2015; documents received 4 December 2015 and tabled 2 February 2015.)

99 **Administration—Australian Public Service—Training for Estimates hearings—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, no later than 11 am on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, all documents (whether archived in paper or digital format) held by the Government in relation to any training since 1 January 2013 undertaken by public servants as preparation to appear before Senate estimates committees, including but not limited to:

(a) media or media awareness training documents or similar;

(b) performance or confidence training documents or similar;

(c) details of contracts, including for each contract the name of the department, dates of training, numbers of staff trained; name of training provider and costs of contracts;
(d) copies of related tender documents, including documents specifying training outcomes sought by departments;

(e) copies of each training program training schedule including, but not limited to, content and aims or outcomes of subjects or module or activities, such as role playing, performance skills, delivery and impression;

(f) examples of individual written reports, analyses of performances, DVDs or other feedback from such courses, with personal identifiers redacted;

(g) documents relating to any training provided by the company Media Manoeuvres and other training providers; and

(h) any other relevant document, memo or emails.

(Motion of Senators Conroy and Rhiannon agreed to 30 November 2015; document tabled 3 February 2016.)

100 Family and Community Services—Childcare Assistance Package—Order for production of documents

That, noting that the Government announced:

(a) that the Jobs For Families legislation, including the Childcare Assistance Package, would be tabled by Christmas 2015; and

(b) the childcare package reforms will be implemented in July 2017,

there be laid on the table by the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham), no later than 4 pm on 8 December 2015, all documents relating to the Childcare Assistance Package, including, but not limited to, documents produced by and/or for, and communications related to the reform package, including specifically:

(a) economic modelling on the impact of the reforms on families earning $65,000 to $300,000 plus per annum, where either one or both parents are working;

(b) reports from the focus groups conducted by the Government to inform the policy proposal;

(c) clarification of the activity test, specifically relating to the hours of work correlating to the hours of subsidised childcare available;

(d) economic data and modelling used to determine where families will be $30 per week ‘better off’; and

(e) economic and social data and departmental modelling relating to the reform package.

(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 2 December 2015; document received 8 December 2015 and tabled 2 February 2016.)

101 Defence—Defence Housing Australia—Scoping study—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence (Senator Payne), no later than 3.30 pm on Monday, 22 February 2016, a copy of the Lazard Scoping Study completed on the future ownership and operations for Defence Housing Australia.

(Motion of Senator Lambie agreed to 2 February 2016, document tabled 22 February 2016.)
Restructure—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, no later than 9 am on 3 March 2016, the following documents in relation to the restructuring of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Oceans and Atmosphere division reported on 4 February 2016:

(a) the written briefing prepared in December 2015 by Dr Ken Lee, Director of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division for submission to the CSIRO executive for the ‘Deep Dive’ meeting;

(b) documents from November to December 2015 demonstrating the consultation that was undertaken with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders in preparing the above briefing;

(c) any written communication from Dr Alex Wonhas or Dr Larry Marshall to the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division subsequent to the briefing mentioned in paragraph (a) requesting a proposal for more extensive restructuring;

(d) documents from January 2016 demonstrating any consultation that was undertaken by Dr Ken Lee with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders in developing the proposal for more extensive restructuring;

(e) all written communication from December 2015 until the present between the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship and either Dr Wonhas or Dr Marshall in relation to any proposed more extensive restructuring, including:
   (i) communications detailing the scope, rationale and implications of the restructuring,
   (ii) guidelines or criteria to be used in choosing specific areas to be restructured,
   (iii) the rationale for a reduction of 100 equivalent full-time staff, and
   (iv) the decision to proceed after the CSIRO executive meeting on or around 27 January 2016;

(f) documents from December 2015 until the present demonstrating the consultation process that is being undertaken with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders, including guidelines or criteria being used, to determine the specific research groups and teams to be restructured;

(g) any written briefings for Dr Wonhas or Dr Marshall for the CSIRO executive meeting on or around 27 January 2016 concerning proposed restructuring in the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship;

(h) the minutes or other records of any CSIRO board meeting which considered the restructuring of the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship;
(i) all project description and project budget documents for projects concerning the Cape Grim observing station and the associated Gas Lab analysis, for the past 5 years, up to and including 2015-16; and

(j) any written communication between Dr Marshall and CSIRO staff concerning clean coal technology from November 2015 until the present.

(Motion of Senator Waters agreed to 24 February 2016; statements made and documents tabled 3 March 2016.)

Administration—Outsourcing of work to foreign businesses—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by each Government minister, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 12 May 2016, any documents relevant to the outsourcing of work by their government departments and associated agencies (including any commissions, bureaus and corporations), to foreign businesses (including wholly-owned foreign businesses, companies registered in Australia with a foreign parent company/companies and foreign companies with a majority shareholding held outside of Australia), specifically:

(a) the name and location of each government department and agency that is party to a procurement contract with a foreign business (contract);

(b) the number of contracts that currently exist between each government department and their agencies and foreign business;

(c) for each foreign company/business engaged by government departments and their agencies pursuant to contract, the foreign company/business name and the country in which their office is located and/or is operating;

(d) the date each contract commenced, and the date that contract is due to be finalised or reviewed for the purpose of further negotiations;

(e) the nature and scope of works required to be performed pursuant to each contract, including:

   (i) where the works are managed and performed,

   (ii) the composition of the workforce, including whether Australian workers are required to be engaged by the contract,

   (iii) the number of Australian workers engaged by the contract, and

   (iv) the monetary value of each contract; and

(f) prior to the commencement of each contract, information as to:

   (i) whether the requirement for goods and/or services previously existed,

   (ii) whether the provision of those goods and/or services were performed by the Government, or

   (iii) whether the provisions of those goods and/or services was managed and performed on the Government’s behalf, and, if so, the name and location of the business responsible for the provision of those goods and/or services.

(Motion of the Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus) agreed to 24 February 2016; documents tabled 29 February 2016.)
Science and Technology—CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—Restructure—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, no later than 9.30 am on 3 March 2016, the following documents held by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), or the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division:

(a) the written briefing prepared in December 2015 by Dr Ken Lee, Director of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division for submission to the CSIRO executive for the ‘Deep Dive’ meeting;

(b) documents from November to December 2015 demonstrating the consultation that was undertaken with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders in preparing the above briefing;

(c) any written communication from Dr Alex Wonhas or Dr Larry Marshall to the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division subsequent to the briefing mentioned in paragraph (a) requesting a proposal for more extensive restructuring;

(d) documents from January 2016 demonstrating any consultation that was undertaken by Dr Lee with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders in developing the proposal for more extensive restructuring;

(e) all written communication from December 2015 until the present between the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship and either Dr Wonhas or Dr Marshall in relation to any proposed more extensive restructuring including:

   (i) communications detailing the scope, rationale and implications of the restructuring,

   (ii) guidelines or criteria to be used in choosing specific areas to be restructured, and

   (iii) the rationale for a reduction of 100 equivalent full-time staff;

(f) documents from December 2015 until the present demonstrating the consultation process that is being undertaken with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders, including guidelines or criteria being used, to determine the specific research groups and teams to be restructured;

(g) any written briefings for Dr Wonhas or Dr Marshall for the CSIRO executive meeting on or around 27 January 2016 concerning proposed restructuring in the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship;

(h) the minutes or other records of any CSIRO board meeting which considered the restructuring of the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship;

(i) all project description and project budget documents for projects concerning the Cape Grim observing station and the associated Gas Lab analysis, for the past 5 years, up to and including 2015-16; and

(j) any written communication between Dr Marshall and CSIRO staff concerning clean coal technology from November 2015 until the present.

(Motion of Senator Waters agreed to 29 February 2016; statements made and documents tabled 3 March 2016.)
105 Administration—Infrastructure Investment Program—Communications campaign—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, no later than 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 15 March 2016, the following documents in respect of the $18 million ‘communications campaign’ funded from within the Infrastructure Investment program, as referred to in the 2015-16 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) released in December 2015:

(a) all correspondence, including emails and attachments, between officials of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and any of the following ministers and/or staff in their offices:

(i) the Prime Minister,
(ii) the former Prime Minister (Mr Abbott),
(iii) the Minister for Regional Development,
(iv) the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport,
(v) the former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development (Mr Truss),
(vi) the Treasurer,
(vii) the former Treasurer (Mr Hockey),
(viii) the Minister for Finance,
(ix) the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science and Leader of the House, and
(x) the former Minister for Education and Training and Leader of the House (Mr Pyne);

(b) all correspondence, including emails and attachments, addressed to or from the Service Delivery and Coordination Committee;

(c) documents showing how the campaign will be funded;

(d) all correspondence, including emails and attachments, between officials of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and external parties, including but not limited to Mitchell & Partners Australia Pty Ltd and the Wallis Consulting Group, dated 1 January 2015 or after; and

(e) any other documents held by officials of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development which refer to the infrastructure ‘communications campaign’ mentioned in the MYEFO.

(Motion of Senator Conroy agreed to 29 February 2016.)

106 Senate—Electoral law changes—Communications and minutes—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Finance and the Special Minister of State, no later than 9.30 am on Thursday, 3 March 2016:

(a) documents recording all communications with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) by:

(i) the Minister for Finance,
(ii) the Acting Special Minister of State,
(iii) the Special Minister of State,
(iv) the Department of Finance;
relating to proposed changes to the Senate voting system, including the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016, since 1 September 2015; and
(b) the minutes of all ‘round table’ meetings that have taken place in which the AEC participated.
(Motion of Senator Collins agreed to 2 March 2016; statements made and documents tabled 3 March 2016.)

107 **Defence—Submarines tender process—Legal advice—Order for production of documents**

That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) on 17 November 2014 the Senate agreed to an order for the production of documents directed at the Minister for Defence for ‘any documents produced by Macroeconomics.com.au Pty Ltd as a result of tender reference DMOCIP/RFT 0315/2012, including economic modelling and other examination of the potential economic impact of the SEA1000 submarine project on the Australian economy, among other subjects’,

(ii) on 23 February 2016 the Minister for Defence rose in the Senate and made a ‘Cabinet-in-Confidence’ related public interest immunity claim with respect to the documents ordered, and

(iii) on 16 July 1975 the Senate laid out by resolution its position with respect to public interest immunity claims – where paragraph 4 of that resolution makes it clear that, while the Senate may permit claims of public interest immunity to be advanced, it reserves the right to determine whether any particular claim will be accepted; and

(b) there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, no later than 15 March 2016, the independent legal advice which grounds the Minister’s public interest immunity claim made in the Senate on 23 February 2016 in relation to the Senate resolution agreed to on 17 November 2014.
(Motion of Senators Xenophon and McEwen agreed to 3 March 2016.)

108 **Education—School funding—Indexation—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham), the Minister for Finance and the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Cormann), no later than 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 15 March 2016, all documents prepared since 15 September 2015, relating to the indexation of total school funding by the consumer price index with allowances for changes in enrolments from the 2018 school year onwards, as referred to in the measure contained in the 2014-15 Budget ‘Students First’ – indexation of school funding from 2018.
(Motion of Senator Dastyari agreed to 3 March 2016.)
That the Senate—

(a) rejects the public interest immunity claim made by the Minister for Finance and the Special Minister of State, Senator Cormann, on Thursday, 3 March 2016, asserting that the disclosure of communications between ministers, ministerial staff, departmental officers and the Australian Electoral Commission relating to changes to voting laws on the grounds ‘that this would disclose information that formed part of the deliberations of Cabinet’ and that ‘disclosure of this material would be contrary to the public interest’;

(b) further rejects the decision of the Minister to claim public interest immunity on redacted portions of other documents ‘on the grounds that some relate to Cabinet deliberations; to the commercial interests of the Commonwealth which would be harmed in the event of disclosure; and to the private information of Commonwealth officers (including junior officer information)’; and

(c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Special Minister of State, no later than noon on Thursday, 17 March 2016, all documents recording communications with the Australian Electoral Commission by:

(i) the Minister for Finance,
(ii) the Acting Special Minister of State,
(iii) the Special Minister of State, and
(iv) the Department of Finance,

relating to proposed changes to the Senate voting system, including the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016, since 1 September 2015.

(Motion of Senator Collins agreed to 16 March 2016.)

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, no later than 9.30 am on Wednesday, 30 March 2016:

(a) all documents that were ordered to be laid on the table by the Senate on 29 February 2016 relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division;

(b) any briefing or correspondence from the CSIRO to the Minister or the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science relating to the order for production of documents agreed by the Senate on 24 February 2016 relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division;

(c) any briefing or correspondence from the CSIRO to the Minister or the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science relating to the orders for production of documents agreed by the Senate on 29 February 2016 relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division; and

(d) any documents held by the CSIRO relating to the orders for production of documents agreed by the Senate on 24 February and 29 February 2016 relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division.

(Motion of Senator Carr agreed to 16 March 2016.)
Restructure—Order for production of document
That there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, no later than 9.30 am on Wednesday, 30 March 2016, the following documents assembled by Dr Alex Wonhas and now held by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) or the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division:

(a) the written briefing prepared in December 2015 by Dr Ken Lee, Director of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division for submission to the CSIRO executive for the ‘Deep Dive’ meeting;

(b) documents from November to December 2015 demonstrating the consultation that was undertaken with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders in preparing the above briefing;

(c) any written communication from Dr Alex Wonhas or Dr Larry Marshall to the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division subsequent to the briefing mentioned in paragraph (a) requesting a proposal for more extensive restructuring;

(d) documents from January 2016 demonstrating any consultation that was undertaken by Dr Ken Lee with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders in developing the proposal for more extensive restructuring;

(e) all written communication from December 2015 until the present between the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship and either Dr Wonhas or Dr Marshall in relation to any proposed more extensive restructuring, including:

   (i) communications detailing the scope, rationale and implications of the restructuring,

   (ii) guidelines or criteria to be used in choosing specific areas to be restructured, and

   (iii) the rationale for a reduction of 100 equivalent full-time staff;

(f) documents from December 2015 until the present demonstrating the consultation process that is being undertaken with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders, including guidelines or criteria being used, to determine the specific research groups and teams to be restructured;

(g) any written briefings for Dr Wonhas or Dr Marshall for the CSIRO executive meeting on or around 27 January 2016 concerning proposed restructuring in the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship;

(h) the minutes or other records of any CSIRO board meeting which considered the restructuring of the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship;

(i) all project description and project budget documents for projects concerning the Cape Grim observing station and the associated Gas Lab analysis, for the past 5 years up to and including 2015-16; and

(j) any written communication between Dr Marshall and CSIRO staff concerning clean coal technology from November 2015 until the present.

(Motion of Senator Waters agreed to 16 March 2016.)
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   Senator Day
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Madigan
   Senator Wang
   Senator Xenophon

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

Conduct of business

2 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator 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.

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

Formal business

4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.
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   To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

Limitation of time

6 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.

7 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.

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

Matters of urgency

9 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator 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.
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

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

Questions without notice

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

13 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus)
   Senator Day
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Madigan
   Senator Wang
   Senator Xenophon

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

Tabling of documents

14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus)
   Senator Day
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Madigan
   Senator Wang
   Senator Xenophon

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

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

- Legislative and General Purpose (including Legislation and References Committees)
  - Community Affairs
  - Economics
  - Education and Employment (formerly Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; name amended 13 November 2013)
  - Environment and Communications
  - Finance and Public Administration
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
  - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

- Legislative Scrutiny
  - Regulations and Ordinances
  - Scrutiny of Bills
Standing (Domestic)
Appropriations, Staffing and Security (formerly Appropriations and Staffing; name amended 25 March 2015 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2015 – Amendment of standing order 19)

House
Library
Privileges
Procedure
Publications
Selection of Bills
Senators’ Interests

Select Committees
Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit
Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs
Establishment of a National Integrity Commission
Health
Murray-Darling Basin Plan
National Broadband Network
Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru
School Funding
School Funding Investment
Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures (formerly Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts; name amended 11 August 2015)
Unconventional Gas Mining
Wind Turbines

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

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

Statutory
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings
Corporations and Financial Services
Human Rights
Intelligence and Security
Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.

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**COMMITTEES**

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

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

**Appropriations, Staffing and Security—Standing Committee**  
(formerly Appropriations and Staffing; name amended 25 March 2015 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2015 – Amendment of standing order 19)

Members
The President (Chair), the Deputy President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Back, Collins, Fawcett, Fifield, Madigan and McEwen

Reports presented under the former committee name: Appropriations and Staffing

Reports presented under the name: Appropriations, Staffing and Security
- Annual reports—
- Estimates for the Department of the Senate—
  - 57th report – 2015-16 (received 10 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015)

**Australia Fund Establishment—Joint Select Committee**  
(appointed 4 September 2014; **final report tabled 25 June 2015**)

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Law Enforcement
Public Accounts and Audit
Public Works
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members

Mr Matheson (Chair), Senator Bilyk (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, O’Sullivan and Sterle, and Ms Elliot, Mr Irons, Mr Wood and Mr Zappia

Current inquiries

• Jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (adopted 6 March 2014)
• Integrity of Australia’s border arrangements (adopted 5 March 2015)

Reports presented

Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner—

• 2012-13—Report (tabled 3 September 2014)
• 2014-15—Report (tabled 3 March 2016)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

The Speaker (Chairman), the President (Vice Chairman), and Senators Marshall and Moore, and Ms Bird, Mr Coulton, Mr Griffin and Ms Henderson

Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs—Select Committee
(appointed 30 September 2014; resolution of appointment varied 19 March 2015; report received 27 March 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Health; Social Services, including Human Services

Members

Senator Seselja (Chair), Senator Siewert (Deputy Chair), and Senators Brown, Gallagher, Lindgren and Paterson

Participating members

Government

Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Johnston, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Smith and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiries
• Social Services Legislation Amendment (Interest Charge) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (referred 3 March 2016; reporting date: 20 June 2016)

Reports presented
Annual reports tabled by 31 October and 30 April—
• No. 2 of 2013—Report (received 25 October 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
• No. 1 of 2014—Report (tabled 19 March 2014)
• No. 2 of 2014—Report (tabled 27 August 2014)
• No. 1 of 2015—Report (tabled 17 March 2015)
• No. 2 of 2015—Report (tabled 8 September 2015)
• No. 1 of 2016—Report (tabled 2 March 2016)

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

Legislation—
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014—Report (tabled 25 March 2015)
• Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 17 August 2015)
• Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment (Forum on Food Regulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 30 November 2015)


• Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014—Report (tabled 4 September 2014)

• Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 4 February 2016)


• Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 22 February 2016)


• Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (received 10 March 2016 and tabled 15 March 2016)


• Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Report on the bill, excluding Schedules 2, 6 and 9 (tabled 12 December 2013)


  Corrigendum to dissenting report from Opposition senators (received 19 September 2014 and tabled 22 September 2014)


• Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 1 March 2016)
Legislation—Consideration of time critical bills—
• Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 11 August 2015)

Community Affairs References Committee
Members
Senator Siewert (Chair), Senator Seselja (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Brown, Gallagher and Paterson
Substitute member
Future of Australia’s aged care sector workforce—Senator Polley to replace Senator Brown
Participating members
Government
Non-government

Current inquiries
• Lyme-like illness in Australia (referred 12 November 2015; reporting date: 20 June 2016)
• Future of Australia’s aged care sector workforce (referred 1 December 2015; reporting date: 30 June 2016)
• Indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment (referred 2 December 2015; reporting date: 30 July 2016)
• Medical complaints process (referred 2 February 2016; reporting date: 23 June 2016)

Reports presented
• Adequacy of existing residential care arrangements for young people with severe physical, mental or intellectual disabilities in Australia—Report (tabled 30 June 2015)
  Corrigendum (tabled 18 August 2015)
• Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia—
  Interim report (received 4 August 2015 and tabled 10 August 2015)
  Final report (tabled 17 September 2015)
• Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)—
  Interim reports (3) (received 12 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013; received 28 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014; tabled 19 March 2014)
  Report (tabled 26 March 2014)
• Extent of income inequality in Australia – Bridging our growing divide: inequality in Australia—Report (tabled 3 December 2014)
• Grandparents who take primary responsibility for raising their grandchildren—Report *(tabled 29 October 2014)*
• Impact on service quality, efficiency and sustainability of recent Commonwealth community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services—
  Interim report *(tabled 13 May 2015)*
  Final report *(tabled 16 September 2015)*
• Impacts on health of air quality in Australia—
  Interim report *(received 12 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)*
  Report *(received 16 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)*
• Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of people with disabilities in Australia—
  First report *(received 17 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)*
  Final report *(received 25 October 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)*
• Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—Report *(tabled 14 November 2013)*
• Out of home care—Report *(tabled 19 August 2015)*
• Out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare [Australia’s healthcare system]—
  Interim report *(received 8 August 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014)*
  Report *(received 22 August 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014)*
  Corrigenda (2) *(tabled 27 August and 1 September 2014)*
• Prevalence of different types of speech, language and communication disorders and speech pathology services in Australia [speech pathology services]—
  Interim report *(tabled 27 March 2014)*
  Report *(tabled 2 September 2014)*
• Violence, abuse and neglect against people with disability in institutional and residential settings, including the gender and age related dimensions, and the particular situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, and culturally and linguistically diverse people with disability—Report *(tabled 25 November 2015)*

Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—Joint Select Committee
Reports presented
  Interim report *(tabled 16 July 2014)*
  Progress report *(tabled 28 October 2014)*
  Final report *(tabled 25 June 2015)*

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
*(appointed 2 December 2013)*
Members
  Senator Fawcett *(Chair)*, Senator O’Neill *(Deputy Chair)*, and Senators Ketter, Madigan and Williams, and Ms Owens, Mr Ruddock, Mr van Manen and Mr Watts
Current inquiry

- Impairment of customer loans (referred by the House of Representatives on 4 June 2015—transmitted by message on 15 June 2015; House of Representatives reporting date: 20 May 2016—variation transmitted by message on 3 March 2016)

Reports presented

- Proposals to lift the professional, ethical and education standards in the financial services industry—Report (received 19 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015)

On annual reports of bodies established under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001—


Statutory oversight of the—

- Australian Securities and Investments Commission: the role of gatekeepers in Australia’s financial services system [Number 3, July 2013]—Report (received 29 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
- Australian Securities and Investment Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the corporations legislation—
  Report no. 1 of 44th Parliament (tabled 26 November 2014)

Cyber Safety—Select Committee

Report presented

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

Economics Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Industry; Treasury

Members

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

Participating members

Government

Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Fawcett, Heffernan, Johnston, Lindgren, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Paterson, Reynolds, Seselja and Williams

Non-government


Reports presented

Annual reports tabled by 31 October and 30 April—
• No. 2 of 2013—Report *(tabled 11 December 2013)*
• No. 1 of 2014—Report *(tabled 19 March 2014)*
• No. 2 of 2014—Report *(tabled 27 August 2014)*
• No. 1 of 2015—
  Report *(tabled 17 March 2015)*
  Corrigendum *(tabled 25 March 2015)*
• No. 2 of 2015—Report *(tabled 8 September 2015)*
• No. 1 of 2016—Report *(tabled 2 March 2016)*

Estimates—
• Additional estimates 2013-14—Report *(tabled 18 March 2014)*
• Budget estimates 2014-15—Report *(tabled 24 June 2014)*
• Additional estimates 2014-15—Report *(tabled 17 March 2015)*
• Budget estimates 2015-16—Report *(tabled 23 June 2015)*
• Additional estimates 2015-16—Report *(tabled 1 March 2016)*

Legislation—
• Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report *(tabled 15 September 2015)*
• Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Repeal) (No. 1) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report *(tabled 16 June 2014)*
• Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report *(tabled 4 September 2014)*
• Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report *(tabled 24 November 2014)*
• Competition and Consumer Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report *(tabled 13 May 2015)*
• Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014—Report *(received 26 February 2015 and tabled 2 March 2015)*
• Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report *(tabled 1 March 2016)*
• Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014—Report *(tabled 11 August 2015)*
• Corporations Amendment (Streamlining of Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2014—Report *(tabled 22 September 2014)*
• Corporations Legislation Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report *(tabled 11 February 2015)*
• Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2015 and Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 2015—
  Interim report *(received 1 May 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)*
  Report *(received 8 May 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)*
• Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013—Report (received 31 March 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)
• Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Governance) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 9 November 2015)
• Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016 [Provisions]—Report (received 10 March 2016 and tabled 15 March 2016)
• Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 17 March 2013)
Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014 [Provisions],
Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment
(Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014 [Provisions], Taxation (Trustee
Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair
Levy) Bill 2014 [Provisions], Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax)
(No. 2) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014 [Provisions],
Tax Laws Amendment (Interest on Non-Resident Trust Distributions)
(Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014 [Provisions], Tax Laws Amendment
(Untainting Tax) (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014 [Provisions] and
Trust Recoupment Tax Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014

• Trade Support Loans Bill 2014 [Provisions] and Trade Support Loans
2014)

• Treasury Legislation Amendment (Small Business and Unfair Contract Terms)

Legislation—Consideration of time critical bills—

• Excise Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Oil) Bill 2014 [Provisions]
and Customs Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Oil) Bill 2014
[Provisions]—Report (received 5 June 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)

• Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 1) Bill 2015

• Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2015

• Excise Tariff Amendment (Ethanol and Biodiesel) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and
Energy Grants and Other Legislation Amendment (Ethanol and Biodiesel) Bill

• Private Health Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Bill 2015 [Provisions], Private
Health Insurance (Prudential Supervision) (Consequential Amendments and
Supervisory Levy Imposition Bill 2015 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance
(Risk Equalisation Levy) Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions] and Private Health
(tabled 17 June 2015)

Economics References Committee

Members
Senator Ketter (Chair), Senator Edwards (Deputy Chair), and Senators Dastyari,
McAllister, Smith and Xenophon

Substitute members
Australia’s steel industry—Senator Carr to replace Senator Dastyari

Impact of Commonwealth legislation, policies and guidelines—Senator Leyonhjelm to
replace Senator McAllister

Participating members
Government
Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Fawcett, Heffernan, Johnston, Lindgren,
Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Paterson, Reynolds, Seselja and Williams
Non-government

Current inquiries
• Australia’s naval ship building industry (referred 25 June 2014; reports tabled 27 August and 17 November 2014 and 1 July 2015; interim report received 28 August 2015 and tabled 7 September 2015; final reporting date: 30 June 2016)
• Implications of financial advice reforms (referred 4 September 2014; additional terms of reference agreed to 2 March 2016; interim report received 1 February 2016 and tabled 2 February 2016; report (part 1) tabled 24 February 2016; final reporting date: 31 August 2016)
• Corporate tax avoidance (referred 2 October 2014; interim report tabled 18 August 2015; final reporting date: 22 April 2016)
• Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms (referred 2 March 2015; reporting date: 17 March 2016)
• Non-conforming building products (referred 23 June 2015; reporting date: 10 May 2016)
• Foreign bribery (referred 24 June 2015; reporting date: 1 July 2016)
• Impact of Commonwealth legislation, policies and guidelines (referred 25 June 2015; reporting date: 13 June 2016)
• Gender retirement income gap (referred 17 August 2015; reporting date: 29 April 2016)
• Development of bauxite resources near Aurukun (referred 24 November 2015; reporting date: 31 March 2016)
• Penalties for white collar crime or misconduct (referred 25 November 2015; reporting date: 27 July 2016)
• Foreign investment review framework (referred 25 November 2015; interim report tabled 4 February 2016; final reporting date: 8 April 2016)
• Australia’s steel industry (referred 26 November 2015; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2016)
• Carbon risk disclosure (referred 2 February 2016; reporting date: 22 June 2016)
• Collapse of listed retailers (referred 4 February 2016; reporting date: 12 May 2016)

Reports presented
• Agribusiness managed investment schemes: Bitter harvest [Forestry managed investment schemes]—
  Interim report (received 16 December 2015 and tabled 2 February 2016)
  Report (received 11 March 2016 and tabled 15 March 2016)
• Australia’s innovation system—
  Interim report (tabled 19 August 2015)
  Report (tabled 3 December 2015)
• Australia’s automotive industry—
  Interim report (tabled 19 August 2015)
Corporate tax avoidance—
  Report (part I) – You cannot tax what you cannot see (tabled 18 August 2015)
  Corrigendum (received 21 August 2015 and tabled 7 September 2015)
Digital currency – game changer or bit player—Report (received 4 August 2015
  and tabled 10 August 2014)
Foreign investment review framework—
  Interim report (tabled 4 February 2016)
Future of Australia’s automotive industry: Driving jobs and investment—Report
  (tabled 1 December 2015)
Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry: Tender process for the navy’s
new supply ships—
  Report (part I) (tabled 27 August 2014)
  Report (part II) (tabled 17 November 2014)
  Report (part III) (received 1 July 2015)
  Interim report (received 28 August 2015 and tabled 7 September 2015)
‘I just want to be paid’: Insolvency in the Australian construction industry—
  Report (tabled 3 December 2015)
Interest rates and informed choice in the Australian credit card market—Report
  (received 16 December 2015 and tabled 2 February 2016)
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—Report (tabled
  14 November 2013)
Need for a national approach to retail leasing arrangements—Report (tabled
  18 March 2015)
Out of reach? The Australian housing affordability challenge—
  Interim report (received 13 April 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)
  Report (received 8 May 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)
Performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—
  Interim report (received 28 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
  Final report (tabled 26 June 2014)
Privatisation of state and territory assets and new infrastructure—Report (tabled
  19 March 2015)
Scrutiny of financial advice (Implications of financial advice reforms)—
  Interim report (received 1 February 2016 and tabled 2 February 2016)
  Part 1 – Land banking: a ticking time bomb—Report (tabled 24 February
  2016)
Third party certification of food—Report (tabled 1 December 2015)
Ticket scalping in Australia—Report (tabled 26 March 2014)

Education and Employment Legislation Committee
(formerly Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; name amended 13 November
2013)
Portfolios
Education; Employment
Members
Senator McKenzie (Chair), Senator Lines (Deputy Chair), and Senators Johnston,
O’Neill, Reynolds and Simms
Substitute members

Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015—Senator Waters to replace Senator Simms

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Simms

Participating members

Government

Non-government

Current inquiries

• Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015 (referred 15 October 2015; reporting date: 12 May 2016)
• Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (referred 3 December 2015; reporting date: 17 March 2016)

Reports presented

Annual reports tabled by 31 October and 30 April—

• No. 2 of 2013—Report (tabled 11 December 2013)
• No. 1 of 2014—Report (tabled 19 March 2014)
• No. 2 of 2014—Report (tabled 27 August 2014)
• No. 1 of 2015—Report (tabled 17 March 2015)
• No. 2 of 2015—Report (tabled 8 September 2015)
• No. 1 of 2016—Report (tabled 2 March 2016)

Estimates—

• Additional estimates 2013-14—Report (tabled 18 March 2014)
• Budget estimates 2014-15—Report (tabled 24 June 2014)
• Additional estimates 2014-15—Report (received 21 April 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)
• Additional estimates 2015-16—Report (tabled 1 March 2016)

Legislation—

  Correction (tabled 3 December 2013)
• Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 30 November 2015)
• Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report (received 5 June 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
• Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 2 December 2013)
• Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 2] [Provisions]—Report (tabled 11 August 2015)
• Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 28 August 2014)
• Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 28 October 2014)
  Report (received 13 March 2015 and tabled 16 March 2015)
• Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Schedules 6 and 9—Report (tabled 11 December 2013)
• Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014—Report (tabled 16 June 2014)
Education and Employment References Committee
(formerly Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; name amended 13 November 2013)

Members
Senator Lines (Chair), Senator McKenzie (Deputy Chair), and Senators Johnston, O’Neill, Peris and Simms

Substitute member
Australia’s temporary work visa programs—Senator Rice to replace Senator Simms

Participating members

Government

Non-government

Current inquiry
• Australia’s temporary work visa programs (referred 24 March 2015; interim report tabled 14 October 2015; reporting date: 17 March 2016)

Reports presented
• Access to real learning: the impact of policy, funding and culture on students with disability—Report (received 15 January 2016 and tabled 2 February 2016)
• Australia’s temporary work visa programs—
  Interim report (tabled 14 October 2015)
• Delivery of quality and affordable early childhood education and care services—Report (tabled 16 July 2014)
• Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy—
  Final report (tabled 27 March 2014)
• Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—
  Report (tabled 27 March 2014)
• Feasibility of, and options for, creating a national long service standard, and the portability of long service and other entitlements—Report (tabled 25 February 2016)
• Getting our money’s worth: the operation, regulation and funding of private vocational education and training (VET) providers in Australia—
  Interim report (tabled 2 March 2015)
  Second interim report (received 5 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015) and additional comments from Coalition senators (received 10 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015)
  Report (tabled 15 October 2015)
• Government’s approach to re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission [included in reference were the provisions of both the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013]—Report (tabled 27 March 2014)
• Immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia—Report (tabled 16 July 2014)
• Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—Report (tabled 2 December 2013)
• Technical and further education system in Australia—Report (tabled 14 May 2014)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 2 December 2013; resolution of appointment varied 4 December 2013 and 2 December 2015)

Members
Mr Griffin (Deputy Chair), and Senators Brown, Conroy, O’Sullivan, Reynolds and Rhiannon, and Mr Buchholz, Mr Goodenough, Mr Gray and Mr Pasin

Current inquiry
• Financing of participants in the political process (referred 15 October 2015; reporting date: 22 June 2016)

Reports presented
By way of a statement—
• Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013 – Statement discharging the committee’s requirement to provide an advisory report (tabled 3 March 2014)

Conduct of the 2013 election and matters related thereto—
• Interim report (received 9 May 2014; tabled 13 May 2014)
• Second interim report (received 20 November 2014 and tabled 24 November 2014)
• Final report (received 15 April 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015) and corrigendum (tabled 12 May 2015)

Legislation—
• Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016—
  Advisory report (tabled 2 March 2016)
  Corrigendum (tabled 3 March 2016)

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Communications; Environment

Members
Senator Reynolds (Chair), Senator Urquhart (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Paterson, Singh and Waters

Substitute members
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Waters
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016 [Provisions]—
  Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Waters
  Senator McAllister to replace Senator Singh
Participating members

Government
Senators Abetz, Bernardi, Bushby, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Johnston, Lindgren, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government

Current inquiries
- Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015 (referred 26 November 2015; reporting date: 12 May 2016)
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015 (referred 3 December 2015; reporting date: 20 June 2016)

Reports presented
Annual reports tabled by 31 October and 30 April—
- No. 2 of 2013—Report (tabled 11 December 2013)
- No. 1 of 2014—Report (tabled 19 March 2014)
- No. 2 of 2014—Report (tabled 27 August 2014)
- No. 2 of 2015—Report (tabled 8 September 2015)
- No. 1 of 2016—Report (tabled 2 March 2016)

Estimates—
- Additional estimates 2014-15—
  Interim (received 20 April 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)
  Final (received 15 May 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015)

Legislation—
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014—Report (received 27 March 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)


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


• Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Go for Fair Use) Bill 2013—Report (received 20 September 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)


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


• Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (received 18 November 2015 and tabled 23 November 2015)

• Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015—Report (received 30 September 2015 and tabled 12 October 2015)


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


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

Report (tabled 9 February 2015)
Report (received 20 March 2015 and tabled 23 March 2015)

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

Environment and Communications References Committee

Members
Senator Urquhart (Chair), Senator Reynolds (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Bullock, Singh and Waters

Substitute members
Australia’s video game development industry—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Waters
Commercial use of Tasmanian bumblebees—Senator McKim to replace Senator Waters
Large capacity fishing vessels—
Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Waters
Senator Brown to replace Senator Bullock

Marine plastic pollution—Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Waters
Oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight—
Senator Gallacher to replace Senator Singh
Senator Simms to replace Senator Waters
Senator Edwards to replace Senator Reynolds
Senator Sterle to replace Senator Bullock

Participating members
Government

Non-government

Current inquiries
- Marine plastic pollution (referred 18 June 2015; reporting date: 8 April 2016)
- Australia’s video game development industry (referred 22 June 2015; reporting date: 29 April 2016)
• Large capacity fishing vessels (referred 7 September 2015; reporting date: 30 April 2016)
• Access by children to Internet pornography (referred 2 December 2015; reporting date: first sitting day in December 2016)
• Commercial use of Tasmanian bumblebees (referred 2 February 2016; reporting date: 22 June 2016)
• Oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight (referred 22 February 2016; reporting date: 12 May 2016)

Reports presented

• Australia’s environment—Report (tabled 23 June 2015)
• Direct Action: Paying polluters to halt global warming?—Report (tabled 26 March 2014)
  Corrigendum (tabled 27 March 2014)
• Effectiveness of current regulatory arrangements in dealing with radio simulcasts—Report (received 12 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
• Effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities’ protection in Australia—
  Interim reports (3) (received 4 July, 23 July and 31 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
  Report (received 7 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
• Environmental biosecurity—Report (tabled 13 May 2015)
• Environmental offsets—Report (tabled 26 June 2014)
• Impacts of imposing a certain carrier licence condition on Telstra Corporation Limited—Report (received 19 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
• Management of the Great Barrier Reef—Report (tabled 3 September 2014)
• National Landcare Program—Report (tabled 25 March 2015)
• Performance and management of electricity network companies—
  Interim reports (2) (received 20 April and 5 May 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)
  Final report (received 5 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015)
• Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events—
  Interim reports (2) (received 10 July and 23 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
  Report (received 7 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
• Regulation of the fin-fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania—Report (received 21 August 2015 and tabled 7 September 2015)
• Stormwater management in Australia—Report (tabled 2 December 2015)
• Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area—Report (tabled 15 May 2014)

Establishment of a National Integrity Commission—Select Committee
(appointed 24 February 2016; final reporting date: 22 September 2016)

Members

Senator Wang (Chair), Senator Collins (Deputy Chair), and Senators Abetz, Johnston and Ludwig
Participating members

**Government**

**Non-government**

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**Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**Portfolios**
Finance; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Members**
Senator Bernardi *(Chair)*, Senator McAllister *(Deputy Chair)*, and Senators Lindgren, McKenzie, Peris, Rice

**Substitute member**
*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016*—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Rice

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**Participating members**

**Government**
Senators Abetz, Back, Bushby, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Johnston, Macdonald, O’Sullivan, Paterson, Reynolds, Seselja, Smith and Williams

**Non-government**

**Current inquiries**
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015 *(referred 12 November 2015; reporting date: 16 March 2016)*
- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016 *(referred 3 March 2016; reporting date: 17 June 2016)*

**Reports presented**
- Department of Parliamentary Services—
  - Interim report *(received 28 April 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)*
  - Second interim report *(tabled 25 June 2015)*
  - Final report *(tabled 17 September 2015)*

**Annual reports tabled by 31 October and 30 April—**
- No. 2 of 2013—Report *(tabled 11 December 2013)*
- No. 1 of 2014—Report *(tabled 19 March 2014)*
- No. 2 of 2014—Report *(tabled 27 August 2014)*
- No. 1 of 2015—Report *(tabled 17 March 2015)*
• No. 2 of 2015—Report (tabled 8 September 2015)
• No. 1 of 2016—Report (tabled 2 March 2016)

Estimates—
• Additional estimates 2013-14—Report (tabled 18 March 2014)
• Budget estimates 2014-15—Report (tabled 24 June 2014)
• Additional estimates 2015-16—Report (tabled 1 March 2016)

Legislation—
• Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015—Report (tabled 10 November 2015)
• Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013—Report (tabled 12 December 2013)
• Flags Amendment Bill 2014—Report (tabled 16 June 2014)
  Report (tabled 15 June 2015)
• Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014—Report (tabled 2 March 2015)
• Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 23 March 2015)
• Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment Bill 2014—Report (tabled 16 June 2014)
• Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015—Report (tabled 2 March 2016)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Members
  Senator McAllister (Chair), Senator Bernardi (Deputy Chair), and Senators Lindgren, Ludwig, Peris and Rice

Substitute members
  Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of law enforcement and justice services—Senator Lines to replace Senator Ludwig
  Gender inequality—Senator Waters to replace Senator Rice
Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Rice

Participating members

Government

Non-government

Current inquiries
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of law enforcement and justice services (referred 4 March 2015; reporting date: 25 August 2016)
• Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes (referred 19 March 2015; reporting date: 16 March 2016)
• Gender inequality (referred 25 November 2015; reporting date: 24 August 2016)
• Paper procurement (referred 2 February 2016; reporting date: 23 June 2016)

Reports presented
• Senate order for departmental and agency contracts—Report (tabled 14 May 2014)
• Commonwealth procurement procedures—Report (tabled 17 July 2014)
• Domestic violence in Australia [violence against women]—Interim report (tabled 19 March 2015)
• Final report (tabled 20 August 2015)

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

Members
Ms Gambaro (Chair), Mr Champion, (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, Fawcett, Gallacher, Ludwik, Macdonald, McEwen, McKenzie, O’Neill, Reynolds, Singh, Whish-Wilson and Xenophon, and Mr Baldwin, Mr Danby, Mr Feeney, Mr Ferguson, Mr Griffin, Mrs Griggs, Mr Hastie, Dr Jensen, Mr Kelly, Mr Marles, Mr Nikolic, Ms Parke, Mr Randall, Mr Ruddock, Mr BC Scott, Dr Stone and Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Varvaris and Mr Williams

Current inquiries
• Australia’s trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East (adopted 26 March 2014)
• Defence annual reports (ongoing statutory requirement)

Reports presented
• Empowering women and girls: The human rights issues confronting women and girls in the Indian Ocean–Asia Pacific region—Report (tabled 3 December 2015)
• Partnering for the greater good: The role of the private sector in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region—Report (tabled 23 June 2015)
• Principles and practice – Australian defence industry and exports—Report (tabled 1 December 2015)
Review of Defence annual reports—
  • 2012-13—Report (tabled 28 October 2014)
  • 2013-14—Report (tabled 1 December 2015)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

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

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

Participating members
  Government
  Non-government

Reports presented
  • Implementation of the Defence Trade Controls Act 2012—
    Progress report no. 2 (tabled 14 May 2014)
    Progress report no. 3 (tabled 18 March 2015)

Annual reports tabled by 31 October and 30 April—
  • No. 2 of 2013—Report (tabled 11 December 2013)
  • No. 1 of 2014—Report (tabled 19 March 2014)
  • No. 2 of 2014—Report (tabled 27 August 2014)
  • No. 1 of 2015—Report (tabled 17 March 2015)
  • No. 2 of 2015—Report (tabled 8 September 2015)
  • No. 1 of 2016—Report (tabled 2 March 2016)

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

Legislation—
  • African Development Bank Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Report (received 20 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
- Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013—Report (received 20 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
  Erratum (received 21 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
  Report (tabled 4 March 2014)
- Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013—Report (tabled 4 March 2014)
- International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015—Report (tabled 17 September 2015)
- Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014—Report (tabled 27 August 2014)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

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

Substitute members

Australia’s bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Ludlam
Australian Defence Force resistance to interrogation training—Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Ludlam
Contamination caused by firefighting foams at RAAF Base Williamtown, Australian Defence Force facilities and at other government sites—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Ludlam
Mental health of returned Australian Defence Force personnel—Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Ludlam
Operations of Defence Housing Australia—Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Ludlam
Planned acquisition of the Joint Strike Fighter—Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Ludlam

Participating members

Government


Non-government

Current inquiries

- Australia’s bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea (referred 4 December 2014; reporting date: 12 May 2016)
- Mental health of returned Australian Defence Force personnel (referred 25 March 2015; reporting date: 15 March 2016)
- Capability of Defence’s physical science and engineering workforce (referred 20 August 2015; 1 April 2016)
- Contamination caused by firefighting foams at government sites other than RAAF Base Williamtown and Australian Defence Force facilities (referred 30 November 2015; reporting date: 30 April 2015)
- Planned acquisition of the Joint Strike Fighter (referred 2 December 2015; reporting date: 1 May 2016)
- Operations of Defence Housing Australia (referred 2 December 2015; reporting date: 30 April 2016)
- Australian Defence Force resistance to interrogation training (referred 29 February 2016; reporting date: 10 May 2016)

Reports presented

- Australia’s future activities and responsibilities in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic waters—Report (tabled 29 October 2014)
- Australia’s overseas aid and development assistance program—Report (tabled 27 March 2014)
- Australia’s relationship with Mexico—Report (tabled 2 December 2015)
- Breaches of Indonesian territorial waters—Report (tabled 27 March 2014)
- China-Australia Free Trade Agreement—Report (received 6 November 2015 and tabled 9 November 2015)
- Inquiry into firefighting foam contamination—
- Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement—Report (tabled 1 October 2014)
- Processes to support victims of abuse in Defence—Report (received 31 October 2014 and tabled 17 November 2014)
- Use of unmanned air, maritime and land platforms by the Australian Defence Force—Report (tabled 25 June 2015)

Health—Select Committee
(appointed 25 June 2014; final report due 20 June 2016)

Members

- Senator O’Neill (Chair), Senator Muir (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, McAllister, Moore, Seselja and Williams

Substitute members

- Senator Cameron to replace Senator McAllister on 7 March, 8 March and 22 March 2016
- Senator Dastyari to replace Senator McAllister on 23 March 2016

Participating members

Government

- Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Fawcett, Heffernan, Johnston, Lindgren, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Paterson, Reynolds and Smith
Non-government

Reports presented
- First interim report (tabled 2 December 2014)
- Second interim report (tabled 24 June 2015)
- Australian hearing: Too important to privatise—Third interim report (tabled 17 September 2015)
- Mental health: A consensus for action—Fourth interim report (received 8 October 2015 and tabled 12 October 2015)

House—Standing Committee
Members
The President (Chair), the Deputy President, and Senators Brown, Bushby, Collins, McEwen and Smith

Report presented
- Report (tabled 13 May 2014)

Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Mr Ruddock (Chair), Mr Ferguson (Deputy Chair), and Senators Brown, McKim, Moore, Paterson and Smith, and Dr Gillespie, Ms McGowan and Mr Sukkar

Reports presented
Annual report—
Examination of legislation in accordance with the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011—
- Bills introduced 12 November to 5 December 2013; Legislative instruments received 8 June to 22 November 2013—First report of 44th Parliament (tabled 10 December 2013)
- Bills introduced 9 December to 12 December 2013; Legislative instruments received 23 November 2013 to 31 January 2014—Second report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 11 February 2014)
- Bills introduced 11 February to 27 February 2014; Legislative instruments received 1 February to 21 February 2014—Third report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 4 March 2014)
- Bills introduced 3 March to 6 March 2014; Legislative instruments received 22 February to 28 February 2014—Fourth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 18 March 2014)
- Bills introduced 17 March to 20 March 2014; Legislative instruments received 1 March to 7 March 2014—Fifth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 25 March 2014)
Bills introduced 24 March to 27 March 2014; Legislative instruments received 8 March to 25 April 2014—Sixth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 14 May 2014)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bills introduced 30 September to 2 October 2014; Legislative instruments received 13 September to 19 September 2014—Fourteenth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 28 October 2014)*

Bills introduced 20 October to 30 October 2014; Legislative instruments received 20 September to 10 October 2014—Fifteenth report of the 44th Parliament *(received 14 November 2014 and tabled 17 November 2014)*

Bills introduced 14 November to 19 November 2014; Legislative instruments received 11 October to 23 October 2014—Sixteenth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 25 November 2014)*

Bills introduced 24 November to 27 November 2014; Legislative instruments received 24 October to 30 October 2014—Seventeenth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 2 December 2014)*

Human rights scrutiny—

- Eighteenth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 10 February 2015)*
- Nineteenth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 3 March 2015)*
- Twentieth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 19 March 2015)*
- Twenty-first report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 25 March 2015)*
- Twenty-second report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 14 May 2015)*
- Twenty-third report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 23 June 2015)*
- Twenty-fourth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 24 June 2015)*
- Twenty-fifth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 12 August 2015)*
- Twenty-sixth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 19 August 2015)*
- Twenty-seventh report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 8 September 2015)*
- Twenty-eighth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 13 October 2015)*
- Twenty-ninth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 14 October 2015)*
- Thirtieth report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 11 November 2015)*
- Thirty-first report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 25 November 2015)*
- Thirty-second report of the 44th Parliament *(tabled 2 December 2015)*
• Thirty-third report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 3 February 2016)
• Thirty-fourth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 24 February 2016)
• Thirty-fifth report of the 44th Parliament (tabled 1 March 2016)

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Mr Nikolic (Chair), Mr Byrne (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bushby, Conroy, Fawcett, Gallagher and Wong, and Mr Dreyfus, Mr Ruddock, Mr Scott and Mr Wood

Reports presented
• Authorisation of access to telecommunications data to identify a journalist’s source—Report (received 8 April 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)

Annual reports of committee activities—
• Report for 2012-13 (received 16 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015)
• Report for 2013-14 (received 16 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015)

Legislation—
• Australian Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015—
  Oral report (presented 19 August 2015)
  Advisory report (received 4 September 2015 and tabled 7 September 2015)
• Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014—Advisory report (received 20 November 2014 and tabled 24 November 2014)
• Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015—Advisory report (received 15 February 2016 and tabled 22 February 2016)
• Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014—Advisory report (received 17 October 2014 and tabled 27 October 2014)
• National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014—Advisory report (received 17 September 2014 and tabled 22 September 2014)

Review of administration and expenditure—
• No. 11 and no. 12—Australian intelligence agencies—Report (tabled 22 September 2014)
• No. 13—Australian intelligence agencies—Report (tabled 8 September 2015)

Review of the—
• Declaration of al-Raqqa province, Syria—Report (tabled 19 March 2015)
• Declaration of Mosul district, Ninewa province, Iraq—Report (tabled 16 June 2015)
• Listing of Al-Murabitun—Report (received 16 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015)
• Listing of Boko Haram—Re-listing of the Islamic State—Report (tabled 22 September 2014)
• Listing of Jabhat al-Nusra and re-listing of six terrorist organisations – Re-listing of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula—Report (tabled 12 February 2014)

Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)
Members
Mr Kelly (Chair), Senator Singh (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, Ketter, Leyonhjelm and Smith and Mr Hayes, Mr Matheson, Ms Vamvakinou and Mr Wood
Current inquiries
• Crystal methamphetamine (adopted 18 March 2015)
• Illicit tobacco (adopted 2 December 2015)
• Human trafficking (adopted 2 December 2015)
Reports presented
• Financial related crime—Report (tabled 8 September 2015)
• Spectrum for public safety mobile broadband—Report (received 23 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
Examination of the annual report of the—
• Australian Crime Commission 2012-13—Report (tabled 3 September 2014)
• Australian Federal Police 2012-13—Report (tabled 3 September 2014)
• Australian Federal Police 2013-14—Report (tabled 15 September 2015)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Portfolios
Attorney-General; Immigration and Border Protection
Members
Senator Macdonald (Chair), Senator Collins (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, McKim, O’Sullivan and Smith
Substitute members
Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016 [Provisions]—
Senator Gallacher to replace Senator Collins
Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator McKim
Participating members
Government
Non-government
Current inquiry


Reports presented

Annual reports tabled by 31 October and 30 April—

• No. 2 of 2013—Report (tabled 11 December 2013)
• No. 1 of 2014—Report (tabled 19 March 2014)
• No. 2 of 2014—Report (tabled 27 August 2014)
• No. 1 of 2015—Report (tabled 17 March 2015)
• No. 2 of 2015—Report (tabled 8 September 2015)
• No. 1 of 2016—Report (tabled 2 March 2016)

Estimates reports—

• Additional estimates 2013-14—Report (tabled 18 March 2014)
• Budget estimates 2014-15—Report (tabled 24 June 2014)
• Budget estimates 2015-16—Report (tabled 12 August 2015)
• Additional estimates 2015-16—Report (tabled 1 March 2016)

Legislation—

• Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 27 August 2014)
• Australian Citizenship and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 1 December 2014)
• Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and Other Measures) Bill 2014—
  Interim report (received 27 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
  Report (tabled 27 August 2014)
• Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—
  Interim reports (2) (received 29 May and 2 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015)
  Report (received 11 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015)
• Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014—Report (received 17 October 2014 and tabled 27 October 2014)
• Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015—Report (tabled 2 February 2016)
• Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report (received 5 June 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
• Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013—Interim report (received 28 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
  Final report (tabled 13 August 2015)
• Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013—Interim report (received 28 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
  Final report (tabled 13 August 2015)
• Customs Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 30 September 2014)
• Exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014—Interim report (received 22 October 2014 and tabled 27 October 2014)
  Report (received 10 November 2014 and tabled 17 November 2014)
• Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014—Interim report (received 5 February 2015 and tabled 9 February 2015)
  Final report (tabled 9 February 2015)
  Report (tabled 18 July 2014)
• International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015—Report (received 2 April 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015—committee recommendation: bill be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee)
  Corrigendum to dissenting report from Australian Greens senators (tabled 24 November 2015)
• Migration Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 12 February 2014)
• Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 24 November 2014)
• Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 10 November 2015)
• Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (received 18 February 2016 and tabled 22 February 2016)
• Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (received 5 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015)
• Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Repeal Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report (received 6 June 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
• Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014—Report (tabled 10 February 2015)
• Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 22 September 2014)
• Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 18 March 2014)
• Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (received 5 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015)
• Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014 [Provisions]—Interim report (received 27 May 2014 and tabled 16 June 2014)
  Report (received 21 August 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014)
• Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014—Report (tabled 25 September 2014)
  Final report (tabled 11 August 2015)
• Telecommunications Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2013—Report (received 20 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
• Tribunals Amalgamation Bill 2014—Report (tabled 16 March 2015)
Legislation—Consideration of time critical bills—

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Members
Senator Lazarus (Chair), Senator Macdonald (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Collins, Ludwig and Smith
Substitute members

Commonwealth payments relating to asylum seeker boat turn backs—Senator Gallagher to replace Senator Collins
Regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea—Senator Gallacher to replace Senator Collins

Participating members

Government

Non-government

Current inquiries

• Commonwealth payments relating to asylum seeker boat turn backs (referred 24 June 2015; reporting date: 22 June 2016)
• Residential fire safety (referred 25 June 2015; reporting date: 30 June 2016)
• National registration system for paramedics (referred 20 August 2015; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2016)
• Regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea (referred 12 October 2015; reporting date: 31 December 2016)
• Reduction of alcohol-fuelled violence (referred 3 February 2016; reporting date: 30 June 2016)

Reports presented

• A claim of public interest immunity raised over documents—Interim report (received 21 February 2014 and tabled 3 March 2014)
  Report (tabled 6 March 2014)
• Ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community—Report (received 9 April 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)
• Impact of the 2014 and 2015 Commonwealth Budget decisions on the arts—Report (tabled 2 December 2015)
  Corrigendum (received 14 December 2015 and tabled 2 February 2016)
• Comprehensive revision of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—
  Interim report (tabled 27 August 2014)
  Report (tabled 24 March 2015)
• Current investigative processes and powers of the Australian Federal Police—Report (tabled 15 May 2014)
• Handling of a letter sent by Mr Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General—Report (tabled 16 September 2015)
• Incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre from 16 February to 18 February 2014—
  Interim report (received 5 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015)
  Final report (received 11 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015)
• Matter of a popular vote, in the form of a plebiscite or referendum, on the matter of marriage in Australia—
  Report (tabled 16 September 2015)
  Corrigenda (2) (received 21 September and 8 October 2015 and tabled 12 October 2015)
• Phenomenon colloquially referred to as ‘revenge porn’—Report (tabled 25 February 2016)
• Work undertaken by the Australian Federal Police’s Oil for Food Taskforce—
  Report (tabled 24 March 2015)

Library—Standing Committee

Members
The President (Chair), and Senators Back, Lindgren, Lines, Moore and Seselja

Migration—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members
Mrs Markus (Chair), Ms Vamvakinou (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Dastyari, Edwards and Hanson-Young, and Mr KJ Andrews, Mr Kelly, Mr Thistlethwaite and Mr Zappia

Current inquiry
• Seasonal Worker Programme (referred 17 May 2015)

Report presented
• Inquiry into the Business Innovation and Investment Programme—
  Report (tabled 25 March 2014)
  Corrigendum (tabled 14 May 2015)

Murray-Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee
(appointed 24 June 2015; resolution of appointment varied 2 February 2016; final report due 17 March 2016)

Members
Senator Leyonhjelm (Chair), Senator Day (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards, Madigan, McAllister, O’Sullivan, and Simms

Participating members
Government
Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Fawcett, Heffernan, Johnston, Lindgren, Macdonald, McKenzie, Paterson, Reynolds, Seselja and Williams

Non-government
National Broadband Network—Select Committee
(appointed 14 November 2013; resolution of appointment varied 25 March 2015; final report due on the last day of sitting of the 44th Parliament)

Members
Senator McLucas (Chair), Senator Johnston (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Conroy, Lindgren, Ludlam and Reynolds

Participating members

Government
Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Johnston, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Paterson, Seselja, Smith and Williams

Non-government

Reports presented
• Interim report (tabled 26 March 2014)
• Second interim report (tabled 19 March 2015)

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members
Mr Simpkins (Chair), Senator Brown (Deputy Chair), The Deputy President and Chair of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Back, Gallagher, Hanson-Young and Seselja, and Mrs BK Bishop, Ms Brodtmann, Mr BC Scott, Mr Snowdon and Mr Vasta

Reports presented
• Governance in the Indian Ocean Territories: Economic development—Interim report (tabled 24 June 2015)
• Same country: different world – The future of Norfolk Island—Report (tabled 28 October 2014)

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013; as soon as practicable after 30 June each year, an annual report to be presented on the activities of the committee during the year)

Members
Mr Billson (Chair), Senator Gallacher (Deputy Chair), and Senators Lindgren, Paterson, Seselja, Siewert and Urquhart, and Dr Gillespie, Ms Hall, Ms Macklin, Mr Matheson and Ms Rishworth

Reports presented
• Implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme—Progress report (received 29 July 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014)
• Progress report (tabled 12 November 2015)
Northern Australia—Joint Select Committee
(appointed 4 December 2013; resolution of appointment varied 26 June and 28 August 2014 – allowing committee to continue to operate after presenting its final report, on 4 September 2014, until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time, and to be able to report from time to time)

Members
Mr Entsch (Chair), Ms MacTiernan (Deputy Chair), and Senators Lindgren, McLucas, O’Neill, Siewert and Smith, and Mr Christensen, Mr Gray, Mrs Griggs, Ms Price and Mr Snowdon

Participating members
Government
Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Edwards, Fawcett, Heffernan, Johnston, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Paterson, Reynolds, Seselja and Williams, and Ms ML Landry

Non-government

Reports presented
• Pivot north: Inquiry into the development of northern Australia—
  Interim report (tabled 16 June 2014)
  Final report (tabled 4 September 2014)
• Scaling up: Inquiry into opportunities for expanding aquaculture in northern Australia—Report (tabled 23 February 2016)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members
Ms Brodtmann and Senator Seselja (Joint Chairs), Senators Back, Lindgren, Lines and Moore, and Mr Broadbent, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Irons and Mr Wilson

Privileges—Standing Committee

Members
Senator Collins (Chair), Senator Macdonald (Deputy Chair), and Senators Abetz, Ludlam, McEwen, McKenzie, Smith and Urquhart

Current inquiries
• That:
  (a) whether any false or misleading evidence was given to the former Select Committee on the Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru in relation to the apparent surveillance of a senator while on a visit to Nauru in December 2013; and
  (b) if so, whether any contempt was committed in that regard (referred 10 November 2015)
• That:
  (a) whether any false or misleading evidence was given to the former Select Committee on the Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru in relation to a disturbance at the centre on 19 July 2013; and
  (b) if so, whether any contempt was committed in that regard (referred 10 November 2015)

Reports presented
• 160—The use of CCTV material in Parliament House—Report (tabled 5 December 2014)
• 161—Possible imposition of a penalty on a witness before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report (tabled 12 August 2015)

Persons referred to in the Senate—
• 155—Father Frank Brennan SJ AO—Report (tabled 12 December 2013)
• 156—Mr Bernard Collaery—Report (tabled 15 May 2014)
• 157—Professor Simon Chapman AO—Report (tabled 14 July 2014)
• 158—Ms Heather Sculthorpe, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Incorporated—Report (tabled 2 October 2014)
• 159—Mr Alan Manly and Ms Jennifer McCarthy, Group Colleges Australia—Report (tabled 2 December 2014)

Procedure—Standing Committee

Members
The Deputy President (Chair), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Bushby, Fifield, McEwen, Moore, Siewert and Smith

Reports presented
2013—
• Second report—Parliamentary privilege: republication of Hansard extracts; Speaking time in the open-ended adjournment debate; Removal of gender-specific language in standing orders; Routine of business (tabled 12 December 2013)

2014—
• First report—Temporary orders; Matters referred to by the Scrutiny of Bills Committee; Question time; Routine of business (tabled 26 June 2014)
• Second report—Routine of business – proposals for discussion (tabled 15 July 2014)
• Third report—Routine of business – proposals for discussion; Photography in the Senate chamber; Seating for members of the House of Representatives on the floor of the Senate chamber (received 9 September 2014 and tabled 22 September 2014)

2015—
• First report—Appropriations and Staffing Committee; Cross-bench committee membership, chairing and order of speakers; Powers of Chair in relation to disorder; Language of matters raised under standing order 75; Changes to standing and other orders relating to estimates hearings (tabled 24 March 2015)
• Second report—Temporary orders relating to the routine of business and consideration of private senators’ bills; Third party arbitration of public interest immunity claims (tabled 23 June 2015)
• Third report—Ministerial statements; Publications Committee (tabled 10 November 2015)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Mr Macfarlane (Chair), Mr Conroy (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Ketter, McAllister, McKenzie and Smith, and Mr Albanese, Ms Brodtmann, Mr Giles, Dr Gillespie, Mr Robert and Dr Southcott

Reports presented

Report no.—
• 440—Annual report for 2012-13—Report (received 26 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
• 444—Annual report for 2013-14—Report (tabled 24 September 2014)
• 446—Review of the operations of the Parliamentary Budget Office—Report (tabled 2 December 2014)
• 447—EPBC Act, cyber security, mail screening, ABR and Helicopter Program: Review of Auditor-General’s reports nos 32 to 54 (2013-14)—Report (tabled 3 March 2015)
• 449—Regional Development Australia Fund, military equipment disposal and tariff concessions: Review of Auditor-General’s reports nos 1 to 23 (2014-15)—Report (tabled 12 August 2015)
• 452—Natural disaster recover; Centrelink telephone services; and Safer Streets Program: Review of Auditor-General reports nos 24 to 50 (2014-15)—Report (received 7 December 2015 and tabled 2 February 2016)
• 453—Development of the Commonwealth Performance Framework—Report (received 18 December 2015 and tabled 2 February 2016)
• 455—Parliamentary delegation to New Zealand and Fiji by members of the JCPAA—Report (tabled 23 February 2016)
Documents tabled

Statements on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office for—

- 2014-15 (tabled 14 May 2014)
- 2015-16 (tabled 13 May 2015)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Senator Smith (Chair), Mr Perrett (Deputy Chair), and Senators Gallacher and Williams, and Ms Claydon, Mr Goodenough, Ms Ryan, Ms FM Scott and Dr Southcott

Reports presented

- Parliamentary delegation to Indonesia and Thailand by members of the Public Works Committee—Report (tabled 2 December 2014)

Annual reports—


Reports on referrals to the committee—

- 1/2014: Referrals made December 2013: Proposed integrated fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as Site 5 and 6, the Revitalised Dandenong Project, Dandenong—Report (tabled 12 February 2014)


7/2015: Referrals made June 2015: Campbell Barracks Redevelopment Project, Swanbourne, Western Australia; REDFIN Phase 1B Infrastructure – facilities required for the new fleet of special operations vehicles; OneSKY Perth Air Traffic Services Centre – modernisation works—Report (tabled 8 September 2015)

8/2015: Referrals made June 2015: Fit-out of existing leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at 121-125 Henry Street, Penrith, NSW; Fit-out of leased premises for the Administrative Appeals Tribunal at 83 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW; OneSKY Equipment Rooms Project in Melbourne and Brisbane—Report (tabled 15 September 2015)

9/2015: Referrals made August 2015: HMAS Stirling Redevelopment, Stage 3A, Garden Island, Western Australia; Brisbane and Cairns control tower life extensions; Melbourne and Brisbane Air Traffic Service Centre – extension works—Report (tabled 24 November 2015)


Publications—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Reynolds (Chair), Senator Bilyk (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bushby, Lindgren, Marshall, Paterson and Peris

Reports presented

• 1st report (tabled 12 December 2013)

• 2nd report (tabled 12 February 2014)
• 3rd report (tabled 5 March 2014)
• 4th report (tabled 26 March 2014)
• 5th report (tabled 15 May 2014)
• 6th report (tabled 26 June 2014)
• 7th report (tabled 17 July 2014)
• 8th report (tabled 4 September 2014)
• 9th report (tabled 2 October 2014)
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• 16th report (tabled 20 August 2015)
• 17th report (tabled 17 September 2015)
• 18th report (tabled 15 October 2015)
• 19th report (tabled 12 November 2015)
• 20th report (tabled 3 December 2015)
• 21st report (tabled 4 February 2016)
• 22nd report (tabled 3 March 2016)

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—Select Committee
(Appointed 26 March 2015; interim report received 12 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015; reporting date varied 15 June 2015; report received 31 July 2015 – with a recommendation that as ‘it has not been possible to finalise the report’ by this date, Senator Gallacher proposes to ‘put forward a motion when the Senate reconvenes on 10 August 2015 to reappoint the committee with the same terms of reference and a new reporting date’ – and tabled 10 August 2015)
(Reappointed 10 August 2015; final report received 31 August 2015 and tabled 7 September 2015)
Reports presented
• Interim report (received 12 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015)
• Report (received 31 July 2015 and tabled 10 August 2015)
• Final report—Taking responsibility: conditions and circumstances at Australia’s Regional Processing Centre in Nauru (received 31 August 2015 and tabled 7 September 2015) and corrigendum to the dissenting report from Coalition senators (tabled 8 September 2015)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee
Members
Senator Williams (Chair), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators Moore, Peris, Reynolds and Seselja
Delegated legislation monitors presented
2013—
• No. 8 (tabled 4 December 2013)
• No. 9 (tabled 11 December 2013)
2014—
• No. 1 (tabled 12 February 2014)
• No. 2 (tabled 5 March 2014)
• No. 3 (tabled 19 March 2014)
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• No. 8 (tabled 9 June 2014)
• No. 9 (tabled 16 July 2014)
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• No. 16 (tabled 2 December 2015)

2016—
• No. 1 (tabled 3 February 2016)
• No. 2 (tabled 24 February 2016)
• No. 3 (tabled 2 March 2016)

Report presented

Report of the work of the committee—
• 2012-13—Report no. 118 (tabled 11 December 2013)
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Agriculture; Infrastructure and Regional Development

Members
Senator Heffernan (Chair), Senator Sterle (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bullock, Edwards and Siewert and Williams

Substitute member
Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016 [Provisions]—Senator Rice to replace Senator Siewert

Participating members
Government
Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Canavan, Fawcett, Johnston, Lindgren, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Paterson, Reynolds, Seselja and Smith

Non-government

Current inquiries
• Performance of Airservices Australia (adopted under standing order 25(2)(a), 29 October 2014)
• Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (referred 25 February 2016; reporting date: 11 May 2016)

Reports presented
Annual reports tabled by 31 October and 30 April—
• No. 2 of 2013—Report (tabled 11 December 2013)
• No. 1 of 2014—Report (tabled 19 March 2014)
• No. 2 of 2014—Report (tabled 27 August 2014)
• No. 1 of 2015—Report (tabled 17 March 2015)
• No. 2 of 2015—Report (tabled 8 September 2015)
• No. 1 of 2016—Report (tabled 2 March 2016)

Estimates—
• Additional estimates 2013-14—Report (tabled 18 March 2014)
• Budget estimates 2014-15—Report (tabled 24 June 2014)
• Additional estimates 2015-16—Report (tabled 1 March 2016)

Legislation—
• Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Removing Re-approval and Re-registration) Bill 2014 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 16 June 2014)
• Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015—Report (received 7 May 2015 and tabled 11 May 2015)
• Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Report (tabled 17 March 2014)
• Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Report (received 10 March 2016 and tabled 15 March 2016)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Members
Senator Sterle (Chair), Senator Heffernan (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bullock, Lines, Whish-Wilson and Williams

Participating members
Government

Non-government

Current inquiries
• Aspects of road safety in Australia (referred 30 October 2014; reporting date: 3 June 2016)
• Airport and aviation security at Australian airports (referred 4 December 2014; reporting date: 19 May 2016)
• The future role and contributions of regional capitals (referred 11 February 2015; reporting date: 12 May 2016)
• The effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector (referred 18 March 2015; reporting date: 5 May 2016)
• Use of Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia (referred 18 June 2015; interim report tabled 2 February 2016; reporting date: 22 June 2016)
• Perth Freight Link (referred 13 August 2015; reporting date: 29 April 2016)

* State of Australia’s rail industry (referred 16 March 2016; reporting date: 25 August 2016)

Reports presented

• Australia’s transport energy resilience and sustainability—Report (tabled 25 June 2015)
• Australian grape and wine industry—Report (received 12 February 2016 and tabled 22 February 2016)
  Erratum (tabled 1 March 2016)
• Beef imports—
  Interim report (received 5 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
  First report (received 12 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
  Erratum to first report (received 8 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
• Current and future arrangements for the marketing of Australian sugar—Report (tabled 24 June 2015)
  Erratum (received 21 July 2015 and tabled 10 August 2015)
• Current requirements for labelling of seafood and seafood products—Report (received 18 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015)
• Effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia, effect on Australia ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji, and proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand—
  Interim reports (3) (received 19 July and 4 September 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013; received 28 February 2013 and tabled 3 March 2014)
  Final report (received 31 March 2014 and tabled 13 May 2014)
• Future of the beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia—Report (tabled 16 July 2014)
• Grain export networks, including the on- and off-farm storage, transport, handling and export of Australian grain—Report (received 4 June 2015 and tabled 15 June 2015)
• Implications of the restriction on the use of fenthion on Australia’s horticultural industry—Report (received 31 July 2014 and tabled 26 August 2014)
• Industry structures and systems governing levies on grass-fed cattle—Report (received 9 September 2014 and tabled 22 September 2014)
• Industry structures and systems governing the imposition and disbursement of marketing and research and development (R&D) levies in the agriculture sector—Report (received 30 June 2015)
• Matters not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament—Report (tabled 14 November 2013)
• Ownership arrangements of grain handling—
  Interim reports (2) (received 31 July and 30 August 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
  Final report (tabled 4 December 2013)
• Practice of sports science in Australia—
  Interim reports (2) (received 10 July and 15 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
  Final report (received 23 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
• Qantas’ future as a strong national carrier supporting jobs in Australia—Report
  (tabled 27 March 2014)
• Review of the citrus industry in Australia—
  Interim reports (2) [Australian citrus industry] (received 31 July 2013 and 27 September 2013; tabled 12 November 2013)
  Report (received 16 December 2013 and tabled 11 February 2014)
• Role of public transport in delivering productivity outcomes—Report (received 5 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015)
• Use of Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia—
  Interim report (tabled 2 February 2016)

School Funding—Select Committee
(appointed 12 December 2013; final report tabled 9 July 2014)
Report presented
• Equity and excellence in Australian schools (tabled 9 July 2014)

School Funding Investment—Select Committee
(appointed 4 February 2016; final report due 30 August 2016)
Members
  Senator Dastyari (Chair), Senator Lazarus (Deputy Chair), and Senators McKenzie, McKim, O’Neill and Reynolds
Participating members
  Government
  Non-government

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee
Members
  Senator Polley (Chair), Senator Williams (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Heffernan, Ludwig and Siewert
Alert Digests presented
  2013—
  • No. 8 (tabled 4 December 2013)
  • No. 9 (tabled 11 December 2013)
2014—
• Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014
  (received 13 October 2014 and tabled 27 October 2014)
  • No. 1 (tabled 12 February 2014)
  • No. 2 (tabled 5 March 2014)
  • No. 3 (tabled 19 March 2014)
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2016—
• No. 1 (tabled 3 February 2016)
• No. 2 (tabled 24 February 2016)
• No. 3 (tabled 2 March 2016)

Reports presented
• Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014—
  Report (received 23 October 2014 and tabled 27 October 2014)
  Further report (tabled 29 October 2014)
• The work of the committee in 2014—Report (tabled 25 March 2015)
• Work of the committee during the 43rd Parliament: September 2010 to June
2013—
  • Eighth report (tabled 4 December 2013)
2014—
  • First report (tabled 12 February 2014)
  • Second report (tabled 5 March 2014)
  • Third report (tabled 19 March 2014)
  • Fourth report (tabled 26 March 2014)
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  • Third report (tabled 2 March 2016)

Scrubtiny of Government Budget Measures—Select Committee
(appointed 25 June 2014; variation of appointment (name amended) 11 August 2015
(formerly Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts); final report due 20 June 2016)

Members
  Senator Whish-Wilson (Chair), Senator Singh (Deputy Chair), and Senators Edwards,
  Lines, Paterson, Smith and Urquhart
Substitute member

Senator Carr to replace Senator Singh on Friday, 18 March 2016

Participating members

Government

Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Fawcett, Heffernan, Johnston, Lindgren, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’ Sullivan, Reynolds, Seselja and Williams

Non-government


Report presented under the name: Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts

- First interim report (received 4 February 2015 and tabled 9 February 2015)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

Members

The Government Whip (Chair), the Opposition Whip, The Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens Whip, the Palmer United Party Whip, and Senators Bilyk, Fawcett, Fifield and Moore

Reports presented

2013—

- No. 9—Report (tabled 14 November 2013)
- No. 10—Report (tabled 5 December 2013)
- No. 11—Report (tabled 12 December 2013)

2014—

- No. 1—Report (tabled 13 February 2014)
- No. 2—Report (tabled 6 March 2014)
- No. 3—Report (tabled 20 March 2014)
- No. 4—Report (tabled 27 March 2014)
- No. 5—Report (tabled 15 May 2014)
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• No. 2—Report (tabled 25 February 2016)
• No. 3—Report (tabled 3 March 2016)

Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee

Members
Senator Bilyk (Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Bushby, Hanson-Young, Johnston, Lines, O’Neill and Marshall

Notifications of alterations of interests presented
Register of senators’ interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between—
• 27 June and 10 December 2013 (tabled 12 December 2013)
• 11 December 2013 and 4 July 2014 (tabled 14 July 2014)
• 1 July and 31 August 2014 (tabled 4 September 2014)
• 1 September and 2 December 2014 (received 17 December 2014 and tabled 9 February 2015)
• 3 December 2014 and 24 June 2015 (tabled 25 June 2015)
• 25 June and 1 December 2015 (tabled 3 December 2015)

Reports presented
Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Select Committee
(appointed 23 September 2014; variation of appointment 18 August 2015 (reporting date amended); further variation of appointment 13 October 2015 (allowing committee to continue to operate after presenting its first report by 15 October 2015, until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time, and to be able to report from time to time); first report tabled 15 October 2015)

Members
Mr O’Dowd (Chair), and Senators Bullock, Macdonald, Smith and Wang, and Mr Billson, Ms TM Butler, Mr Conroy, Mr Palmer and Mr Pasin

Participating members
Government

Non-government

Report presented
• Inquiry into business experience in utilising Australia’s free trade agreements—Report (tabled 15 October 2015)

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 2 December 2013)

Members
Mr Wyatt Roy (Chair), Mr Thomson (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Fawcett, Johnston, Lines, Ludwig, Sterle and Whish-Wilson, and Mr Hartsuyker, Mr O’Dowd, Ms Parke, Ms Price, Mr Watts, Mr Whiteley, Mrs Wicks and Mr Williams

Reports presented
• 135—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2013—Report (received 23 July 2013 and tabled 12 November 2013)
• 139—Treaties tabled on 11 December 2013, referred on 15 January and tabled on 11 February 2014—Report (tabled 14 May 2014)
• 140—Treaty tabled on 13 May 2014—Report (tabled 24 June 2014)
• 141—Treaties tabled on 19 March and 13 May 2014—Report (tabled 15 July 2014)
• 142—Treaties tabled on 13 May 2014—Report (tabled 4 September 2014)
• 143—Treaties tabled on 17 June and 15 July 2014—Report (tabled 24 September 2014)
• 144—Treaty tabled on 14 July 2014—Report (tabled 29 October 2014)
• 145—Treaties tabled on 26 August and 2 September 2014—Report (tabled 26 November 2014)
• 146—Treaty tabled on 30 September 2014—Report (tabled 11 February 2015)
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• 152—Treaty tabled on 16 June 2015—Report (tabled 19 August 2015)
• 155—Treaties tabled on 11 August and 12 August 2015—Report (tabled 10 November 2015)
• 156—Treaties tabled on 8 September 2015—Report (tabled 24 November 2015)
• 157—Treaties tabled on 13 October 2015—Report (tabled 3 December 2015)
• 158—Treaties tabled on 10 November 2015—Report (tabled 23 February 2016)

Unconventional Gas Mining—Select Committee
(appointed 12 November 2015; final report due 30 June 2016)

Members
Senator Lazarus (Chair), Senator Ludwig (Deputy Chair), and Senators Johnston, Lindgren, McEwen and Waters

Participating members
Government
Non-government

Wind Turbines—Select Committee
(appointed 24 November 2014; resolution of appointment varied 12 May 2015; final report received 3 August 2015 and tabled 10 August 2015)

Reports presented
• Interim report (tabled 18 June 2015)
• Final report (received 3 August 2015 and tabled 3 August 2015)
SENATE 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 Seselja (appointed 11 December 2013, for a period of 3 years).

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

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate
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Vice-President of the Executive Council  
Leader of the Government in the Senate |  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Justice  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Counter-Terrorism |
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Minister for Finance  
Special Minister of State  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate |  
Minister for Small Business  
Assistant Treasurer |
| Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion |  
Minister for Indigenous Affairs |
| Senator the Honourable Mitchell (Mitch) Fifield | Minister for Social Services  
Minister for Communications  
Minister for the Arts  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate |
| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne |  
Minister for Defence |
| Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash | Minister for Employment  
Minister for Women  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service |  
Minister for Immigration and Border Protection |
| Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham |  
Minister for Education and Training |
| Senator the Honourable Arthur Sinodinos AO |  
Cabinet Secretary |  
Minister for Trade and Investment  
Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science |
| Senator the Honourable Fiona Nash |  
Minister for Regional Development  
Minister for Rural Health  
Minister for Regional Communications |
| Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck |  
Minister for Tourism and International Education  
Minister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Investment |  
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 Vocational Education and Skills |
| Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan |  
Minister for Northern Australia |
| Senator the Honourable James McGrath |  
Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister  
Assistant Minister for Immigration |
| Senator the Honourable Anne Ruston |  
Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources |

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In those instances where senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is shown in parentheses.
A GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

A Notice Paper is issued each sitting day containing details of current business before the Senate. It works in conjunction with the Senate Order of Business (otherwise known as the Red) which sets out the daily routine of business to be followed as per standing order 57.

Standing orders are the rules or procedures set down by the Senate to govern the Senate and its committees. The current version of The Senate: Standing Orders and other orders of the Senate is available on the Senate website at www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Senate/Powers_practice_n_procedures/standingorders

The publication of the Notice Paper is authorised by standing order 43(2).

Placement of business on the Notice Paper

The way business is placed on the Notice Paper is set down according to standing orders and is listed under one of the following four categories:

Matters of privilege which take precedence over all other business and are listed at the beginning of the Notice Paper when they arise. They consist of notices of motion which the President has determined warrant such precedence and any orders relating to adjourned debates on such motions.

Business of the Senate which has precedence over government and general business for the day on which it is listed. It includes disallowance motions, orders of the day for the presentation of committee reports, motions to refer matters to standing committees, motions for leave of absence for a senator and motions concerning the qualification of a senator.

Government business which is business initiated by a minister including the consideration of government legislation. It takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours each week set aside on Thursdays for general business.

General business which is all other business initiated by senators who are not ministers. It takes precedence over government business only as described above. (See below for a breakdown of this section.)

Within each of the above categories you may find notices of motions and/or orders of the day:

Notices of motion are statements indicating that senators intend to move particular motions on the days indicated. They are entered on the Notice Paper in the order given and may be given jointly by two or more senators. Notices of motion are usually considered before orders of the day.

Orders of the day are items of business which the Senate has ordered to be considered on particular days, usually arising from adjourned debates on matters, including legislation, or requirements to present committee reports.

On days other than Thursdays, the Notice Paper records all business of the Senate and government business items, but includes only new items of general business from the previous sitting day. On Thursdays, to take account of General Business at 4.30 pm, a full listing of business relating to the consideration of government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports and Auditor-General’s reports is also published.
Sections of the Notice Paper

Temporary Chairs of Committees

A daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

Other than the sections: Matters of Privilege, Business of the Senate and Government Business, the Notice Paper, may also contain the following:

General Business, including:

Orders of the Day—Adjourned debates on motions initiated by private senators to take note of business other than a government document or a private senator’s bill as these have their own sections.

Orders of the day relating to Private Senators’ Bills—Adjourned debates on motions to consider bills introduced by senators in a personal capacity. New items appear in the following day’s Notice Paper.

These can also be listed for consideration for up to 2 hours and 20 minutes on Thursday mornings.

Documents

New documents tabled pursuant to order and those which have had motion moved to take note and the debate adjourned. Such orders arise from consideration of the documents presented on a particular day and include consideration of any documents not reached on the day.

They are also listed for consideration for up to one hour on Thursdays during the consideration of general business, and as a result the section appears in full in the Thursday’s printed Notice Paper.

Committee Reports and Government Responses, and Auditor-General’s Reports

Adjourned debates on motions: to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses, or to consider Auditor-General’s reports. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business, and as a result the section appears in full in the Thursday’s printed Notice Paper.

Business for Future Consideration

Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered on a specific day in the future, for example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, or a notice of motion given for a day other than the next day of sitting. Business, is listed under the date it is to dealt with in the chamber, starting with the next day of sitting. Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, for example, the tabling date may be a result of some other event occurring, will be placed at the end of the section.

Bills Referred to Committees

Lists all bills or provisions of bills currently being considered by Senate or joint committees, including details of: who referred, to which committee, when referred, variations to the reporting date, any interim reports presented and final reporting date.

Questions on Notice

Includes a listing of numbers of all unanswered questions on notice, available at www.aph.gov.au/SenateQON, and a number range of questions on notice which remain unanswered for more than 30 days.

Answers to Estimates Questions on Notice

Lists the dates set by standing committees for the answering of questions taken on notice during estimates hearings.
Orders of the Senate
An order of the Senate is a resolution agreed to by the Senate which is regarded as continuing in effect unless its terms indicate that it has a limited life, or is spent by the effluxion of time or the circumstances to which it applied no longer exist.
This section can include resolutions such as: new or amendments of standing orders which have not yet appeared in a current reprint, temporary orders of the Senate, the authorisation of committees to meet during the sitting of the Senate, and orders for production of documents.

Contingent Notices of Motion
These are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

Categories of Committees
Details in list form, categorised by type, all Senate and joint committees. Specific details of each committee appear in the section Committees.

Committees
An alphabetical listing of all Senate and joint committees, including their membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day i.e. presented out of sitting.

Senate Appointments to Statutory Authorities
A listing of the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

Ministerial Representation
A listing of Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

Inquiries concerning the Notice Paper or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.

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