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Business for today

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 2 December 2019

*1 Senators Patrick, Lambie, Bernardi, Hanson, Griff and Roberts: To move—
That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
References Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2020:
Australia’s relationship with the People’s Republic of China.

Government business—Orders of the day

1 Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019—(Assistant
Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McMahon, in continuation,
2 December 2019).

2 Aged Care Legislation Amendment (New Commissioner Functions) Bill
2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator
Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 October 2019).

3 Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment
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Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation,
14 November 2019).

4 Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other
Measures) Bill 2019
VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019
Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019—
(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

5 Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Building on the Child Care
Package) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator
Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

6 Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill
2019—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 August 2019).
7 Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures) Bill 2019
Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

8 Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

*9 Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management to Cashless Debit Card Transition) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

*10 Treasury Laws Amendment (Recovering Unpaid Superannuation) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

*11 Health Legislation Amendment (Data-matching and Other Matters) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

12 Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 2) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

13 Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

14 Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

15 Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 September 2019).

Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

17 Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Illegal Phoenixing) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).
New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).

Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

Migration Amendment (Streamlining Visa Processing) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).

Government business—Notice of motion

Notice given 2 December 2019

*1 Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston): To move—That on Wednesday, 4 December 2019, consideration of the business before the Senate be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make valedictory statements relating to Senator Bernardi.

General business—Notices of motion

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

Notice given 11 November 2019

217 Senator Brown: To move—That the Senate notes:
   (a) that 3 December 2019 is the International Day of People with Disability;
   (b) that the theme for 2019 is ‘Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality’;
   (c) that 3 December is recognised each year as the day for the celebration of the achievements of people living with disability;
(d) that it is also the day when we promote awareness of the challenges faced by people with disability, and the role that communities and society can play in accelerating the eradication of barriers to social inclusion, equality, participation and citizenship;

(e) that approximately 1 billion people worldwide, and 3.96 million people in Australia, live with disability – this represents 15% of the global population and 20% of the population of Australia; and

(f) the remarkable contributions people with disability make to Australia, and congratulates all of the organisations and communities throughout Australia that are celebrating this important day.

Notice given 13 November 2019

249 Senators Sheldon, Gallacher, Bilyk and Sterle: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the road transport industry is Australia’s deadliest industry,
   (ii) a 2016 report by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics stated ‘Heavy trucks are disproportionately involved in casualty crashes: approximately 16% of road crash fatalities and 4% of injuries involve these vehicles’ – this is despite Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics data that trucks make up only 2.45% of registered vehicles, and
   (iii) the latest Safe Work Australia statistics show there have been 138 workplace deaths since the start of the year, of which 51 have been transport workers;

(b) recognises that:
   (i) a significant driver of the road transport task is retail supply chains – all major retailers in the supply chain should be accountable for their impact on safety, wages and fair dealings with transport operators,
   (ii) on 15 October 2019, Channel 9 News aired shocking evidence of a disregard for safety: safety doors blocked, fire equipment hemmed in, chaotic food storage, filthy floors, faulty electrics, poor lighting for truck drivers delivering goods and a flooded yard outside a loading dock at Aldi stores across Australia, and
   (iii) on 16 October 2019, truck drivers across Australia took part in nationwide protests to highlight concerns they have with safety at Aldi; and

(c) congratulates transport workers and their worker representatives, the Transport Workers Union of Australia, on helping bring the safety issues in the retail supply chain to light.

Notice of motion altered on 2 December 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.
Notice given 27 November 2019

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

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee into the Impacts of Climate Change on Everyday Australians, be established to inquire and report on the following matters:

(a) hearing testimony directly from Australians who:
   (i) have already experienced the impacts of climate change on their lives, or
   (ii) have observed how the land and the local region in which they live is changing, or
   (iii) anticipate imminent changes to aspects of their lives or their local communities as a result of climate change;

(b) what three degrees of warming above pre-industrial emissions levels would mean for Australian communities and society; and

(c) any other related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 17 June 2020.

(3) That the committee consist of five senators, two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and one nominated the Leader of the Australian Greens.

(4) That:

(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator; and

(b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee.

(5) If a member of a committee is unable to attend a meeting of the committee, that member may in writing to the chair of the committee appoint a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee at that meeting. If the member is incapacitated or unavailable, a letter to the chair of a committee appointing a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee may be signed on behalf of the member by the leader or whip of the party or group on whose nomination the member was appointed to the committee.

(6) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

(7) That the committee elect as chair the member nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens, and as deputy chair a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

(8) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.
(9) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.

(10) That three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.

(11) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

(12) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.

(13) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(14) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President of the Senate.

(15) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

Notice given 2 December 2019

*316 Senators Watt, McCarthy, Green, Dodson, Chisholm and Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) records its deep regret at the death, on 27 November 2019, of Mr Sam Watson, a proud member of the Munnenjarl and Biri Gubba Juru tribal nations, with blood ties to the Yuggera, Kalkadoon and Noonuccal peoples and one of Queensland’s most significant Indigenous leaders;

(b) recognises the lifelong activism, leadership and advocacy for social justice and the rights of his people;

(c) places on record its appreciation of the long and tireless contribution Mr Sam Watson Senior made to the advancement of the rights of Indigenous Australians; and

(d) offers our condolences to his wife Cathy, his children Nicole Watson and Sam Wagan Watson, and the many Australians whose lives he has touched – we are all the poorer for his passing.

*317 Senator McGrath: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that, for the first time since 1952, the ABC will not have a live radio broadcast of the Olympic Games; and

(b) expresses disappointment that the ABC has indicated that it will not reverse its decision not to broadcast the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.
*318 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Federal Government continued with the draconian robodebt program long after the harrowing evidence of the Senate inquiry in 2017 and the recommendation that it be put on hold while issues of procedural fairness were dealt with, and long after the major flaws with the income averaging process were identified,

(ii) despite the announcement of the changes to income averaging via leaked emails, the silence by the Minister for Government Services on the way forward is once again leaving people worried and anxious,

(iii) the Federal Government needs to be transparent about the new review process so that people know what is going on, and

(iv) it will take extensive resources to identify and compensate the thousands of people who have been caught up in the robodebt scheme, and who have paid debts that were incorrectly calculated; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) stop trying to evade responsibility for their systemic targeting of people on income support through income averaging and robodebt, and

(ii) address the reduced revenue raising as a result of the new process, the cost to review income averaging cases of the robodebt program, including the projected number of people who may be eligible for compensation and/or a refund, as well as the staffing required to investigate these cases in the 2019-20 MYEFO.

*319 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, by 9.30 am on 5 December 2019:

(a) all correspondence between the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) and Equinor on its request for Equinor to modify and resubmit its environmental plan in relation to the Stromlo-1 Exploration Drilling Program;

(b) all correspondence between NOPSEMA and Equinor in relation to the notice issued by NOPSEMA on 8 November 2019 requesting further information about matters relating to consultation, source control, oil-spill risk and matters under Part 3 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999; and

(c) all correspondence between NOPSEMA and Equinor, up to 2 December 2019, in relation to the Stromlo-1 Exploration Drilling Program since the issuing of the notice on 8 November 2019.

*320 Senators Keneally, Gallagher, McAllister, O’Neill, Sheldon and Ayres: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Department of Home Affairs employs over 240 dedicated and hardworking Australians to process visa applications in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory,
(ii) this is crucial work that ensures the integrity of our visa processing system and is the cornerstone of our sovereignty as a nation,

(iii) the Federal Government’s plan to privatise Australia’s visa system threatens the livelihoods of over 240 Australians and their families in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and

(iv) privatising Australia’s visa system will lead to increased costs of visas, greater risks of worker exploitation, data security breaches and will make protecting national security more difficult;

(b) condemns the Federal Government for auctioning Australian jobs off to the highest bidder, and for undermining the integrity of our visa processing system and our nation’s sovereignty; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to guarantee the protection of these 242 jobs in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and the 2000 jobs across Australia, which will be lost under the Morrison Government if they persist with their efforts to privatise Australia’s visa system.

*321 Senator Pratt: To move—

(1) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, by no later than 3.30 pm on 4 December 2019, the following documents:

(a) the copy of the City of Sydney annual report 2017-18 the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction (Mr Taylor) claims was downloaded directly from the City of Sydney website in September 2019; and

(b) any documents that support the Minister’s claim.

(2) That the Senate requires the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction to attend the Senate at 9.30 am on Thursday, 5 December 2019 to provide an explanation, of no more than 20 minutes, of the government’s response to paragraph (1).

(3) That following the Minister’s explanation, or in the event the Minister fails to provide an explanation, any senator may move to take note of the response required by paragraph (2).

(4) That any motion under paragraph (3) may be debated for no longer than 60 minutes, shall have precedence over all business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 10 minutes.

*322 Senator Faruqi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Federal Government has announced $10 million in Special Circumstances Funding to drought affected schools, but has specifically excluded public schools from receiving this funding, and

(ii) more than 80% of students in rural and remote areas are enrolled in public schools and they are also deeply impacted by the drought; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to establish a fund for government schools facing hardship as a result of ongoing drought conditions.
Senator Waters: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 1 December 2019, the Federal Government submitted the State Party Report on the state of conservation report of the Great Barrier Reef (the Reef) World Heritage Area,

(ii) the State Party Report responds to the World Heritage Committee Decision in 2015, requesting the Government to outline how the Reef’s Outstanding Universal Value is being protected to avert a World Heritage In Danger listing,

(iii) the State Party Report recognises that mass coral bleaching events in 2016 and 2017, tropical cyclones, flooding, and crown-of-thorns starfish have impacted the Outstanding Universal Value of the Reef since 2015,

(iv) the Great Barrier Reef outlook report 2019 found that the long-term outlook for the Reef’s ecosystem has deteriorated from poor to very poor, and climate change and land-based run-off remain the key threats,

(v) the State Party Report states that the Government is ‘actively managing the pressures over which we have direct control through investment and regulation based on the best available science’,

(vi) United Nations scientific reports have confirmed that if global temperature rises by 1.5°C, 90% of coral in the Reef will be lost and 100% of coral will be lost at 2.0°C,

(vii) the Government has established a Senate inquiry questioning the water science informing regulation of land-based run-off into the Reef,

(viii) Government representatives have advocated for the removal of climate change threats as a consideration for World Heritage In Danger listing decisions, and

(ix) fossil fuel companies have donated nearly $5 million to the Liberals, Nationals and Labor parties over the past four years; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) implement a climate policy to limit global warming to 1.5°C to protect the Great Barrier Reef,

(ii) manage the key pressures over which it has control by revoking all federal approvals for the Adani Carmichael mine and not approve any new coal in Australia, and

(iii) ban corporate donations to political parties from the fossil fuel industry, an industry which financially benefits from this Federal Government’s lack of action on climate change.
Senator Sterle: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes the hardship and financial difficulty being faced by dairy farmers in many parts of the country.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Agriculture, by no later than 11.45 am on 5 December 2019, a legislative instrument giving legal effect to a dairy code, and if the instrument has not been tabled prior to the appointed time, the Minister be called on to table the instrument before petitions are called on that day.

(3) That if the legislative instrument required by paragraph (2) is not tabled, the Senate requires the Minister for Agriculture to attend the Senate at 3.30 pm on Thursday, 5 December 2019 to provide an explanation, of no more than 20 minutes, of the Government’s response to paragraph (2).

(4) That following the Minister’s explanation, or in the event the Minister fails to provide an explanation, any senator may move to take note of the response required by paragraph (3).

(5) That any motion under paragraph (4) may be debated for no longer than 60 minutes, shall have precedence over all business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 10 minutes.

Orders for production of documents

Call between the Prime Minister and the NSW Police Force Commissioner—Order for production of documents and attendance by Minister

(1) That the Senate requires the Minister representing the Prime Minister to attend the Senate at 12 noon on 3 December 2019 to table the following documents:

(a) a transcript of the phone call between the Prime Minister and the Commissioner of the New South Wales Police Force that took place on Tuesday, 26 November 2019;

(b) any notes taken by the Prime Minister, by his office or by officials during the call;

(c) any briefings prepared for the Prime Minister by his Department or office, for the purposes of the phone call; and

(d) any advice provided to the Prime Minister about the appropriateness of making the call.

(2) That following presentation of the documents, or in the event the Minister fails to table the documents, at 12 noon on 3 December 2019, any senator may move to take note of the response to paragraph (1).

(3) That any motion under paragraph (2) may be debated for no longer than 60 minutes, shall have precedence over all business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 10 minutes.

(Motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 2 December 2019.)
Business for future consideration

On the next day of sitting (4 December 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

Notice given 13 November 2019

1 Senator Patrick: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that, in respect to the development of Greater Sunrise oil and gas fields:
   (a) on 6 March 2018, Australia and Timor-Leste signed a maritime boundaries treaty establishing permanent maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea, and a legal framework for developing the Greater Sunrise gas fields, together and sharing in the benefits – the treaty has now been ratified by both countries and entered into force on 30 August 2019;
   (b) there are two options for processing the Greater Sunrise gas fields:
       (i) onshore in Australia, or
       (ii) onshore in Timor Leste, as part of the Timor-Leste Government’s Tasi Mane development strategy for a corridor of petroleum infrastructure along the southwest coast of the country;
       (c) the Australian Government stated, in response to a question asked during the estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 4 September 2019, that ‘Australia wants Greater Sunrise to be developed in a commercially sound way that maximises the return for the parties, and therefore contributes to Timor Leste’s economic development priorities. Provided these conditions are met, Australia is neutral as to whether Greater Sunrise gas is processed in Timor-Leste or Australia’; and
       (d) the establishment of a corridor of petroleum infrastructure along the southwest coast of Timor-Leste would be a more complex and challenging endeavour than processing in existing facilities in Australia.

(2) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and to report by the final sitting day of June 2020, relating the Tasi Mane project:
   (a) assistance and co-operation offered, to date, by the Australian Government to the Tasi Mane project;
   (b) possible future assistance and co-operation by the Australian Government in relation to the Tasi Mane project;
   (c) opportunities for Australian industry to assist with the design, development and execution of the Tasi Mane project;
   (d) opportunities for the Australian Government to assist Timor-Leste, in respect of activities and projects incidental to the Tasi Mane project;
(e) opportunities for Australian industry, in respect of activities and projects incidental to the Tasi Mane project; and

(f) any related matters.

Notice given 26 November 2019

2 Senator Brown: To move—That the Marine Order 47 (Offshore industry units) 2019, made under the Navigation Act 2012, be disallowed [F2019L01324].

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

3 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 7 September 2020:

The review of foreign investment proposals against the national interest test, with particular reference to:

(a) the protection of Australia’s market-based system from manipulation that would benefit proposed foreign investment;

(b) the assessment of the impact of proposed foreign investment on market concentration and competition;

(c) the imposition of conditions on foreign investors, and any limitation that trade agreements have on the imposition of such conditions;

(d) the enforceability of market access provisions in trade agreements, and the impact of this enforcement on the integrity of Australia’s market-based system;

(e) the extent to which the risk that foreign investment proposals are being used for money laundering is examined;

(f) the role of the Foreign Investment Review Board; and

(g) any other related matters.

Notice of motion altered on 2 December 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas—Select Committee

Report to be presented.
Order for Production of Documents

*309 Corporate emissions and energy data—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reductions, on 4 December 2019, the corporate emissions and energy data of Amazon Corporate Services Pty Ltd for 2017-18, which was requested to be withheld under section 25 of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007. (Motion of Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) agreed to 2 December 2019.)

On 31 January 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 3 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia’s Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 4 February 2020

Government Business—Orders of the day

*1 Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

*2 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

*3 Wine Australia Amendment (Label Directory) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).
General Business—Notice of motion

Notice given 27 November 2019

306 Senator Lambie: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, and for related purposes. Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020.

Notice of motion altered on 27 November 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.

On 5 February 2020

General Business—Notice of motion

Notice given 30 July 2019

*72 Senator Kitching: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Integrity, be established to inquire into and report on the integrity of government administration, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and performance of existing integrity measures including, but not limited to:
   (i) the Statement of Ministerial Standards, and
   (ii) the Lobbyist Code and Register of Lobbyists;
(b) the funding, functions and performance of Commonwealth integrity agencies;
(c) the adequacy of government responses to Senate committee reports;
(d) the adequacy of government responses to Senate orders for the production of documents;
(e) the operation of the Commonwealth Procurement Framework;
(f) the administration of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 legislation;
(g) any proposals to strengthen the integrity of government administration; and
   (h) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the third sitting day of 2021.

(3) That the committee consist of 8 senators, as follows:

(a) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
(b) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
(c) 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
(d) 3 nominated by minor party and independent senators.

(4) That:

(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator; and
participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee.

(5) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.

(6) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

(7) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and as deputy chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens or by minor party and independent senators.

(8) That the deputy chair shall act chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.

(9) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

(10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

(11) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(12) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.

(13) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

On 7 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 **Economics Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*
Government Business—Order of the day

1 Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

Nine sitting days after today (13 February 2020)

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 14 November 2019

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Helicopter Aerial Application Endorsements Exemption 2019, made under the Civil Aviation Act 1988, be disallowed [F2019L01132].
Ten sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 21 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2019 and the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the tenth sitting day of 2020 (26 February 2020)

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2019.
Twelve sitting days after today (26 February 2020)

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 27 November 2019

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Telecommunications (Protecting Australians from Terrorist or Violent Criminal Material) Direction (No. 1) 2019, made under the Telecommunications Act 1997, be disallowed \[F2019L01159\].

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

On 26 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on access to medicinal cannabis.

On 27 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on the impact of changes to service delivery models on the administration and running of Government programs.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Report to be presented on Australia’s declarations made under certain international laws.

On 28 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 1 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

Report to be presented on the regulation of auditing in Australia.

On 16 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee

Report to be presented on the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information.
2 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia.

On 18 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 19 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 23 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s oil and gas reserves.

On 24 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on the 2019-20 additional estimates.

On 25 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on Centrelink’s compliance program.

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

On 26 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 27 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the adequacy of Newstart and related payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments in Australia.

On 31 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On 17 April 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On 14 May 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1. Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on nationhood, national identity and democracy.

2. Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

3. Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment.

On 15 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

On 17 June 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1. Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping.
On 18 June 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on Federal Government’s drought response.

On 23 June 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2020-21 Budget estimates.

On 25 June 2020
Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1  Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s sovereign naval shipbuilding capability.
2  Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on unlawful underpayment of employees’ remuneration.
3  Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on regional inequality in Australia.

On or before 31 July 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  Road Safety—Joint Select Committee
   Interim report to be presented.

On 7 September 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s faunal extinction crisis.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2020 (9 September 2020)
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2020.

On 30 September 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1  Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the management of the Inland Rail project.
On 1 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef.

On 7 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Australia’s Family Law System—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 12 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 14 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the road transport industry.

On or before 31 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Road Safety—Joint Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.

On 1 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1 Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
2 Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan
   Report to be presented on the Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019.  
   (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 3 December 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
On or before the first sitting day of October 2021

General Business—Order of the day

1 Autism—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day in May 2022

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Implementation of the National Redress Scheme—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

Within 6 months of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters receiving the reference

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
   (Bill received royal assent on 29 November 2018.)

Date unspecified

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Other information

Bills currently before committees

Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019 *
   Contingent upon introduction in the Senate, referred to Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 31 January 2020)
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 *
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2019; reporting date: 7 February 2020)

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 July 2019; reporting date: 4 December 2019)

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2019; reporting date: 3 February 2020)

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia’s Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 3 February 2020)

Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017 *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 31 March 2020)

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 26 March 2020)

Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019 *
Referred to Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: 1 November 2020)

Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 7 February 2020)

Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 18 March 2020)

Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 October 2019; reporting date: 28 February 2020)

Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: 14 May 2020)
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2019; reporting date: 19 March 2020)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2019 and the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 21 February 2020)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 17 April 2020)

Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 21 February 2020)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 21 February 2020)

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

Bills discharged or negatived

Government bills

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019
Question that the bill, as amended, be agreed to was negatived in committee of the whole, 28 November 2019.

Private senators’ bills

Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018
Second reading negatived, 29 July 2019.

Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019
Questions on notice

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 933, 935, 938 to 944, 946 to 949, 951 to 974.
The full text of Question on Notice and their answers are available online at Questions on Notice.

Orders of the Senate

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

Community Affairs
   Health
   Social Services, including Services Australia
Economics
   Industry, Innovation and Science
   Treasury
Education and Employment
   Education
   Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, including Industrial Relations
Environment and Communications
   Communications and the Arts
   Environment and Energy
Finance and Public Administration
   Finance
   Parliament
   Prime Minister and Cabinet
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
   Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs
   Foreign Affairs and Trade
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
   Attorney-General, excluding Industrial Relations
   Home Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
   Agriculture
   Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)
Australia’s Emissions Projections—Order of continuing effect

(1) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, by not later than the last sitting day of each year, the report detailing Australia’s estimated future greenhouse gas emissions, Australia’s Emissions Projections.

(2) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 25 November 2019)

Environment and Communications References Committee—Determination of committee chair—Standing order 25(9)

That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:

(a) that the chair of the Environment and Communications 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; varied 13 September 2016)
Estimates hearings—2019-20 additional estimates; 2020-21 Budget estimates and supplementary Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2020 be scheduled as follows:

**2019-20 additional estimates:**
Monday, 2 March and Tuesday, 3 March *(Group A)*
Wednesday, 4 March and Thursday, 5 March *(Group B).*

**2020-21 Budget estimates:**
Monday, 25 May to Thursday, 28 May, and, if required, Friday, 29 May *(Group A)*
Tuesday, 2 June to Friday, 5 June, and, if required, Friday, 19 June *(Group B)*
Monday, 19 October and Tuesday, 20 October *(supplementary hearings—Group A)*
Wednesday, 21 October and Thursday, 22 October *(supplementary hearings—Group B).*

(2) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters and on Murray Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 6 March, Friday, 29 May and Friday, 23 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, 24 March 2020 in respect of the 2019-20 additional estimates; and
(b) Tuesday, 23 June 2020 in respect of the 2020-21 Budget estimates.

(*Agreed to 14 November 2019*)

Estimates questions (unanswered)—2019-20 Budget estimates

That—

(a) answers to outstanding questions taken on notice in relation to the 2018-19 additional estimates and the 2019-20 Budget estimates, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the 46th Parliament, be provided to legislation committees by 31 July 2019; and

(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering each of the unanswered questions is 31 July 2019.

(*Agreed to 29 July 2019*)
Formal business and suspensions of standing orders—Standing order 66—Amendment

That, in accordance with the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2019, standing order 66 be amended as follows:

After paragraph (3), insert:

(4) The question on any motion to suspend standing orders moved in the following circumstances shall be put immediately without any amendment or debate:
(a) any motion to suspend standing orders to provide for the consideration of a motion for which formality has been denied; and
(b) any other motion to suspend standing orders moved during consideration of formal business under standing order 66.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Indigenous Australians—

Closing the Gap statement—Resolution

That each year, on the day on which the Prime Minister presents the annual report on progress in meeting the ‘Closing the Gap’ targets, the sitting of the Senate be suspended 10 minutes prior to the time set for the presentation of the report in the House of Representatives, until the ringing of the bells, to enable senators to attend.

Languages—Amendment to standing order 35 and resolution

At the end of standing order 35, add:

(3) If evidence is heard by a committee in an Indigenous Australian language the transcript of that evidence shall record both:
(a) the evidence as submitted in the Indigenous Australian language; and
(b) an English translation of the evidence.

Resolution:

The Senate resolves that, where a committee has heard evidence in an Indigenous Australian language, the transcription by Hansard staff of the evidence as submitted, and its translation into English, should be assisted by the person who gave evidence or a person from their community.

(Agreed to 17 October 2019 upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s second report of 2019)
Meeting of Senate—2019
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2019 be as follows:

Winter sittings:
   Monday, 22 July to Thursday, 25 July
   Monday, 29 July to Thursday, 1 August

Spring sittings:
   Monday, 9 September to Thursday, 12 September
   Monday, 16 September to Thursday, 19 September
   Monday, 14 October to Thursday, 17 October
   Monday, 11 November to Thursday, 14 November
   Monday, 25 November to Thursday, 28 November
   Monday, 2 December to Thursday, 5 December.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Meeting of Senate—2020
That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2020 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
   Tuesday, 4 February to Thursday, 6 February
   Monday, 10 February to Thursday, 13 February
   Monday, 24 February to Thursday, 27 February
   Monday, 23 March to Thursday, 26 March

Budget sittings:
   Tuesday, 12 May to Thursday, 14 May

Winter sittings:
   Monday, 15 June to Thursday, 18 June
   Monday, 22 June to Thursday, 25 June

Spring sittings:
   Tuesday, 11 August to Thursday, 13 August
   Monday, 17 August to Thursday, 20 August
   Monday, 7 September to Thursday, 10 September
   Monday, 14 September to Thursday, 17 September
   Monday, 12 October to Thursday, 15 October
   Monday, 9 November to Thursday, 12 November
   Monday, 23 November to Thursday, 26 November
   Monday, 30 November to Thursday, 3 December.

(Agreed to 14 November 2019)
Protection visas—Order of continuing effect

(1) The Senate notes that the Australian public has a right to know vital information that is held within the Department of Home Affairs, and that regular and timely information should be reported to the Senate and the Australian people to provide oversight and transparency on activities of the Department.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, by not later than 14 days after each:

(a) 31 January;
(b) 28 February;
(c) 31 March;
(d) 30 April;
(e) 31 May;
(f) 30 June;
(g) 31 July;
(h) 31 August;
(i) 30 September;
(j) 31 October;
(k) 30 November; and
(l) 31 December, a monthly update of onshore protection visa lodgements.

(3) Each monthly update must include:

(a) the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore during the period;
(b) the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore at airports, by airport and state, during the period;
(c) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;
(d) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;
(e) the total number of refugee status determinations made during the period;
(f) the total number of individuals granted a Final Protection Visa during the period;
(g) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;
(h) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;
(i) the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;
(j) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

(k) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

(l) the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that were deported during the period, and the deportation rate;

(m) the total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period; and

(n) the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that have yet to be deported at the end of the period.

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

(5) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 14 November 2019)
Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation—Standing orders 23 and 25(2)(a)

(1) The standing orders be amended, with effect from 4 December 2019, as follows:

(a) omit standing order 23, substitute:

23 Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation

(1)  A Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament.

(2) All instruments made under the authority of Acts of the Parliament, which are subject to disallowance, disapproval or affirmative resolution by the Senate and which are of a legislative character, shall stand referred to the committee for consideration and, if necessary, report.

(3) The committee shall scrutinise each instrument as to whether:

(a) it is in accordance with its enabling Act and otherwise complies with all legislative requirements;

(b) it appears to be supported by a constitutional head of legislative power and is otherwise constitutionally valid;

(c) it makes rights, liberties, obligations or interests unduly dependent on insufficiently defined administrative powers;

(d) those likely to be affected by the instrument were adequately consulted in relation to it;

(e) its drafting is defective or unclear;

(f) it, and any document it incorporates, may be freely accessed and used;

(g) the accompanying explanatory material provides sufficient information to gain a clear understanding of the instrument;

(h) it trespasses unduly on personal rights and liberties;

(i) it unduly excludes, limits or fails to provide for independent review of decisions affecting rights, liberties, obligations or interests;

(j) it contains matters more appropriate for parliamentary enactment; and

(k) it complies with any other ground relating to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation that the committee considers appropriate.

(4) The committee shall also scrutinise each instrument to determine whether the attention of the Senate should be drawn to the instrument on the ground that it raises significant issues, or otherwise gives rise to issues that are likely to be of interest to the Senate.

(5) The committee may, for the purpose of reporting on its terms of reference, consider any proposed or draft legislative instrument, including an exposure draft of such an instrument.
(6)  (a) The committee shall consist of 6 senators, 3 being members of the
government party nominated by the Leader of the Government in the
Senate, and 3 being senators who are not members of the government
party, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or by any
minority groups or independent senators.

(b) The nominations of the opposition or any minority groups or
independent senators shall be determined by agreement between the
opposition and the minority groups or independent senators, and, in the
absence of agreement duly notified to the President, the question of the
representation on the committee shall be determined by the Senate.

(7) The committee may appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its
members, and refer to any such sub-committee any matters which the
committee is empowered to consider.

(8) The committee shall elect as chair a member appointed to the committee on
the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate.

(9) The committee shall elect as deputy chair a member appointed to the
committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate,
and the member so elected shall act as chair of the committee when there is no
chair or the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee.

(10) Where votes on a question before the committee are equally divided, the chair,
or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.

(11) The committee and any sub-committee shall have power to send for persons
and documents, to move from place to place, and to meet and transact business
in public or private session and notwithstanding any prorogation of the
Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives.

(12) The committee may inquire into and report on any matter related to the
technical scrutiny of delegated legislation.

(13) The committee may appoint with the approval of the President a legal adviser
to the committee.

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

(15) The committee may report from time to time its proceedings and evidence and
any recommendations, and shall make regular reports of the progress of the
proceedings of the committee.

(b) omit standing order 25(2)(a), substitute:

(a) The legislation committees shall inquire into and report upon:

(i) estimates of expenditure in accordance with standing order 26,

(ii) bills or draft bills referred to them by the Senate,
(iii) legislative instruments made in the portfolios allocated to them,
(iv) annual reports in accordance with paragraph (20), and
(v) the performance of departments and agencies allocated to them.

(2) The initial members of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation shall be the members of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances appointed at the commencement of this Parliament.

(3) The Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation have the power to consider and use the records of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.

(Agreed to 27 November 2019)

Contingent notices of motion

Conduct of business

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

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

Formal business

3 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)**
**Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)**
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)**
**Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)**
**Senator Bernardi**
**Senator Patrick**
To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.
4 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)  
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)  
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)  
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)  
Senator Bernardi  
Senator Patrick  
To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

Limitation of time

5 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): 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.  
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)  
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)  
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)  
Senator Bernardi  
Senator Patrick

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 Cormann): 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.
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Senator Patrick

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

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick

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

Questions without notice

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice) — That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
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Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick

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 Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

Appointments to statutory authorities

National Archives of Australia Advisory Council
Senator Carr (appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
Senator Bilyk (appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust
Senators Abetz and Carr (appointed 1 August 2019).

Temporary chairs of committees

Senators Askew, Bernardi, Bilyk, Brockman, Brown, Faruqi, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Gallacher, Griff, Kitching, Polley, Sterle and Stoker

Richard Pye
Clerk of the Senate
# Ministerial representation

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- **—** Senate sitting week only
- **‡** Supplementary Budget estimates
- ***—** Cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters, and Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters