The Senate meets at 12.30 pm

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Temporary Chairs of Committees

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

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# Guide to the Notice Paper

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

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

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### Business listed for future consideration

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NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice given 15 August 2017


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

Notice given 16 October 2017

2 Senators McKim and Siewert: To move—That the following legislative instruments, made under the Australian Citizenship Act 2007, be disallowed:

(a) the Citizenship (Authorisation) Revocation and Authorisation Instrument 2017 [F2017L01044]; and

(b) the Citizenship (Authorisation) Revocation and Authorisation Amendment Instrument 2017 [F2017L01074].

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Consumers First—Establishment of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1 Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 16 October 2017).
2 Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 August 2017).

3 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator McKim, in continuation, 16 October 2017).

4 Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 August 2017).

5 Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).
(Bill exempted on 7 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

6 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs, Senator Seselja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 September 2017).
(Bill exempted on 7 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

7 Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Consumers First—Establishment of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

8 Australian Grape and Wine Authority Amendment (Wine Australia) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
(Bill exempted on 12 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

9 Statute Update (Smaller Government) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).
(Bill exempted on 7 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

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

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

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

13 Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To His Excellency the Governor-General

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), in continuation, 13 September 2016).
24 Budget statement and documents 2017-18
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—
That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (11 May 2017).

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Notices of Motion

Notice given 16 October 2017

*512 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to prohibit Commonwealth support for coal-fired power stations, and for related purposes. Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017.

*514 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) over one million Australian tertiary students are forced to pay up to $294 per year as a Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF),
      (ii) students at the moment have very little say in how the SSAF monies are spent by their universities and student associations, and
      (iii) SSAF is levied regardless of students’ need, willingness and ability to access the services and activities they are paying for; and
   (b) calls on the Government to amend the Higher Education Support Act 2003 so that the SSAF can only be levied with the support of the majority of students at each university campus in a mandatory ballot conducted once an academic year.

*515 Senators Di Natale and Singh: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was launched in Melbourne in 2007, and is now made up of more than 450 civil society organisations in more than 100 countries;
   (b) welcomes ICAN’s work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, and its efforts to achieve the prohibition of such weapons; and
   (c) congratulates ICAN on winning the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.

*516 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes with concern that the current wildfires in California are the deadliest and most destructive cluster of fires in California’s history;
   (b) expresses sympathy for the loved ones of the more than 40 people who have died, and for the thousands who have lost their properties;
   (c) notes that extreme weather events, such as these fires, will become more frequent and more extreme as the climate changes;
(d) further notes that in Australia, in 2009, 173 people died as a result of the Black Saturday bushfires and 980 people died in the lead-up to those fires; and

(c) rejects claims by former Prime Minister, Mr Tony Abbott, that climate change is “probably doing good; or at least, more good than harm”, and confirms that climate change will result in an increase worldwide in deaths from heat stress, malnutrition and extreme weather events.

*517 Senator Griff: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Garvan Institute for Medical Research (the Garvan Institute) is conducting ground-breaking work on cancer, including cancer genomics, which is proving an important approach for rare and high mortality cancers,

(ii) the Garvan Institute has limited access to supercomputers to process big data for precision cancer research, and so has teamed up with the Vodafone Foundation to create a new app, DreamLab, to help it overcome this obstacle,

(iii) the DreamLab app pulls together the processing power of users’ smartphones at night and other times the phones sit idle to give Garvan free access to a supercomputer resource,

(iv) the DreamLab app has been available on Android phones since launching last year and, on 23 October 2017, the app will also be available on iPhone,

(v) so far, more than 100,000 Australians have downloaded the application on Android phones, which the Garvan Institute says has helped it fast-track the rate of its cancer research by 50 per cent, and

(vi) the Garvan Institute hopes to encourage 1 million people to download the app, to help it fast track important cancer research; and

(b) calls on all senators to download the DreamLab app on 23 October 2017 and do their part to help propel the Garvan Institute’s cancer research capabilities.

*518 Senator Griff: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that this week is Bone and Joint Awareness Week, and today, 17 October 2017, is World Orthopaedic Trauma Day,

(ii) that Australians who suffer orthopaedic trauma have access to excellent emergency care (ambulance and paramedic services) which positively impacts the outcomes they experience, however, some experience fragmented ongoing care,

(iii) the primary role played by the Australian Orthopaedic Association (the Association) and its fellows in providing Australians with excellent orthopaedic fracture care,

(iv) the important role of the Association’s Orthopaedic Outreach in assisting our Pacific Island neighbours with developing fracture care and improving outcomes, especially in the wake of orthopaedic trauma,
(v) that Orthopaedic Outreach is entirely funded by donations and by pro bono care provided by fellows of the Association, but this only funds a limited service, requiring the Association to seek external funding in order to grow this successful program,

(vi) that the Federal Government provides some funding towards the Pacific Islands Project (PIP) administered by the Royal Australian College of Surgeons for surgical care delivery, and

(vii) the pivotal role of the Pacific Islands Orthopaedic Association in developing an innovative program to train doctors in orthopaedic fracture care in the major Pacific Island countries, including Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Solomons, Samoa, Vanuatu, Kiribati, American Samoa and Micronesia; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) work with state governments to ensure that Australia continues to develop integrated trauma services dedicated to providing Australians with high quality ongoing trauma care from accident site to rehabilitation,

(ii) work with state governments and the Australian orthopaedic community to reduce public hospital waiting times so as to ensure equitable and timely access for all Australians to life-changing surgical technology for artificial joint replacement for severe arthritis,

(iii) prioritise funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to the Pacific Islands Project and consider providing funding to Orthopaedic Outreach and the Pacific Islands Orthopaedic Association towards training for trauma care in the Pacific Islands, and

(iv) assist Pacific Island countries in the development of specialty health networks similar to the model developed by the Pacific Islands Orthopaedic Association.

Notice of motion altered on 16 October 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

*519 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the United States of America’s Department of State has informed the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Director-General of the United States’ intention to withdraw from that organisation on 31 December 2018 due to its continuing anti-Israel bias, and

(ii) Australia is also a friend of Israel, as well as a close ally of the United States; and

(b) calls upon the Government to consider Australia’s membership of UNESCO.

*520 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that this week is Anti-Poverty Week 2017;

(b) recognises that more than three million Australians are living in poverty and hardship;

(c) acknowledges that one in six children are living in poverty and almost half of all children living in poverty are in single parent households;
(d) notes that the main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to encourage research, discussion and action to address poverty and hardship; and

(e) calls on the Government to commit to reducing poverty by at least 50 per cent by 2030, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Government has proposed cutting public subsidies to the higher education enabling programs and introducing fees for these students for the first time,

(ii) from 2011 to 2015, the University of Newcastle had the highest number of students in enabling programs, and

(iii) enabling programs are essential for the University of Newcastle and many other universities to meet the needs of their diverse communities; and

(b) calls on the Government to abandon plans to cut public subsidies and introduce fees for students in the enabling programs.

Notice of motion altered on 16 October 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

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

(1) Notes:

(a) the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) government’s approval of a trial of pill testing at the Spilt Milk music festival at Commonwealth Park, Canberra on 25 November 2017;

(b) that the ACT Shadow Attorney-General (Mr Hanson) wrote to the Minister for Local Government and Territories and the Minister for Health (Senator Nash) about the Federal Government’s ‘anti-drug campaign’ highlighting that the Minister can give the National Capital Authority ‘general directions as to the performance of its functions; and

(c) that the pill testing trial at Spilt Milk was subsequently postponed due to requirements for further documentation in untenable timeframes by the National Capital Authority.

(2) Orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Local Government and Territories, by no later than 6 pm on 19 October 2017:

(a) any response from a government Minister to the correspondence from the ACT Shadow Attorney-General; and

(b) any documents relating to the pill testing trial at the Spilt Milk festival in the Australian Capital Territory to the National Capital Authority from the Minister for Regional Development, the Attorney-General, the Minister for Health or any other government source in September or October 2017.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (18 October 2017)
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

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

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

By 18 October 2017

Order of the Senate

That, if by 18 October 2017, the government business order of the day relating to the consideration of the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017, has not been finally considered, the order of the day shall be discharged from the Notice Paper.

(Agreed to 13 September 2017)

On 19 October 2017

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 6 September 2017

466 Senator Singh: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that, on 30 August 2017, an agreement regarding the legal status of maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea was concluded between Australia and Timor-Leste;
   (b) acknowledges that this agreement was reached as a result of Timor-Leste’s invocation of the compulsory conciliation procedures in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);
   (c) further acknowledges:
      (i) the significance of Australia’s ongoing relationship with Timor-Leste,
      (ii) the capacity for that relationship to contribute positively to regional prosperity and stability, and
      (iii) the potential for this agreement to resolve more than 40 years of tension and uncertainty between Australia and Timor-Leste, serving as a catalyst for a new era of collaboration and cooperation;
   (d) recognises and affirms:
      (i) the importance of a rules-based international order to the maintenance of international peace and security,
the capacity for instruments, such as UNCLOS, to contribute to the preservation of that order, by facilitating peaceful resolutions to disputes between states, and

(iii) the necessity of cooperative state engagement with the procedures of international law to that law’s successful operation; and

c) calls upon the Government to adhere to and implement in good faith the terms of this agreement.

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

(a) notes that Australia has the largest per capita immigration program in the world; and

(b) calls on the Government to address the extremely high, unsustainable immigration intake, including from both permanent and temporary residency visas, that:

(i) impacts on local, state and Federal Government delivery and planning for the supply of water, power and gas, and the protection of arable land for food production,

(ii) overburdens infrastructure, including roads and transport, telecommunications, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, sewerage, government welfare and services, and

(iii) has put a strain on available residential land, affordable housing, standard of living and employment prospects, including under-employment.

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

*65 Medicinal Cannabis Legislation Amendment (Securing Patient Access) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Di Natale)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 12 September 2017).

*48 Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Waters)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator O’Sullivan, in continuation, 15 June 2017).

On 23 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017 and the Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 2) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2017).

On 31 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on asbestos.

On 8 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Government Business—Order of the Day

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

On 13 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the future of rugby union in Australia.

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Impersonating a Commonwealth Body) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Four sitting days after today (14 November 2017)
Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 August 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Legal Services Directions 2017, made under the Judiciary Act 1903, be disallowed [F2017L00369].

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

On 14 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the 1800RESPECT Domestic and Sexual Violence National Counselling Service.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 June 2017

371 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that the Select Committee on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill tabled its report on 15 February 2017; and
   (b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, by no later than 9.30 am on 16 November 2017, a statement outlining the Government’s intentions in relation to the findings of the report.

Notice of motion altered on 20 June, 21 June, 6 September and 11 September 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

On 15 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Procedure—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on a proposal for a Parliamentary Code for Respecting Cultural Diversity.

2 Procedure—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on a proposal to amend standing order 193.

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

Six sitting days after today (16 November 2017)
Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 4 September 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Inspector of Transport Security Regulations 2017, made under the Inspector of Transport Security Act 2006, be disallowed [F2017L00510].

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

On 23 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 27 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 28 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the law of contempt.

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

On 29 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the waste and recycling industry in Australia.

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

5 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on cyberbullying.

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

**On 30 November 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

**On 1 December 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

3 **Red Tape—Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.

**On 4 December 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.

**On 5 December 2017**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia.

2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
Report to be presented on the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin.

On 6 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulation of remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.

Fourteen sitting days after today (7 December 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 October 2017

*1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2017 (No. 6), made under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007, be disallowed [F2017L00894].

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

On 7 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

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

5 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

6 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.
On 14 February 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the
countries of Africa.

On 18 February 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on aged care assessment and accreditation.

On the second sitting Tuesday in 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Privileges—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on the implications for the use of intrusive powers by law
   enforcement and intelligence agencies on the privileges and immunities of
   members of Parliament.

On the second sitting Tuesday in February 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage.

On the first sitting day in March 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Airports Amendment Bill 2016.
   (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the second last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects.

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.
On 30 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On the final sitting day of November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Airports Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date (final): first sitting day in March 2018)

Criminal Code Amendment (Impersonating a Commonwealth Body) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 September 2017; reporting date: 13 November 2017)

Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 September 2017; reporting date: 14 November 2017)

Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 17 October 2017)

National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 June 2017; reporting date: 8 November 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 13 November 2017)
Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 14 September 2017; reporting date: 23 October 2017)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 2) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 14 September 2017; reporting date: 23 October 2017)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Consumers First—Establishment of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 14 September 2017; reporting date: 17 October 2017)

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

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BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

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

Private senators’ bills

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment (Make Electricity GST Free) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 7 September 2017.

Lands Acquisition Amendment (Public Purpose) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 September 2017.

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

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 163 to 171, 315, 341, 346 to 350, 358 to 368, 428, 429, 442, 443, 446, 473, 482, 493, 494, 498, 502, 503, 506, 514, 518, 524, 525, 529 to 531, 533 to 537, 540, 542 to 548, 555 to 560, 563, 565, 570 to 575.

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 565 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Allocation of departments/agencies

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

Community Affairs
  Health
  Social Services, including Human Services

Economics
  Industry, Innovation and Science
  Treasury

Education and Employment
  Education and Training
  Employment

Environment and Communications
  Communications and the Arts
  Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
  Finance
  Parliament
  Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  Attorney-General
  Immigration and Border Protection
Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017—Consideration of legislation

That, if by 18 October 2017, the government business order of the day relating to the consideration of the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017, has not been finally considered, the order of the day shall be discharged from the Notice Paper.

(Agreed to 13 September 2017)

Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates

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

**2016-17 additional estimates:**

Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)

Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B).

**2017-18 Budget estimates:**

Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)

Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)

Monday, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)

Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

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

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

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

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**

Environment and Communications
Finance and Public Administration
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Group B:

Community Affairs
Economics
Education and Employment
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(5) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
(a) Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates; and
(b) Tuesday, 20 June 2017 in respect of the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016; varied 8 February 2017; varied 29 March 2017 in respect of paragraph (2A))

Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice

That:
(a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and
(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

First speech—Senator Brockman

That consideration of the business before the Senate on Tuesday, 17 October 2017, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Brockman to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

(Agreed to 5 September 2017)

Meeting of Senate—2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*(Agreed to 8 November 2016)*

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**Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Ludlam**

Pursuant to section 376 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Ludlam was returned;

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

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

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

*(Agreed to 8 August 2017)*

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**Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Ms Waters**

Pursuant to section 376 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Waters was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

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

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

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

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

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Matthew Canavan was returned;

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

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

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

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

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

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of New South Wales in the Senate for the place for which Senator Fiona Nash was returned;

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

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

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

(Agreed to 4 September 2017)
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Roberts
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Roberts was returned;

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

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

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

(Agreed to 9 August 2017)
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Xenophon

Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Nick Xenophon was returned;

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

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

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

(Agreed to 4 September 2017)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

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

2 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)

Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)

Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)

Senator Bernardi

Senator Lambie

Senator Leyonhjelm

Senator Xenophon

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

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

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

Limitation of time

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

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

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

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

Matters of urgency

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

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

Order of business

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
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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 order of business on the Notice Paper.

Senator Lambie

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

Questions without notice

14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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Senator Xenophon

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

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

Tabling of documents

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

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

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

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

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

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### Key
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- B = Budget
- S = Senate sitting week only
- † = Additional estimates
- ‡ = Budget estimates
- ± = Supplementary Budget estimates
- Ø = Cross portfolio estimates