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Temporary Chairs of Committees
Senators Back, Bernardi, Gallacher, Ketter, Marshall, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Sterle and Whish-Wilson

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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.

**Business listed for today**
- **Matters of privilege**
  - Proposed references to the Privileges Committee
- **Business of the Senate**
  - Disallowance motions
  - References to standing committees
  - Committee reports to be presented
- **Government business**
  - Initiated by ministers
    - Government bills
    - Proposed changes to the order of business
- **General business**
  - Initiated by senators who are not ministers
    - Notices of motion
    - Continued debate on previous motions

**Available for debate on Thursdays**
- **Private senators’ business**
- **Documents**
- **Committee reports and government responses**
- **Auditor-General’s reports**

**Business listed for future consideration**
Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered at a specific time in the future. For example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date. Dates on which ministers have been ordered to produce documents are included here.
Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, will be placed at the end of the section.

**Other information**
- **Questions on notice**
  - Numbers of all unanswered questions on notice
- **Orders of the Senate**
  - An action the Senate requires to take place
    - New or amendments of standing orders
    - Temporary orders of the Senate
- **Contingent notices**
  - Motions to suspend standing orders that can be called upon when a specific event occurs
- **Ministerial representation**
  - Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent
BUSINESS LISTED FOR TODAY

GENERAL BUSINESS—CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS

Orders of the Day

38 Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Preliminary Assessment Process) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Burston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Burston, in continuation, 7 February 2017).

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 15 February 2017

*1 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests for inquiry and report by 23 March 2017:
Whether the form of the register should be amended to include a declaration from senators as to whether they either:
(a) spend the money allocated to them known as an electorate allowance on their electorate and their electorate responsibilities, or
(b) take the money allocated to them known as an electorate allowance as a wage.

*2 Senator Ludlam: To move—That—
(a) the Senate notes the failure to comply with the Senate orders for the production of documents agreed to on 13 and 14 February 2017, relating to the Perth Freight Link;
(b) in order to investigate the subject of the Senate orders, the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for hearing on or before 24 February 2017, and reporting on or before 6 March 2017 - The continuation of construction of the Perth Freight Link in the face of significant environmental breaches;
(c) it be an instruction to the committee that it hold at least one hearing in Perth; and
(d) the following witnesses be invited and answer questions:
   (i) Department of the Environment and Energy compliance and environmental standards officers,
   (ii) the Minister for the Environment and Energy, Mr Josh Frydenberg,
   (iii) Federal Legal Counsel to the Minister and the Department,
   (iv) the Western Australian Minister for Environment, Mr Albert Jacob,
(v) the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority, in particular, senior compliance managers Mr Ian Munro and Mr Paul Zahara,
(vi) the proponent, Main Roads Western Australia,
(vii) Leightons contractors,
(viii) subcontractors completing the surveying work, fencing and trapping,
(ix) witnesses who have directly documented breaches with federal approval conditions, and reported these to the minister, and
(x) other witnesses as determined by the Environment and Communications References Committee.

Notice of motion altered on 15 February 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

*3 Senators O'Sullivan, Rice, Bernardi, Hanson, Hinch and Leyonhjelm: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2017:

The biosecurity risks associated with imports of seafood and seafood products, including, but not limited to, uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat into Australia, with particular reference to:

(a) the management of the emergency response measures implemented to control the outbreak of White Spot Syndrome Virus in the Logan and Albert river areas;
(b) the effectiveness of biosecurity controls imposed on the importation of seafood and seafood products, including, but not limited to, uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat into Australia, including the import risk analysis process concluded in 2009 that led to these conditions being established;
(c) the effectiveness of post-entry surveillance measures and ‘end use’ import conditions for seafood and seafood products, including, but not limited to, uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat into Australia, since the import conditions implemented in 2010 were put in place;
(d) the impact of the outbreak on the Australian prawn industry;
(e) domestic and foreign trade implications for Australian industries resulting from the suspension of importation of seafood and seafood products, including, but not limited to, uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat into Australia;
(f) the matters to be satisfied in the management of biosecurity risk before imports of seafood and seafood products, including, but not limited to, uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat into Australia, could recommence; and
(g) any related matters.

*4 Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report:

The biosecurity risks associated with imports of seafood and seafood products, including, but not limited to, uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat into Australia, with particular reference to:

(a) the management of White Spot virus in Australia;
(b) the impact of the outbreak on Australia’s wild and farm prawn sectors;
(c) the economic impact on Australian wholesalers and retailers;
(d) the adequacy and timeliness of the Commonwealth’s response;
(e) the adequacy of Commonwealth resourcing of biosecurity measures,
   including Import Risk Assessments; and
(f) any related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Competition and Consumer
   Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection
   of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment
   (International Crime Cooperation and Other Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred
   pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

*1 Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Minister for
Finance, Senator Cormann)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 February 2017).
   (Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8)
   of standing order 111)

*2 Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Bill 2017
   Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (Consequential
   Amendments) Bill 2017—(Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 February 2017).
   (Bills exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8)
   of standing order 111)

*3 Treasury Laws Amendment (Bourke Street Fund) Bill 2017—(Minister for
Finance, Senator Cormann)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 February 2017).
   (Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8)
   of standing order 111)

4 Transport Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Special Minister of
State, Senator Ryan)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Sterle, in continuation,
   14 February 2017).
   (Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8)
   of standing order 111)
5 Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2017).

6 Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2016—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

7 Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016—
(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)
(Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

8 Treasury Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).
(Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

9 Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).
(Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

10 Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).
(Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

11 Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).
(Bill exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

12 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

13 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).
(Bills exempted on 14 February 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

14 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—
(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).
15 Migration Amendment (Visa Revalidation and Other Measures) Bill 2016—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

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

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 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire) Bill 2016
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath)—That this bill be now read a second time.

And on the amendment moved by Senator Cameron—At the end of the motion, add “but that further consideration of this bill be made an order of the day for the first sitting day after the Government has tabled a statement outlining how it intends to ensure that, under Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire:

(a) jobs will not be displaced by cheaper labour;
(b) wages will not be undercut and participants will not be paid below minimum award wages;
(c) participants’ safety will not be compromised and adequate insurance arrangements will be provided; and
(d) small to medium enterprises will be prioritised in ‘Prepare, Trial, Hire’ as they have a demonstrated track record of employing more job seekers through their jobactive program” (13 February 2017).

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

20 Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 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).

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GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Notices of Motion

Notice given 15 February 2017

*224 Senators McKenzie, Williams and O’Sullivan: To move—That the Senate notes that:

(a) over many years, state and federal governments and local communities have seen the benefits of decentralisation through the relocation of government agencies to rural and regional areas;

(b) the New South Wales Nationals in government relocated the Department of Agriculture to Orange in 1992;

(c) the New South Wales Labor Government moved at least seven agencies from Sydney to a regional centre between 2000 and 2005;

(d) during that time the-then New South Wales Premier Mr Bob Carr confirmed Labor was committed to relocating government jobs to rural and regional areas;

(e) the Victorian Labor Government relocated the Transport Accident Commission to Geelong in 2009, and has commenced relocating Worksafe Victoria to Geelong;

(f) the Keating Labor Government moved the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to Traralgon in the early 1990s;

(g) unlike its state and federal counterparts in previous years, the current Federal Labor Opposition does not show any interest in supporting the regions;

(h) the Australian Government is in the process of relocating several agencies, many to rural and regional areas, including:

(i) the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority to Armidale,

(ii) the Grains Research and Development Corporation to Toowoomba, Dubbo, Perth and Adelaide,
(iii) the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation to Wagga Wagga, and
(iv) the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation to Adelaide;
(i) planning is underway for new regional offices of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority across New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia; and
(j) the movement of agricultural agencies to locations will result in unprecedented engagement with farmers, growers, scientists, research experts, business and the community in general.

*225 Senator Gallagher: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to the costs of actions taken by persons who suffer loss or damage as a result of breaches of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, and for related purposes. Competition and Consumer Legislation Amendment (Small Business Access to Justice) Bill 2017.

*226 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) senators are paid an annual allowance of $32,000, known as an electorate allowance, and
   (ii) the purpose of this allowance is to cover expenses incurred by a senator in discharging their electoral responsibilities;
   (b) calls on all senators to commit to spending their electorate allowance on their electorate and their electorate responsibilities, rather than using it to top up their already generous salary.

*227 Senator Watt: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes the essential role of social security payments in the budgets of many struggling Australians and Australian families;
(b) notes the likely unfair impact on individual and family budgets of the Government’s proposed cuts, including to Family Tax Benefits, Paid Parental Leave, Newstart, the Energy Supplement, the Pensioner Education Supplement and the Education Entry Payment, and to pensions of certain migrant pensioners;
(c) opposes the Government’s proposed cuts, due to their unfair impact on individual and family budgets; and
(d) calls on the Government to scrap its proposed $50 billion tax cut for banks and other multinational companies, instead of making these harsh and unfair cuts to individual and family budgets.

*228 Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—
(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Lending to Primary Production Customers, be established to inquire into and report on the regulation and practices of financial institutions in relation to primary production industries, including agriculture, fisheries and forestry, with particular reference to:
   (a) the lending, and foreclosure and default practices, including constructive and non-monetary default processes;
(b) the roles of other service providers to, and agents of, financial institutions, including valuers and insolvency practitioners, and the impact of these services;

(c) the appropriateness of internal complaints handling and dispute management procedures within financial institutions; and

(d) the appropriateness of loan contract terms particular to the primary production industries, including loan-to-value ratios and provision of reasonable written notice.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 18 October 2017.

(3) That the committee consist of seven senators:

(a) three nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;

(b) two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;

(c) one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and

(d) one nominated by the Leader of the Pauline Hanson’s One Nation.

(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) That the presence of a quorum for the committee and any subcommittee be determined in accordance with the provisions of standing order 29.

(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 Pauline Hanson’s One Nation and as deputy chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Government 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, 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 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.

(11) 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.
(12) 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.

*229 Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the deeply concerning United Nations report, released on 3 February 2017, documenting atrocities against the Rohingya people in Myanmar, based on interviews with Rohingya refugees fleeing their home country,

(ii) that the Australian Government has a history of diplomatic and political influence in the region, and is therefore well-placed to play a role in resolving this escalating crisis, and

(iii) that the Australian community is becoming more and more concerned about the human rights situation in Myanmar; and

(b) invites the Australian Government to consider:

(i) calling on the Government of Myanmar to assert religious and ethnic equality of all people in Myanmar, including the persecuted Rohingya people in Rakhine State, and

(ii) calling for a United Nations Commission of Inquiry into human rights abuses in Myanmar.

*230 Senator Watt: To move—That the Senate—

(a) requires that at its examination of the 2016-17 additional estimates on 2 March 2017, the Community Affairs Legislation Committee examine the Department of Human Services (Whole of Department - Corporate Matters and Outcome 1) prior to commencing any examination of the Department of Social Services; and

(b) notes that this requirement may be altered by unanimous agreement of voting members of the committee.

*231 Senators Lambie and Pratt: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) pursuant to a decision of the 2016-17 Federal Budget, the Department of Social Services is currently undertaking a redesign of the Strengthening Communities Grants, to be known as the Strong and Resilient Communities Grants from 1 January 2018,

(ii) the Strengthening Communities Grants currently provide around $18 million per year to projects which address disadvantage and build opportunity in communities around Australia,

(iii) under the current Grants program, there is a specific funding stream for volunteer management programs, which in 2017 will fund volunteer support services in local communities to a total of around $7.4 million,

(iv) the Department of Social Services has proposed that this volunteer management stream of grants funding will be abolished from 1 January 2018, meaning volunteer support services will be forced to compete with other worthwhile community services and removing any guarantee that they will be funded at all,
(v) this is the latest reduction in funding allocated to volunteer management since the decision was made to transfer responsibility for volunteering from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Social Services in 2014, a move which volunteering peak bodies and representatives opposed,

(vi) the national peak body for volunteering, Volunteering Australia, states that this move will “rip the heart out of local volunteer support services”, organisations which play an important role in Australian communities by leading, enabling and building capacity to recruit and retain volunteers in a wide variety of organisations and services, from the human services and the arts to environmental, animal welfare and sporting groups,

(vii) approximately 5.8 million Australians, or 31 per cent of the population, volunteer, with Dr Lisel O’Dwyer of Flinders University estimating their annual contribution to Australia as $290 billion,

(viii) volunteering plays an important role in delivering the priorities of the Government, with volunteers contributing many thousands of hours per year to the aged care workforce, the disability services, schools and hospitals, art galleries, libraries and sporting clubs, and with volunteering often acting as a driver in bolstering economic participation, mitigating isolation and loneliness and increasing social inclusion and participation,

(ix) while volunteering is defined as “time willingly given, for the common good and without financial gain”, it does not happen free, and requires the investment of resources in volunteer support services in order to maintain a professional, responsive and efficient volunteer workforce,

(x) the withdrawal of funding to volunteer management services will threaten the viability of the thousands of volunteering organisations and will have a huge impact on the community; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) congratulate community-based volunteer support services for the work that they do to support strong, healthy and resilient Australian communities through an effective and professional volunteer workforce, and

(ii) recognise the importance of funding volunteer management services and Volunteering Australia’s campaign to retain funding for volunteer management as part of the Federal Budget.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) dumping of imported goods on Australian shores puts the future of sustainable Australian manufacturing and agricultural production at risk,

(ii) dumping of imported goods on Australian shores is harmful to Australian jobs throughout the entire supply chain and future economic diversity of the nation,

(iii) the complexity and cost of Australia’s anti-dumping system remains prohibitive to small and medium-sized manufacturers, especially at
a time when Australian businesses are already suffering economic loss caused by dumped imports, and

(iv) exporters and importers of dumped goods continue to circumvent anti-dumping measures causing Australian manufacturers further harm, placing further Australian jobs at risk and defrauding the Commonwealth of revenue; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) urgently introduce administrative reform to the Australian anti-dumping system to increase the effectiveness of the system with immediate focus on small and medium-sized businesses,

(ii) immediately establish a joint taskforce between the Anti-Dumping Commission and the Australian Border Force to address the problem of circumvention of anti-dumping measures, and

(iii) where countervailing measures are not successful, pursue illegal subsidy programs through the WTO disputes settlements process, and join as third-parties such disputes instituted by other member states.

DOCUMENTS

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 Australian Hearing—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (10 October 2016).

2 NBN Group—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (10 October 2016).

3 Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

4 Department of Communications and the Arts—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

5 Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate (Fair Work Building and Construction)—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

6 Department of Social Services—Report for 2015-16
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

7 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)—Report for 2015-16, including report of the Australian Energy Regulator (AER)
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).
8 Clean Energy Regulator—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

9 Department of Health—Report for 2015-16, including the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee report on processes, financial statements for the Australian National Preventive Health Agency, and the report of the Australian Digital Health Agency
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

10 Department of Human Services—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

11 Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

12 Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

13 Central Land Council—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

14 Department of Finance—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

15 Climate Change Authority—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the documents (7 November 2016).

16 Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

17 Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

18 National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency (National Disability Insurance Agency)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).

19 Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—that the Senate take note of the document (7 November 2016).
20 Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dodson—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

21 Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

22 Outback Stores Pty Ltd—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

23 Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (21 November 2016).

24 National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 9 February 2017).

25 Workplace Gender Equality Agency—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the document (30 November 2016).

26 Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report no. 73—Frances Well Land Claim no. 64
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (7 February 2017).

27 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Social Justice and Native Title—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Urquhart, in continuation, 7 February 2017).

28 Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2015-16
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (7 February 2017).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (7 February 2017).

30 Primary industries—Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Relocation—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) responding to the order of the Senate of 29 November 2016, and attachment
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the documents (7 February 2017).
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 13 February 2017).

32 Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Report of case study no. 32—The response of Geelong Grammar School to allegations of child sexual abuse of former students
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 14 February 2017).

33 Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918—Redistribution into electoral divisions—Northern Territory—Report, together with composite map and compact disc of supporting information
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 14 February 2017).

34 Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Report of case study no. 34—The response of Brisbane Grammar School and St Paul’s School to allegations of child sexual abuse
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 15 February 2017).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—167th report—Nuclear Cooperation—Ukraine; Extradition—China
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 9 February 2017).

2 Wind Turbines—Select Committee—Report—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Smith—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Leyonhjelm, in continuation, 9 February 2017).

3 Economics References Committee—Report—Australia’s innovation system—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

4 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Extent of income inequality in Australia—Bridging our growing divide: inequality in Australia—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).
5 Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s steel industry—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

6 Economics References Committee—2016 Census: issues of trust—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bilyk—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

7 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Delivery and effectiveness of Australia’s bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion)—That the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

8 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

9 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Bicycle helmet laws (term of reference d)—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

10 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Sale and use of marijuana and associated products (term of reference c)—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

11 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Western Sydney Wanderers supporters (term of reference f)—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

12 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—The classification of publications, films and computer games (term of reference e)—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

13 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—The sale and use of tobacco, tobacco products, nicotine products and e-cigarettes (term of reference a)—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

14 Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Sale and service of alcohol (term of reference b)—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).
Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Palliative care in Australia—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate take note of the report (9 February 2017).

AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS

Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General’s reports

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Offshore processing centres in Nauru and Papua New Guinea – Contract management of garrison support and welfare services: Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Indigenous Advancement Strategy: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (9 February 2017).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2016-17—Performance audit—Australian Taxation Office’s implementation of audit recommendations: Australian Taxation Office
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Dastyari—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Dastyari, in continuation, 13 February 2017).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2016-17—Performance audit—The approval and administration of Commonwealth funding for the WestConnex project: Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development; Infrastructure Australia
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McAllister—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator McAllister, in continuation, 14 February 2017).
ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—EXPLANATION

216 Unanswered questions on notice—Responses to orders for the production of documents—Order for production of documents

By the Leader of the Government in the Senate, by no later than 9.30 am on 16 February 2017, answers to questions on notice, answers to estimates questions on notice and responses to orders for the production of documents. (Motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) agreed to 14 February 2017.)

That the Senate—

(a) notes the failure of the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis) to:

(i) provide answers to questions on notice numbers 67, 69, 70, 126, 127, 129, 138, 152, 158, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 242, 272, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 306, 309, 310, 312, 313 and 324 within 30 days of the asking of those questions, and that answers to these questions are still outstanding;

(ii) provide answers to questions on notice from legislation committees following the 2016-2017 supplementary Budget estimates hearings by the date set by the committees for the provision of answers, and

(iii) provide a response to the order for the production of documents agreed to by the Senate on 30 November 2016 relating to the Bell Group liquidation;

(b) calls on the Leader of the Government in the Senate to provide the answers to outstanding questions on notice and respond to the order for the production of documents to the Senate by 9.30 am on 16 February 2017;

(c) requires the Leader of the Government in the Senate to attend the Senate at 9.30 am on 16 February 2017 so that, prior to government business being called on, any senator may ask for an explanation for the failure to provide answers and responses in accordance with the timelines established by the Senate; and

(d) resolves that:

(i) in the event that the Leader of the Government in the Senate provides an explanation, any senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice—That the Senate take note of the explanation, or

(ii) in the event that the Leader of the Government in the Senate does not provide an explanation, any senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the Leader of the Government in the Senate’s failure to provide an explanation, and

(iii) any motion to take note under paragraphs (d) (i) or (ii) have precedence over all other government business until determined.
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 20 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Digital Readiness and Other Measures) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 28 February 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the penalties for white collar crime or misconduct.

On the next day of sitting (20 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 November 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Class of Persons Defined as Fast Track Applicants 2016/049, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2016L00679].
   Two sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Industry, Innovation and Science Measures No. 2) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L00672].
   Two sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 16 February 2017
(Notice given 15 February 2017)

Notice given 30 November 2016

3 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—that the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2017:
   The tax and royalties collected from the extraction and sale of Australia’s oil and gas resources, with particular reference to:
   (a) the adequacy and integrity of the existing Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) and Commonwealth royalty regime;
   (b) compliance with the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;
(c) responsibilities and effectiveness of state and Federal Government departments in administering the existing PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime;

(d) the suitability of the PRRT and Commonwealth royalty regime in the modern global economy;

(e) the comparison of tax and royalty regimes with other oil and gas producing countries that export to the Asia-Pacific region;

(f) principles for modification of the PRRT as it applies to gas;

(g) principles for an extended Commonwealth royalty regime covering offshore oil and gas projects in Commonwealth waters; and

(h) any other related matters.

Notice given 13 February 2017

4 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That paragraph 23(b) of the Superannuation (prudential standard) determination No. 1 of 2016 - Prudential Standard SPS 510 - Governance, made under the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993, be disallowed [F2016L01707].

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

5 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That paragraphs 23(b) and 23(g) of the Superannuation (prudential standard) determination No. 1 of 2016 – Prudential Standard SPS 510 – Governance, made under the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993, be disallowed [F2016L01707].

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 16 February 2017 (Notice given 15 February 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on the ADF’s resistance to interrogation training.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Defence Force) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Fisheries Legislation Amendment ( Representation) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 February 2017).
On 21 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1. **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the Bell Group litigation.

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

On 22 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 15 February 2017*

**Senators Kakoschke-Moore and Lambie:** To move—that the Family Law (Superannuation) (Provision of Information - Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme) Amendment Determination 2016, made under the *Family Law Act 1975*, be disallowed [F2016L01759].

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

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1. **Economics References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the non-payment of the Superannuation Guarantee.

2. **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**
   Final report to be presented on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the tenth sitting day of 2017 (22 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1. **Legislation Committees**
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2016.

On 23 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 13 February 2017*

1. **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale):** To move—that items 1 and 4 of Schedule 1 of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Narcotic Drugs) Regulation 2016, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. and made under the *Crimes Act 1914* and the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, be disallowed [F2016L01652].

*Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the operation of the Administrative Arrangements Order.

   On 24 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

   On 27 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

   On 28 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2016-17 additional estimates.
2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   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 in March 2017 (29 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight.

   On 29 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Final report to be presented on closures of electricity generators.
2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
Eight sitting days after today (30 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 1 December 2016

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Army and Air Force (Canteen) Regulation 2016, made under the Defence Act 1903, be disallowed [F2016L01455].

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 16 February 2017 (Notice given 15 February 2017)

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Agriculture and Water Resources Measures No. 3) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01576].

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

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education and Training Measures No. 4) Regulation 2016, made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997, be disallowed [F2016L01583].

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 16 February 2017 (Notice given 15 February 2017)

On 30 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on price regulation associated with the Prostheses List Framework.

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

4 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Australian dairy industry.
On the last sitting day in March 2017 (30 March 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Nauru and Manus Island regional processing centres.

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

3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 31 March 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 27 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and associated systems.

On 28 April 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

On 9 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016.
On 10 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the complaints process under the Health Practitioners Regulation National Law.

2 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the matters raised by New South Wales Police Strike Force CIVET.

3 **Community Affairs References Committee**

On 11 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**
   Report to be presented on the management of credit and other transaction cards by the Department of Defence.

2 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**
   Report to be presented on gender segregation in the workplace.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 November 2016

127 **Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch):** To move—That the Senate notes the wide ranging problems with Australia’s justice system, including access to justice.

On 25 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 31 May 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Government Procurement—Joint Select Committee**
   Report to be presented.
On 13 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 20 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

On 22 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on home, strata and car insurance industries.

On 30 June 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.

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

3 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the implications of financial advice reforms.

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

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

General Business—Order of the Day

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

On 19 July 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the use of Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia.
On 7 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 14 August 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.

2 Strengthening Multiculturalism—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
   *(select committee to be established on 27 March 2017)*

On 15 August 2017

General Business—Order of the Day

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

On 23 August 2017

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 tenth sitting day after 30 June 2017 (6 September 2017)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2017.

On 13 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020.
On 30 September 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on corporate tax avoidance.

On 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.

On 28 November 2017
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates—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 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.

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: 28 March 2017)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 15 September 2016; reporting date (final): 22 March 2017)

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 16 February 2017)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (International Crime Cooperation and Other Measures) Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 December 2016; reporting date: 16 February 2017)

Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 13 October 2016; reporting date: the last sitting day in March 2017)

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 1 September 2016; reporting date: 29 March 2017)

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Defence Force) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 20 March 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 20 March 2017)

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016 [provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date: 27 March 2017)
Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Digital Readiness and Other Measures)
Bill 2016‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred
1 December 2016; reporting date: 20 February 2017)
‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills
Committee

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Nos 158, 163 to 171, 215 to 217, 242, 247, 255, 269, 304, 306, 308, 315, 323, 324, 334,
338, 339, 341 to 343 and 345 to 373.

Question nos, as shown above, from 158 to 343 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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Administration—Former ministers—Meetings—Order for production of
documents
That—
(1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each
Commonwealth Department or Agency administered by that minister, or by
a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by
not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates,
supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings, a
statement in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this order:
A statement, covering the period since the previous statement was tabled, in
respect of each former minister, listing:
(a) all meetings, including teleconferences, at which lobbying, advocacy or the consideration of business took place, including date, location and duration, between current ministers, secretaries or deputy secretaries (or equivalent), of any Commonwealth Department or Agency and former ministers;

(b) how many people attended or participated and the capacities in which people attended or participated; and

(c) what topics were considered at each of the meetings.

(2) This order has immediate effect with the first statement for 2016-17 additional estimates covering all meetings from the date of commencement of this order to 7 days prior to additional estimates.

(3) In this order:

(a) “Commonwealth Department or Agency” means a Commonwealth entity, other than the Parliamentary Departments and the Office of the Official Secretary of the Governor-General, within the meaning of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013;

(b) “former minister” means a person who is no longer a member of the Australian Parliament and who has been a minister in the 18 months prior to the estimates hearing at which the statement is due.

(4) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement 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 23 November 2016)

Allocation of departments/agencies

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

Community Affairs
Health
Social Services, including Human Services

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
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.

(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)

Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice
That:
   (a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and
   (b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.
(Agreed to 30 August 2016)

Exemption of bills from cut-off order
That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:
   Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
   Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Amendment Bill 2017
   Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
   Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2016
   Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016
   Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Bill 2017
   Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017
   Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
   Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2016
   Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016
   Transport Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
   Treasury Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Bourke Street Fund) Bill 2017.
(Agreed to 14 February 2017)

Indigenous Australians—Closing the Gap
(1) That the Senate—
   (a) notes the national framework agreed to by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in 2008 to tackle Indigenous disadvantage and the six priority areas for change identified by COAG;
   (b) further notes that reports are presented by the Prime Minister to the Australian Parliament annually on progress in meeting these ‘Closing the Gap’ targets, along with a response by the Leader of the Opposition;
(c) is of the view that the presentation of these annual reports should be marked by a special parliamentary procedure in recognition of the significance of these initiatives to all Australians;

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

(e) resolves that, on its presentation to the Senate, the Prime Minister’s annual report on ‘Closing the Gap’ and accompanying ministerial statement be listed for consideration as a government business order of the day, and that the Government undertake to provide for at least 2 hours consideration of the statement during government business time, not more than eight sitting days following the presentation of the report to the Senate.

(2) This order have continuing effect.

(Agreed to 9 February 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
   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)
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Day

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(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Robert John Day was returned;

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

(c) whether, by reason of s 44(v) of the Constitution, or for any other reason, Mr Day was at any time incapable of sitting as a Senator prior to the dissolution of the 44th Parliament and, if so, on what date he became so incapable;

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

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

(Agreed to 7 November 2016)

Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Amendment to standing order 24—Temporary order

That:

(a) where the Scrutiny of Bills Committee writes to a minister it expects a response to be received in time to be considered by the committee and reported on while the bill is still before the Parliament;

(b) if the committee has not completed its inquiry due to the failure of a minister to respond to the committee’s concerns, senators should have the right to ask the responsible minister why the Scrutiny of Bills Committee has not received a response; and therefore:

(c) the following amendment to standing order 24 operate as a temporary order from the first sitting day of 2017 to the last sitting day of March 2018:

Add the following paragraph:

"(1)(d) If the committee has not finally reported on a bill due to the failure of a minister to respond to its concerns then, immediately prior to the consideration of government business on any day or immediately prior to the consideration of the bill:

(i) any senator may ask the minister for an explanation as to why the minister has not provided a response to the committee, and

(ii) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice either a motion relating to the consideration of the bill or - That the Senate take note of the explanation; or

(iii) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the minister’s failure to provide an explanation."
Standing orders—Amendments to standing order 169 and standing order 175

Standing order 169—Motions after tabling
At the end of standing order 169, add:

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

(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016))

Standing order 175—Conduct of visitors
Paragraph (3) be amended in the following terms with immediate effect:

(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply in respect of a senator breastfeeding an infant or, at the discretion of the President, a senator caring for an infant briefly, provided the business of the Senate is not disrupted.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016 (upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2016))

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

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

2 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon

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

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

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

Limitation of time

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Xenophon

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

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

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

Senator Lambie

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

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

Matters of urgency

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

Order of business

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
   To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

   Senator Lambie

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

Questions without notice

14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
   To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

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

16 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon

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

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Acting Clerk

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