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Temporary Chairs of Committees

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

Notifications prefixed by an * appear for the first time
# 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**
  - Includes:
    - 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...
### MONDAYS
- Private senators’ business
- Documents

### THURSDAYS
- 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
Notices of Motion

Notice given 31 July 2019

*1 Senator Patrick: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by the final sitting day of June 2020:

Australia’s relations with the People’s Republic of China, with particular reference to:

(a) the management of a mutually respectful and beneficial bilateral relationship between Australia and China;
(b) Australian and Chinese perspectives on, and interests in, regional and global security issues;
(c) trade, investment and infrastructure issues, including Australia’s engagement with China’s Belt and Road Initiative;
(d) educational and research cooperation;
(e) tourism, cultural exchanges and people-to-people ties;
(f) management of diplomatic and consular arrangements;
(g) dialogue on human rights issues;
(h) the roles of Australian institutions in Australia’s relations with China, including: state and local governments, universities and other academic bodies, business, and non-government organisations; and
(i) any related matters.

*2 Senator Keneally: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 18 September 2019:

The impact of changes to service delivery models on the administration and running of Government programs, with particular reference to:

(a) the privatisation of Australia’s visa and citizenship program, including:
   (i) the integrity of Australia’s visa and citizenship system,
   (ii) the commercial implications and increased costs to industry, with particular regard for the tourism and higher education sectors,
   (iii) the implications to national security, data security and privacy, and
   (iv) the risk to public sector employment – especially rural and regional employment – through service delivery model changes; and
(b) Centrelink’s Robodebt compliance and outsourced debt collection program, including:
   (i) the integrity and impact of the automated debt collection processes,
   (ii) the limitations and impact of Robodebt collection methods,
   (iii) the identification of inaccurate debts – made without human oversight,
(iv) the impact to public sector employment – especially on the capacity and adequacy of staffing level, and
(v) the review and appeals process for debt notices; and
(c) and related matters.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Cashless Welfare) Bill 2019
   In committee (31 July 2019).

*2 Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment (Sunsetting of Special Powers Relating to Terrorism Offences) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 July 2019).

*3 Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 July 2019).

4 Governor-General’s Opening Speech
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McDonald—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 (22 July 2019).

Notice of Motion

Notice given 31 July 2019

*1 Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Payne): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to counter-terrorism, and for related purposes. Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Notice given 30 July 2019

72 Senator Kitching: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Integrity, be established to inquire into and report on the integrity of government administration, with particular reference to:
   (a) the adequacy and performance of existing integrity measures including, but not limited to:
      (i) the Statement of Ministerial Standards, and
      (ii) the Lobbyist Code and Register of Lobbyists;
   (b) the funding, functions and performance of Commonwealth integrity agencies;
   (c) the adequacy of government responses to Senate committee reports;
   (d) the adequacy of government responses to Senate orders for the production of documents;
   (e) the operation of the Commonwealth Procurement Framework;
   (f) the administration of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 legislation;
   (g) any proposals to strengthen the integrity of government administration; and
   (h) any related matters.

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

(3) That the committee consist of 8 senators, as follows:
   (a) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
   (b) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
   (c) 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
   (d) 3 nominated by minor party and independent senators.

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

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

(7) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and as deputy chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens or by minor party and independent senators.
(8) That the deputy chair shall act chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.

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

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

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

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

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

Notice given 31 July 2019

*75 Senators Urquhart, Brown and Bilyk: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Tasmania, and mainland Australia, stand to reap significant benefits from the Battery of the Nation and Marinus Link projects, including lower power prices, lower carbon emissions, additional income and new jobs,

(ii) the initial feasibility study into Marinus Link concludes that the Marinus Link and related Battery of the Nation projects are only economically viable in the ‘High Emission Reduction Target’ scenario, which includes a significant increase in renewable energy investment, over a business as usual scenario over the next decade,

(iii) according to the feasibility study, under a business as usual ‘neutral’ scenario, which corresponds to the Federal Government’s approach to renewable energy investment, the Marinus Link and Battery of the Nation projects have a net cost of up to $730 million dollars, while under the High Emission Reduction Target scenario, the projects have a net benefit of up to $482 million,

(iv) the Marinus Link and Battery of the Nation projects will not go ahead unless they deliver net benefits to Tasmania and the nation,

(v) after announcing 14 energy policies, the Federal Government still refuses to introduce any policy to support renewable energy investment to replace the 2020 Renewable Energy Target, which will be fully acquitted next year, and

(vi) without consistent national energy policy that supports renewable energy investment, the Marinus Link and Battery of the Nation projects will not go ahead; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to introduce a consistent national energy policy that supports renewable energy investment through the 2020s and addresses carbon emissions as well as affordability and reliability in the electricity sector, to ensure the Marinus Link and Battery of the Nation projects go ahead.

*76 Senator Brown: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Morrison Government plans to privatise Australia’s visa processing system threatens 100 jobs in Tasmania,
(ii) under the Liberals’ plan, private providers will be given licence to run Australia’s visa system as a for-profit business,
(iii) the Liberals’ unfair plan could also lead to the loss of around 2,000 jobs Australia-wide,
(iv) there could be increased visa fraud, cuts to services, and data security risks if the services are privatised,
(v) Australians don’t want to see our visa system privatised, and they especially don’t want to see people lose their jobs,
(vi) under the Liberals, there have been thousands of full time jobs lost across Tasmania in just the last year,
(vii) the Department of Home Affairs last year outsourced 250 departmental call centre jobs to the New Zealand company Datacom, while the Department of Human Services outsourced 250 Centrelink jobs to Serco,
(viii) visa processing times have blown out under the Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison Government,
(ix) partner visas are at record-high processing times of up to 28 months,
(x) the number of people on bridging visas in Australia – waiting for the Department of Home Affairs to process their applications – has blown out to over 229,000 people, and
(xi) the Home Affairs Minister, Mr Peter Dutton, and the Liberals, appear determined to outsource and sell off parts of Australia’s immigration system to the highest possible bidder; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to protect the integrity of Australia’s visa processing system, and stop its plan to privatise Australia’s visa system.

*77 Senator Waters: To move—

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

(2) That the National Integrity Commission Bill 2018 (No. 2) be restored to the Notice Paper and consideration of the bill resume at the stage reached in the 45th Parliament.

*78 Senator Sterle: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 8 September 2017, the Australian Government announced the commencement of an independent inquiry into the effectiveness of the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 (NRSS),
on 12 September 2018, just over a year later, the NRSS inquiry panel, headed by Professor Jeremy Woolley and Dr John Crozier, presented its report to the Australian Government at Parliament House,

it has been almost 11 months since the Government received this report, and not enough has been done to address the 12 important recommendations within the report, and

a failure by the Government to act on these important recommendations will result in continued loss of life and injury through road trauma incidents; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to:
(i) acknowledge that almost 90 per cent of the NRSS targets will not be met by 2020,
(ii) provide an update to the Senate on its plan to address the 12 recommendations from the inquiry into the NRSS, and
(iii) provide a guarantee that the NRSS is being monitored and that changes will be made to reach the agreed targets if they are not on track to be met.

Senator O’Neill: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services for inquiry and report by 1 March 2020:

Regulation of auditing in Australia with particular reference to:
(a) the relationship between auditing and consulting services and potential conflicts of interests;
(b) other potential conflicts of interests;
(c) the level and effectiveness of competition in audit and related consulting services;
(d) audit quality, including valuations of intangible assets;
(e) matters arising from Australian and international reviews of auditing;
(f) changes in the role of audit and the scope of audit products;
(g) the role and effectiveness of audit in detecting and reporting fraud and misconduct;
(h) the effectiveness and appropriateness of legislation, regulation and licensing;
(i) the extent of regulatory relief provided by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission through instruments and waivers;
(j) the adequacy and performance of regulatory, standards, disciplinary and other bodies;
(k) the effectiveness of enforcement by regulators; and
(l) any related matter.

Senator Gallagher: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
(i) the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) survey, released on 30 July 2019, has confirmed that Australians are worse off since the election of the Coalition Government in 2013,
(ii) HILDA revealed real median household annual disposable income has declined from $80,208 in 2013 to $80,095 in 2017,
(iii) wages growth has stagnated under the Coalition Government’s watch,
(iv) when asked why wage growth was stagnating under the Coalition Government, Finance Minister Mathias Cormann said – “This is a deliberated feature of our economic architecture ”; and
(v) the Coalition Government supports continued cuts to the penalty rates of Australia’s lowest paid workers; and
(b) expresses its disappointment in the Coalition Government’s failure to pursue policies to increase household incomes in real terms, address growing congestion and combat increasing rates of poverty revealed by the HILDA survey.

*81 Senator Gallagher: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) economic growth is fundamental to increasing living standards for Australian families, and allowing government to fund essential services,
   (ii) the pursuit of continuous, sustainable economic growth should be a core objective of government,
   (iii) in a services-based economy, strong, sustainable economic growth can support improved environmental outcomes, and
   (iv) that the philosophy of stopping economic growth should be rejected as dangerously misguided; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to pursue policies that will lift Australia’s economic growth rate and ensure that all Australians equally share in the benefits of this growth.

*82 Senator McKim: To move—
(1) That the Senate—
(a) notes with deep concern allegations that current members of Parliament, including ministers, pressured senior officers in the Department of Home Affairs to make it easier for certain people, including high-roller clients of Crown Resorts, to obtain visas and clear customs; and
(b) requires the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Cormann) to attend the Senate immediately after motions to take note of answers on 1 August 2019, to make a statement of not more than 10 minutes detailing:
   (i) whether the Prime Minister has investigated the claims made against ministers regarding Crown, which prima facie would breach the Ministerial Standards,
   (ii) if the Prime Minister has not investigated these allegations, why he has not done so,
   (iii) if the investigation is ongoing, what are the Terms of Reference and timelines for the investigation, and when will the findings be released, and
   (iv) whether or not the Prime Minister considers that the Ministerial Standards have been breached.
(2) That at the conclusion of the Minister’s explanation, any senator may, without notice, move a motion to take note of the Minister’s explanation.

(3) That any motion under paragraph (2) may be debated for no longer than 1 hour, and have precedence over all business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 10 minutes.

*83 Senator Patrick: To move—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that:

(i) most citizens pay little attention to matters relating to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) until they are confronted with an administrative decision they feel is incorrect,

(ii) the AAT permits citizens to address wrongs in administrative decision-making through a process which is fair, just, economical, informal and quick, and

(iii) citizens must hold trust and confidence in the decision-making of the AAT; and

(b) notes that:

(i) most appointments to the AAT are Federal Court judges or experienced legal practitioners, however paragraph 7(3)(b) of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975 provides for appointment of senior members and members that, in the opinion of the Governor-General, have special knowledge or skills relevant to the duties of a senior member or member,

(ii) there have been forceful allegations made in the media that a number of appointments made under this provision have been political, for example the appointment of former politicians and political staffers, which undermines public trust and confidence in the AAT, and

(iii) the Honourable Mr Ian Callinan AC QC, former High Court judge, conducted a review into the AAT and stated the repeal of paragraph 7(3)(b) of the Act is desirable; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to urgently introduce a bill into the Parliament to repeal paragraph 7(3)(b) of the Act.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) 1 August, 2019, marks two years since the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) released the ‘Change the Course: National report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities’, which surveyed students on their experiences of sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities,

(ii) the AHRC report found that 21 percent of university students were sexually harassed and 1.6 percent were sexually assaulted in a university setting in 2016,

(iii) sexual assault and harassment continue to be appalling issues at Australian universities, and survivors often struggle to access adequate support services, and

(iv) on 20 August, 2019, students across Australia will be joining a National Day of Action in protest against universities, inaction on the prevalence of sexual violence in university settings; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to commit to working with universities to ensure that:
  (i) university campuses are safe places free of sexual violence, and
  (ii) survivors of sexual assault and sexual harassment are given adequate support by their universities.

*86 Senators Siewert, Hanson-Young and Dodson: To move—That the Senate—
  (a) notes:
    (i) that, in 1995, the Aboriginal Flag was recognised as a ‘flag of Australia’ under the Flags Act 1953,
    (ii) that the designer of the Aboriginal flag owns the flag’s copyright and has licensed the rights to use the flag on garments to a company which is now requiring people to ask for permission to use the emblem and pay a fee,
    (iii) that the licence has now been expanded to physical and digital media,
    (iv) that many First Nations communities feel they are now at the mercy of a company seeking to profit from their flag, and
    (v) the concerns in many First Nations communities that their flag is licensed to a company; and
  (b) recognises that the Aboriginal flag is one of Australia’s national symbols and a central part of First Nations people’s identity and that the flag should be about people and pride, not profit; and
  (c) calls on the Federal Government to do everything they can to ensure that all First Nations peoples and communities can use the flag whenever they want without cost or the need for consent.

DOCUMENTS

Orders of the Day relating to Documents

1 Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918—2019 Federal election—Qualification checklists for elected senators
   Consideration (2 July 2019).

   Consideration (2 July 2019).

3 President’s report to the Senate on the status of government responses to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2019
   Consideration (2 July 2019).

4 Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Proposed Armidale site—Arson investigation—Order of 2 April 2019—Letters to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) [2] responding to the order and raising a public interest immunity claim
   Consideration (2 July 2019).
5 Gene Technology Regulations 2001—Proposed amendments—Draft advice—Order of 14 February 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) responding to the order and raising a public interest immunity claim Consideration (2 July 2019).

6 Universal Service Obligation—Order of 3 April 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield) responding to the order and raising public interest immunity claims Consideration (2 July 2019).


8 Clean Energy Regulator—2018 Annual Statement to the Parliament on the progress towards the 2020 Large-scale Renewable Energy Target Consideration (2 July 2019).

9 Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner—Report for 2018 Consideration (2 July 2019).


11 Regional Forest Agreement—Deed of variation in relation to the Regional Forest Agreement for the south-west region of Western Australia Consideration (2 July 2019).


13 *Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003*—Operation of the Government co-contribution scheme—Annual reports for 2017-18; quarterly reports for the periods 1 April to 30 June and 1 July to 30 September 2018 Consideration (2 July 2019).

14 Closing the Gap—Resolution of 2 April 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Premier of South Australia (Mr Marshall) Consideration (2 July 2019).


16 National child sex offender register—Resolution of 2 April 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Queensland Minister for Police (Mr Ryan) Consideration (2 July 2019).
17 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Letter of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—Budget estimates 2019-20—Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio (Office for Women) Consideration (2 July 2019).

18 Departmental and agency grants—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—Additional estimates 2018-19—Attorney-General’s portfolio—Correction; Budget estimates 2019-20—Australian Research Council; Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio (Office for Women) Consideration (2 July 2019).


20 Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—Additional estimates 2018-19—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; Digital Transformation Agency; Finance portfolio; Health portfolio; Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio; Jobs and Small Business portfolio; Special Minister of State—Budget estimates 2019-20—Finance portfolio; Special Minister of State Consideration (2 July 2019).

21 Indexed lists of departmental and agency files—Statements relating to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2018—Health portfolio—1 July to 31 December 2018—Attorney-General’s portfolio; Department of Veterans’ Affairs (including the Australian War Memorial); Environment and Energy portfolio; Health portfolio; Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio Consideration (2 July 2019).

22 Vacancy in the representation of New South Wales—Certificate of the choice of Mr Duncan Spender Consideration (3 July 2019).


24 Productivity Commission—Report no. 93—A better way to support veterans (2 volumes) Consideration (4 July 2019).


28 Department of Home Affairs—Paladin contracts—Order of 4 July 2019—
Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Defence (Senator Reynolds) responding to the order; and letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Home Affairs (Mr Dutton), and attachment
Adjourned debate (29 July 2019).

29 Australian Building and Construction Commission—Performance of the functions and the exercise of powers of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2019
Adjourned debate (29 July 2019).

30 Procedure—Standing Committee—Reference—Copy of letter from the President of the Senate to the Chair of the Procedure Committee (Senator Lines), and attachments
Adjourned debate (30 July 2019).

31 Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 January to 31 March 2019
Adjourned debate (30 July 2019).

*32 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports 4 to 6 for 2019
Adjourned debate (31 July 2019).

*33 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Government responses to Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports 4 to 6 for 2019
Adjourned debate (31 July 2019).

*34 Treaty—Bilateral—Agreement between Australia and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay on the Promotion and Protection of Investments (Canberra, 5 April 2019)—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures
Adjourned debate (31 July 2019).

Text, together with national interest analysis and attachments
Adjourned debate (31 July 2019).

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2019-20—
Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).
2 Economics Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2019-20—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

3 Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2019-20—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

4 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2019-20—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

5 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2019-20—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

6 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2019-20—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

7 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2019-20—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

8 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2019-20—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

9 Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Annual reports referred to legislation committees—Report no. 1 of 2019
Consideration (2 July 2019).

10 Economics References Committee—Report—Credit and hardship: Report of the Senate inquiry into credit and financial products targeted at Australians at risk of financial hardship—Corrigendum and additional information
Consideration (2 July 2019).

11 Economics References Committee—Regional inequality in Australia—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

12 Education and Employment References Committee—Report—The appropriateness and effectiveness of the objectives, design, implementation and evaluation of jobactive—Additional information
Consideration (2 July 2019).

13 Education and Employment References Committee—Report—The people behind 000: Mental health of our first responders—Additional information
Consideration (2 July 2019).

14 Education and Employment References Committee—Report—They never came home – The framework surrounding the prevention, investigation and prosecution of industrial deaths in Australia—Additional information
Consideration (2 July 2019).
15 Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Allegations of political interference in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Correction
Consideration (2 July 2019).

16 Fair Dinkum Power—Select Committee—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

17 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report—Effectiveness of the current temporary skilled visa system in targeting genuine skills shortages—Additional information
Consideration (2 July 2019).

18 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Resolution of disputes with financial service providers within the justice system—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

19 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Telling Australia’s Story – and why it’s important: Report on the inquiry into Canberra’s national institutions
Consideration (2 July 2019).

20 Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—Parliamentary scrutiny of delegated legislation—Report and corrigendum
Consideration (2 July 2019).

21 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities—Report
Consideration (2 July 2019).

22 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Accessibility and quality of mental health services in rural and remote Australia—Government response
Consideration (2 July 2019).

Consideration (2 July 2019).

24 Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Risks and opportunities associated with the use of the bumblebee population in Tasmania for commercial pollination purposes—Government response
Consideration (2 July 2019).

25 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership—Government response
Consideration (2 July 2019).


28 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Independence of regulatory decisions made by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)—Government response Consideration (2 July 2019).

29 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Need for regulation of mobility scooters, also known as motorised wheelchairs—Government response Consideration (2 July 2019).


32 Stillbirth Research and Education—Select Committee—Government response Adjourned debate (22 July 2019).


AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS

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

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 33 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Governance and integrity of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility: Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Consideration (2 July 2019).


4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Effectiveness of board governance at the Australian Institute of Marine Science: Australian Institute of Marine Science Consideration (2 July 2019).


9 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Coordination arrangements of Australian Government entities operating in Torres Strait: Across entities Consideration (2 July 2019).


11 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Design, implementation and monitoring of reforms to services on Norfolk Island: Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities Consideration (2 July 2019).


13 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Coordination and targeting of domestic violence funding and actions: Department of Social Services Consideration (2 July 2019).
14 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 46 of 2018-19—Financial statements audit—Interim report on key financial controls of major entities  
Consideration (2 July 2019).

15 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 47 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Evaluating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
Consideration (2 July 2019).

16 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 48 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Management of the Terrorism Reinsurance Scheme: Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation and The Department of the Treasury  
Consideration (2 July 2019).

17 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 49 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Management of Commonwealth National Parks—Director of National Parks; Department of the Environment and Energy  
Consideration (2 July 2019).

Consideration (2 July 2019).

19 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 51 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Farm Management Deposits Scheme: Department of Agriculture; Australian Taxation Office; Department of the Treasury  
Consideration (2 July 2019).

ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

55 Department of Industry, Innovation and Science—Report by Cadence Economics—Order for production of document  
By the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, by no later than 2 pm on 1 August 2019, the report by Cadence Economics, commissioned by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, in relation to the costs and benefits of responding to climate change. (Motion of Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) agreed to 29 July 2019.)

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 5 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Tax Integrity and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 6 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Streamlined Governance) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the next sitting day (9 September 2019)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 2 and Other Measures) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 July 2019).

2 Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 July 2019).

3 National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Streamlined Governance) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 July 2019).

4 Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (31 July 2019).

*5 Royal Commissions Amendment (Private Sessions) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (31 July 2019).

On 11 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 2 July 2019

1 Senator Rice: To move—that the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 3 December 2019:
   The continuing discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, intersex and queer people and their families in Australia, its prevalence and its impacts, including:
      (a) existing discrimination within federal, state and territory law and policy;
(b) experience of discrimination in Australian life, including but not limited to educational settings, workplaces, aged care, healthcare, sporting clubs and organisations, religious organisations, the provision of government services, including where contracted out, and in the provision of goods, services, housing and accommodation;

(c) where discrimination is sanctioned by federal, state and territory legislation and where it is occurring in breach or potential breach of legislation;

(d) how this discrimination affects the human rights, legal rights, access to justice, health, wellbeing and educational and economic outcomes of LGBTIQ+ people in Australia;

(e) the additional and compounding impacts of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, of different or minority race, ethnicity or religion, or on the grounds of their migrant status, age, ability and socio-economic background or circumstances, who have intersectional LGBTIQ+ identities, or who have a range of these personal characteristics;

(f) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs for young people;

(g) how the experience of discrimination on LGBTIQ+ people and their families differs based on whether they live in urban, regional, rural or remote areas;

(h) the specific discrimination, stigmatisation and human rights violations, including harmful practices in medical settings, experienced by people born with variations of sex characteristics, including infants, children and adolescents, and also encompassing prenatal interventions due to variations of sex characteristics;

(i) the broad range of sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts and associated formal and informal activities, particularly by religious organisations, and the impacts of these on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and queer people;

(j) the reforms and initiatives required to remedy prejudice, stigma and discrimination against LGBTIQ+ people and their families, including legislative and policy reforms, funding for training and education programs, funding for community and government initiatives, development of funded government strategies, better liaison between government, relevant NGOs and the LGBTIQ+ community, and the development of national standards for best-practice legislative, policy and program initiatives; and

(k) any other related matters.

Notice given 31 July 2019

*2 Senator Roberts: To move—That the following legislative instruments, made under the Corporations Act 2001, be disallowed:

(a) the ASIC Corporations (Banking Code of Practice - Revocation of 2018 Approval) Instrument 2019/662 [F2019L00877]; and

(b) the ASIC Corporations (Approval of Banking Code of Practice) Instrument 2019/663 [F2019L00878].

Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
On 13 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 16 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 31 July 2019

*1 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 11 November 2019:
   The impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment, with particular reference to:
       (a) the body of science and research into the impacts of seismic testing;
       (b) the regulation of seismic testing in both Commonwealth and state waters;
       (c) the approach taken to seismic testing internationally; and
       (d) any other related matters.

On 17 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia.

Eight sitting days after today (19 September 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 22 July 2019

1 Senator Patrick: To move—That the Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights – Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Amendment Instrument 2019, made under the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, be disallowed [F2019L00554].
   Nine sitting day remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
Notice given 29 July 2019

2 Senator Patrick: To move—That the Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights - Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Instrument 2019, made under the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, be disallowed [F2019L00134].

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

On 19 September 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 18 October 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 July 2019).

On 25 October 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

*1 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (31 July 2019).
On 11 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

On 12 November 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on income support payments.

On 13 November 2019

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 31 July 2019

*84 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances in its report, Parliamentary scrutiny of delegated legislation—

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

   (a) omit standing order 23, substitute:

   23 Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation
   (1) A Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament.
   (2) All instruments made under the authority of Acts of the Parliament, which are subject to disallowance, disapproval or affirmative resolution by the Senate and which are of a legislative character, shall stand referred to the committee for consideration and, if necessary, report.
   (3) The committee shall scrutinise each instrument as to whether:

   (a) it is in accordance with its enabling Act and otherwise complies with all legislative requirements;
   (b) it appears to be supported by a constitutional head of legislative power and is otherwise constitutionally valid;
   (c) it makes rights, liberties, obligations or interests unduly dependent on insufficiently defined administrative powers;
(d) those likely to be affected by the instrument were adequately consulted in relation to it;
(e) its drafting is defective or unclear;
(f) it, and any document it incorporates, may be freely accessed and used;
(g) the accompanying explanatory material provides sufficient information to gain a clear understanding of the instrument;
(h) it trespasses unduly on personal rights and liberties;
(i) it unduly excludes, limits or fails to provide for independent review of decisions affecting rights, liberties, obligations or interests;
(j) it contains matters more appropriate for parliamentary enactment; and
(k) it complies with any other ground relating to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation that the committee considers appropriate.

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

(5) The committee may, for the purpose of reporting on its terms of reference, consider any proposed or draft legislative instrument, including an exposure draft of such an instrument.

(6) (a) The committee shall consist of 6 senators, 3 being members of the government party nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and 3 being senators who are not members of the government party, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or by any minority groups or independent senators.

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

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

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

(9) The committee shall elect as deputy chair a member appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and the member so elected shall act as chair of the committee when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee.
Where votes on a question before the committee are equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) bills or draft bills referred to them by the Senate,

(iii) legislative instruments made in the portfolios allocated to them,

(iv) annual reports in accordance with paragraph (20), and

(v) the performance of departments and agencies allocated to them.

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

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

On 2 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*
On 4 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Community Affairs References Committee
  Report to be presented on the Centrelink compliance program.

General Business—Order of the Day

*1 Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas—Select Committee
  Report to be presented.

On the third sitting day of December 2019 (4 December 2019)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
  Report to be presented on the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information.

On 5 December 2019

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
  Report to be presented on policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping.

3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
  Report to be presented on the provision of rescue, firefighting and emergency response at Australian airports.

4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
  Report to be presented on the feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register for all horses.

5 Economics References Committee
  Report to be presented on Regional inequality in Australia.

On the last sitting day of the 2020 Autumn sittings

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
  Report to be presented on Australia’s faunal extinction crisis.
On the last sitting day in May 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

On 1 November 2020

General Business—Order of the Day

1 Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On or before the final sitting day of 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019 ‡
   Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 July 2019; reporting date: 11 November 2019)

Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017 ‡
   Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 2 December 2019)
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 5 December 2019)

Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 6 September 2019)

Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
Referred to Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 25 October 2019)

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019 [provisions] ‡
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National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Streamlined Governance) Bill 2019 ‡
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 July 2019; reporting date: 6 September 2019)
Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Tax Integrity and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2019 [provisions]‡
Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 25 July 2019; reporting date: 5 September 2019)

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Private Senators’ bills

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question nos 1 to 4, 6 to 9, 11 to 13, 15 to 18, 20 to 26, 28 to 36, 38, 39, 41 to 48, 50 to 62, 64 to 246 remain unanswered.

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

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Address-in-reply—Suspension of standing order 3(4)
That standing order 3(4) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider business other than that of a formal character before the address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s opening speech has been adopted.
(Agreed to 2 July 2019)

Allocation of departments/agencies
That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:
Community Affairs
   Health
   Social Services, including Services Australia


Economics
   Industry, Innovation and Science
   Treasury

Education and Employment
   Education
   Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, including Industrial Relations

Environment and Communications
   Communications and the Arts
   Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
   Finance
   Parliament
   Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
   Attorney-General, excluding Industrial Relations
   Home Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
   Agriculture
   Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

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

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

(a) that the chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and

(b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).

(Agreed to 2 November 2011; varied 13 September 2016)

Estimates hearings—2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates

(1) That the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:
   Monday, 21 October and Tuesday, 22 October 2019 (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 23 October and Thursday, 24 October 2019 (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters and on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 25 October 2019, but not restricted to that day.

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

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications
- Finance and Public Administration
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs
- Economics
- Education and Employment
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

*(Agreed to 4 July 2019)*

**Estimates questions (unanswered)—2019-20 Budget estimates**

That—
(a) answers to outstanding questions taken on notice in relation to the 2018-19 additional estimates and the 2019-20 Budget estimates, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the 46th Parliament, be provided to legislation committees by 31 July 2019; and
(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering each of the unanswered questions is 31 July 2019.

**(Agreed to 4 July 2019)**

**First speeches**

That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:
(a) Tuesday, 10 September 2019—Senators Scarr, Van and Rennick;
(b) Wednesday, 11 September 2019—Senators Marielle Smith and Walsh;
(c) Tuesday, 17 September 2019—Senators Antic and Davey; and
(d) Wednesday, 18 September 2019—Senator McMahon.

*(Agreed to 23 July 2019)*

**Formal business—Suspensions of standing orders—Prohibition of debate**

That, in accordance with the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2019, the temporary order prohibiting debate on suspension of standing order motions connected to formal business, that was in effect at the end of the 45th Parliament, be adopted on a permanent basis.

*(Agreed to 4 July 2019)*

**Meeting of Senate—2019**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2019 be as follows:

**Winter sittings:**
- Monday, 22 July to Thursday, 25 July
- Monday, 29 July to Thursday, 1 August
Spring sittings:
- Monday, 9 September to Thursday, 12 September
- Monday, 16 September to Thursday, 19 September
- Monday, 14 October to Thursday, 17 October
- Monday, 11 November to Thursday, 14 November
- Monday, 25 November to Thursday, 28 November
- Monday, 2 December to Thursday, 5 December.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

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**CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Conduct of business**

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

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

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

**Formal business**

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

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

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

Limitation of time

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

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

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

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

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

Matters of urgency

9 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.

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

To move (contingent on the 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

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

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

Questions without notice

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

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

Statements

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

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

Tabling of documents

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

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

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate

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- <—Date of Senate ⅔ Cut-Off
- S—Senate sitting week only
- ‡—Supplementary Budget estimates
- *—Cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters, and Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters