



Notices and Postponements

TO: Government Whip
Opposition Whip
The Nationals Whip
Australian Greens Whip
Nick Xenophon Team Whip
Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip
Senator Bernardi
Senator Lambie
Senator Leyonhjelm
Manager of Government Business
Manager of Opposition Business
Leader of the Government in the Senate
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate
Leader of the Australian Greens
Leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party
Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation
Senate Parliamentary Liaison Officer
Clerk / Deputy Clerk of the Senate
Clerk Assistant (Procedure)
Hansard

The following notices and postponements were lodged in the Senate today, **Thursday, 23 March 2017**. The text of the notices may be subject to editing.

Chris Reid
Clerk Assistant (Table)

Ext. 3020

Senator Pratt

Notice of Motion


(Order for Production of Documents)

Senator Pratt

Mr President

I give notice that, on the next day of sitting, I shall move that the Attorney-General be required to provide to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, by no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 7 April 2017, the following documents relating to the Bell Group liquidation and the Bell Act:

- (1) correspondence between the Attorney-General and Ms O'Dwyer in March and April 2016;
- (2) a letter from the former Solicitor-General Justin Gleeson to the Attorney-General regarding the High Court proceedings in the Bell matter, dated 15 March 2016;
- (3) the email chain between the offices of the Solicitor-General and Attorney-General entitled 'Bell - Commissioner of Taxation request for advice from the Solicitor-General - referral to Counsel Assisting the Solicitor-General [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive: Legal]' dated 6 and 7 March 2016; and
- (4) the submission from the Attorney-General's Department to the Attorney-General's office on the question of intervention in the Bell matter, dated 28 January 2016.

 23/3/2017

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23/3/17
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Senator Pratt


Notice of Motion

(Order for Production of Documents)

Senator Pratt

Mr President

I give notice that, on the next day of sitting, I shall move that the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services be required to provide to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, by no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 7 April 2017, the document relating to the Bell Group liquidation and the Bell Act entitled 'FW: Possible Attorney-General's direction under the Judiciary Act [DLM=Sensitive: Legal]', which was attached to an email between officers of the Australian Taxation Office dated Tuesday 29 November 2016.


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Senator Pratt

Notice of Motion

Senator Pratt

Mr President

I give notice that, on the next day of sitting, I shall move that:

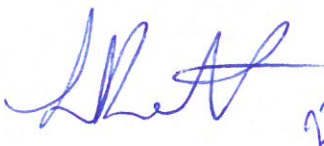
(1) the Senate notes:

(a) the failure of the Attorney-General and officers of the Attorney-General's Department to provide any responses to many of the questions asked in the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee inquiry into the *nature and scope of any agreement reached by the Commonwealth and Western Australian governments in relation to the distribution of proceeds of the liquidation of, and litigation concerning, the Bell Group of companies (the proceeds),*

(b) answers to these questions would enable clear facts to be established regarding Commonwealth's actions, and give the public confidence the Commonwealth is acting consistent with its constitutional responsibilities and protecting its position with the states, and

(c) the failure to provide answers has significantly compromised the ability of the committee to fulfil the terms of reference of the inquiry;

(2) the Senate requires Attorney-General to provide answers to the committee to questions taken on notice by him or officers of the Attorney-General's Department, listed in Appendix 1 of the committee's interim report presented to the Senate on Wednesday 22 March 2017, or alternatively make a substantive



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claim of public interest immunity that is acceptable to the Senate, by 12.45 pm on Wednesday 29 March 2017; and

(3) the committee report to the Senate on the Attorney-General's compliance with this resolution on Wednesday 29 March 2017;

(4) the Senate requires that the Attorney-General be in the Senate at 9.30 am on Thursday 30 March 2017, so that a senator may ask the Attorney-General for an explanation in connection with his actions on this matter, and at the conclusion of the explanation any senator may move a motion to take note of the explanation; or if the Attorney-General fails to provide an explanation any senator may move to take note of his failure to do so.



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NOTICE OF MOTION

I give notice that on the next day of sitting I shall move that –

The Senate:

- (a) Acknowledges the vertical fiscal imbalance in the Australian federal system and the impact this has on local government's ability to meet its expenditure responsibilities;
- (b) Notes that Financial Assistance Grants to local government have been subject to an index freeze since the 2014-15 Federal Budget; and
- (c) Calls on the government to lift the freeze on indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants in the 2017-18 Federal Budget.

Senator Peter Whish-Wilson
Senator for Tasmania



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Notice of Motion

Senator Watt
Senator McKim
Senator Lambie
Senator Hinch

Mr President

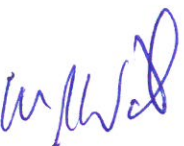

We give notice that, on the next day of sitting, we shall move that the Senate:

(1) notes:

- (a) the crucial work done by Community Legal Centres across Australia,
- (b) with concern that Community Legal Centres:
 - (i) help over 215,000 people each year, but are forced to turn away more than 160,000 people largely due to a lack of resources, and
 - (ii) face a 30 per cent reduction in Commonwealth funding nationally from 1 July 2017 under the National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services,
- (c) that if the 30 per cent cut is not reversed in the upcoming Budget, Community Legal Centres will be forced to further reduce front-line legal services to people across Australia in desperate need of legal assistance, including thousands of women and families experiencing domestic violence, and
- (d) the Productivity Commission's 2014 recommendation for an urgent and significant investment of \$200 million in the legal assistance sector, including to Community Legal Centres; and

(2) calls on the Federal Government to:

- (a) reverse the funding cuts to Community Legal Centres of \$34.83 million nationally between 2017-2018 and 2019-2020, and
- (b) commit to adequate and sustainable longer-term funding contributions to the legal assistance sector.


Murray Watt






lodged ⑤
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23 March 2017

NOTICE OF MOTION

We give notice that on the next day of sitting I shall move –

That the Senate –

- (a) notes that Machado-Joseph Disease is a particularly cruel neurodegenerative condition, which has its highest prevalence in the world in East Arnhem Land;
- (b) notes that the Machado-Joseph Disease Foundation was awarded a \$10 million grant by the previous government and it has never received this funding;
- (c) acknowledges that the final of three payments of \$500,000 to the Machado-Joseph Disease Foundation will be expiring in June; and
- (d) calls on the Federal Government to make good on the \$10 million grant and provide a single payment of \$500,000 to assist the foundation.



Senator Rachel Siewert



Senator Malarndirri McCarthy

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES

**Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances
(Senator Williams)**

At Giving of Notices

Thursday, 23 March 2017

Mr President

Pursuant to notice given on 22 March 2017, I withdraw Business of the Senate Notice of Motion number 1, standing in my name for 30 March 2017, proposing the disallowance of the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Agriculture and Water Resources Measures No. 3) Regulation 2016 [F2016L01576].

Senator John Williams

POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS

CLERK:

Postponement notifications have been lodged as follows:

| Senator | Category of business | From | To |
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| Hinch | GB 269 | 23 March 2017 | 29 March 2017 |
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Extension notifications have been lodged as follows:

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| Committee | From | To |
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| Community Affairs References Committee (price regulation associated with the Prostheses List Framework) | 30 March 2017 | 10 May 2017 |
| Community Affairs References Committee (Better Management of the Social Welfare System initiative) | 10 May 2017 | 21 June 2017 |
| Education and Employment Legislation Committee (2016-17 additional estimates) | 28 March 2017 | 13 April 2017 |
| Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (2016-17 additional estimates) | 28 March 2017 | 4 May 2017 |
| Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector) | 30 March 2017 | 15 June 2017 |
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Notices to be indicated by **N**, orders of the day by **O**, as appropriate, in third column

Date: 23 March 2017