



Notices and Postponements

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The following notices and postponements were lodged in the Senate today, **Monday, 19 March 2018**. The text of the notices may be subject to editing.

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Clerk Assistant (Table)

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**NOTICE OF MOTION—FIRST SPEECHES—SENATORS MARTIN AND
KENEALLY**


(at giving of notices)

MINISTER:

I give notice that, on the next day of sitting, I shall move—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) Wednesday, 21 March 2018—Senator Martin; and
- (b) Tuesday, 27 March 2018—Senator Keneally.

Simon Birmingham

① Lodged
19/3/18


Senate Motion: International Day of Elimination of Discrimination

Senator Singh: To move on Wednesday 21 March 2018- That the Senate-

(a) Notes that:

- (i) Wednesday 21 March 2018 is the International day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and
- (ii) Although Australia has implemented the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination into its domestic law through the *Racial Discrimination Act*, racially discriminatory provisions remain in the Australian Constitution and there is still no entrenched provision for fundamental rights in Australian law.

(b) Further notes that:

- (i) the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination observes that expressions of racism, racial discrimination, and xenophobia, including in the Australian public sphere, political debates and in the media, are on the rise, and
- (ii) According to the *Face Up to Racism: 2015-16 National Survey*;
 - a. Nearly a quarter of participants had experienced racism on public transport or in the street, and
 - b. Nearly a third of participants had experienced racism in the work place or within an educational institution.

(c) Urges:

- (i) The Australian government to act on the recommendations – including strengthening anti-racism programs like the National Anti-Racism Strategy, and underlining the importance of political discourse and the *Racial Discrimination Act* in setting a standard – in the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination's concluding observations on the eighteenth to twentieth periodic reports of Australia.

Senator Lisa Singh

② Lodged
19/3/18.


Notice of Motion

19 March 2018

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

A. Notes:

- (i) The failure of the Government to adequately fund the Federal Circuit Court and the Family Court of Australia.
- (ii) The Government's neglect of the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court means that families facing the most serious family law issues can wait up to three years before a final trial.
- (iii) The continued failure by the Government to adequately resource the Family Law system has served to create a snowballing effect, the social and economic cost of which will continue to be felt by the community for years to come.
- (iv) The Government has failed to consult with the Courts and the legal profession to formulate a clear plan for the future.
- (v) In March 2014, a report by KPMG, commissioned by the Attorney-General's Department, into the funding of federal courts was presented to the Government but has still not been released.
- (vi) The KPMG Report, obtained by *The Australian* in 2014, warned of significant cuts to service and staffing levels potentially leading to increased delays in litigation, the closure of smaller registries and cutbacks to services in regional Australia.
- (vii) The warnings in the KPMG Report appear to have gone unheeded by the Government.
- (viii) In 2014-15 as part of the response to the KPMG report the Attorney General's Department undertook additional work with Ernst & Young to develop costings scenarios involving federal courts.
- (ix) KPMG's comprehensive report confirming the financial crisis facing Federal Courts and proposing a range of possible solutions along with the Ernst & Young costings in response to the KPMG Report should be released prior to the Senate voting on the *Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017*.

B. Orders that there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Attorney-General by 9am on 22 March 2018:-

- (i) the KPMG Report into the funding of Federal Courts; and
- (ii) the Ernst & Young costings in response to the KPMG Report.

Senator Stirling Griff

Senator Louise Pratt

③ Lodged
19/3/18

Notice of Motion

Mr President

I give notice that, on the next day of sitting, I shall move – That the Senate-

- (a) Congratulates Future Bayswater for their success at the recent *2017 Planning Institute Australia (PIA) Western Australian Awards for Planning Excellence* in winning the following awards:


PIA 2017 WA Winner of Community Engagement Project

PIA 2017 WA State Planning Champion

PIA 2017 Commendation, President's Award

- (b) Notes that the Awards recognise and acknowledges quality, innovation and excellence in planning; and
- (c) Particularly acknowledges Mr Paul Shanahan, Chairman and founder of Future Bayswater, who was named the PIA 2017 State Planning Champion, which recognises non-planners for their advocacy and for making a significant contribution and lasting presence to the urban and regional environment.

 Senator Dean Smith

④ Lodged
19/3/18


Notice of Motion

19 March 2018

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

The Senate –

A. Notes that:

- (i) In contrast to New Zealand's comprehensive GST, Australia's GST does not apply to a significant range of products, such as various healthcare products and essential services including water.
- (ii) Healthcare products that are listed as GST-free in the GST Act, an Act of the Commonwealth Government, include medical devices and aids such as incontinence pads.
- (iii) The Commonwealth Health Minister is empowered under section 38.47 of the GST Act to unilaterally declare additional goods to be GST-free. Previous Commonwealth Health Ministers have used this power to make various goods GST-free, including condoms, lubricants, folic acid, sunscreen and nicotine patches and gums.
- (iv) GST on tampons and sanitary pads is estimated to contribute around \$30 million to the \$63 billion in annual GST revenues.
- (v) Tampons and sanitary pads are essential healthcare products.
- (vi) It is therefore inequitable for incontinence pads, condoms, lubricants, folic acid, sunscreen, and nicotine patches and gums to be GST-free on health grounds, and for water to be GST-free on the grounds of water being essential, but for tampons and sanitary pads to be subject to GST.

B. Calls on the Government to remove the GST on tampons and sanitary pads.

Senator Leyonhjelm

⑤ Lodged
19/3/18
B

Senator Polley to move on the next day of sitting:

That the Senate –

(a) Notes that:

- i. the latest waiting list for aged care home packages for the December quarter indicates there are around 105,000 vulnerable older Australians waiting for the home care package for which they have been approved,
- ii. the waiting list includes 82,000 older Australians waiting with high needs, many are living with dementia,
- iii. the waiting list has grown by almost 15,000 since the home care package reforms were introduced by the government just a year ago.

(b) calls on the Minister to explain why he described the current waiting list as being on a 'positive trajectory'.

(c) condemns the Turnbull Government for failing to care for older Australians and providing no solutions to deal with the growing home care package waiting list crisis.

⑥ Lodged
19/3/18
B

MOTION

Senator Macdonald:

To move —That the Senate:

- (a) Notes that the QTU has committed to ensuring there are Eureka Flags in every school in Queensland in solidarity with the CFMEU;
- (b) Expresses its disgust at the politicisation of education in Queensland by having the Queensland Teachers' Union attempt to influence students politically;
- (c) Notes further, and reiterates support for, that it is the long-observed bi-partisan position that Australian school children should be given the freedom to develop and evolve in an environment that is free from the intrusion of any particular political bias;
- (d) Calls upon the Queensland Teachers' Union to desist from this unacceptable attempt to politicise classrooms.
- (e) Commends the LNP for committing to keeping schools a place for learning rather than politics.

Senator Ian Macdonald

⑦ Lodged
19/3/18
B

NOTICE OF MOTION

19 March 2018

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

That the Senate –

a) Notes that:

i) Decisions to amalgamate trade unions should rest with the members of the respective organisations as expressed in a ballot; and

b) Calls on the government to respect democracy in trade unions and the role they play in protecting their members' interests.

SENATOR LEE RHIANNON

⑧ Lodged
19/3/18
B

NOTICE OF MOTION

Senator Claire Moore

19th March 2018

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

That the Senate notes:

[a] The recent death of Morgan Tsvangirai, long term leader of the fight for a democratic and free Zimbabwe.

[b] Mr Tsvangirai, a mine worker and strong trade unionist for over 30 years, visited Australia in 2001 and 2013, and provided real inspiration for many Australians who shared the hope for a free Zimbabwe, and open democratic government.

[c] Mr Tsvangirai was the leader of the MDC opposition, which contested elections against the Robert Mugabe ZANU PF, culminating in a victory in March 2008, and a term as Prime Minister.

[d] Despite imprisonment, torture, and years of violence surrounding elections and challenges to government processes in Zimbabwe, Mr Tsvangirai provided leadership and resilient opposition and his spirit will continue to inspire his party, and the people of his homeland and around the world.

[e] While Mr Tsvangirai will not see the transition to a new democratic era in Zimbabwe, the commitment of President Emmerson Mnangagwa "to very peaceful, transparent and harmonised elections in July this year" and the statement by United Nations Development Programme administrator Achim Steiner, noting elections are "first and foremost for Zimbabweans" and welcoming "President Mnangagwa's election pledge for a credible and peaceful election" are important milestones for a successful transition to a more democratic Zimbabwe.

Sen C Moore

⑨ Lodged
19/3/18
B

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

That the Senate –

- a) Notes that 20 March is World Oral Health Day, a day to promote good oral hygiene practices to adults and children around the world, and acknowledge the importance of good oral health in maintaining general health and well-being.
- b) Acknowledges the publication today of Australia's Oral Health Trackers for Adults and Children and Young People, placing Australia as the first country in the world to have established clear and measurable oral health targets.
- c) Expresses concern that:
 - a. Close to a third of children (5-10 years old) have untreated tooth decay and almost half of Australian children have not visited a dentist before their fifth birthday.
 - b. Almost half of adults have not had a check-up in the last 12 months, ninety percent of adults have suffered from tooth decay, and approximately 1 in 5 Australians have gum disease;
 - c. Three in four Australian kids and nearly 50% of adults are consuming too much sugar.
- d) Recognises that cost is a major barrier to access to dental care across the community, and that the lower a person's income, the more likely they are to have chronic oral health problems;
- e) Further notes that oral diseases can impact every aspect of life, from personal relationships and self-confidence to school, work, housing and even enjoying food, as well as having very serious health consequences, like leading to low birth weight and premature babies and increased risk of heart disease;
- f) Calls on the government to invest in, and promote the availability of, Medicare funded dental care to ensure every Australian has access to the oral health care they need.

Senator Richard Di Natale
Leader of the Australian Greens

(10) Lodged
19/3/18


POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS

CLERK:

Postponement notifications have been lodged as follows:

Senator	Category of business	From	To

Committees have lodged extension notifications as indicated at item 11 on today's Order of Business—

Committee	From	To
Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 and related bill)	13 March 2018	28 March 2018
Economics Legislation Committee (Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017)	16 March 2018	22 March 2018
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017)	today	21 March 2018
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2018)	today	21 March 2018

Date: 19 March 2018