

General business lists

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Notices of motion

Notice given 27 July 2022

- 7 **Senators Nampijinpa Price, Brockman, Liddle, Paterson, Cadell, Duniam, Scarr and David Pocock:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
 - (i) *Odgers’ Australian Senate Practice*, in describing the foundations of Australian democracy, states that ‘the Parliament of the Commonwealth, would consist of two houses, one representing the people as a whole and one representing the people voting by their states’;
 - (ii) the Senate, as the states house, remains a strong and vibrant part of our federal democracy, and
 - (iii) as former Senator Ron Boswell stated in October 1992 ‘the Senate chamber of the old Parliament House had the State flags proudly displayed...’;
 - (b) resolves that the flags of all Australian states and territories be displayed alongside the Australian Flag in the Senate chamber; and
 - (c) directs that the flags be installed within three weeks of the passage of this resolution.

Notice given 3 August 2022

- 21 **Senator Rennick:** To move—That the Auditor-General be requested to provide to the Senate, by no later than 10 am on 11 August 2022, all minutes of meetings held between the Australian National Audit Office and staff of the then Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications regarding Auditor-General’s report no. 9 of 2020-21, *Purchase of the ‘Leppington Triangle’ land for the future development of Western Sydney Airport*.
- 22 **Senator Rennick:** To move—That on Thursday, 4 August 2022, general business notice of motion no. 21 standing in the name of Senator Rennick, relating to a request to the Auditor-General, be called on immediately after formal business or at 12.15 pm whichever occurs sooner, take precedence over all other business and be determined without amendment or debate.

Notice given 8 September 2022

- 35 **Senator Rice:** To move—That the Senate only recognise a Dalai Lama appointed via Tibetan Buddhist traditions and practices, without interference by the Chinese Government.

Notice given 25 October 2022

- 67 **Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson):** To move—That the Senate censures Senator Thorpe for failing to disclose her relationship with a former president of an outlaw motorcycle gang while sitting as a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement and receiving confidential briefings about bikie gangs and organised crime.

Notice given 21 November 2022

- 82 **Senator Rice:** To move—That the Senate only recognise a Dalai Lama appointed via Tibetan Buddhist traditions and practices, without interference by the Chinese Government.

Notice given 23 November 2022

- 93 **Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson):** To move—That the Senate affirms its opposition to the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's proposed Voice to Parliament referendum.

Notice given 28 November 2022

- 102 **Senators Bilyk, O'Neill, Scarr and Van:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that commemorations are underway for the 89th anniversary, and on the cusp of the 90th anniversary, of Holodomor to mark an enforced famine in Ukraine caused by the deliberate actions of Joseph Stalin's Communist Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;
 - (b) recalls that it is estimated that up to seven million Ukrainians starved to death as a result of Stalin's policies in 1932 and 1933 alone;
 - (c) condemns these acts aimed at destroying the national, cultural, religious and democratic aspirations of Ukrainian people;
 - (d) condemns all similar acts during the twentieth century as the ultimate manifestations of racial, ethnic or religious hatred and violence;
 - (e) honours the memory of those who suffered or lost their lives during Holodomor;
 - (f) joins the Australian Ukrainian community and the international community in commemorating this tragic milestone under the motto *Ukraine remembers – The world acknowledges*;
 - (g) recognises the importance of remembering and learning from such dark chapters in human history, to ensure that such acts are not repeated;
 - (h) pays its respects to Australian Ukrainians that lived through this tragedy and have told their horrific stories; and
 - (i) condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine started on 24 February 2022, and its actions, including the withholding of grain from the international community.

Notice given 1 December 2022

- 121 **Senators Shoebridge and Thorpe:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to close the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre, and for related purposes. ***Close Don Dale Youth Detention Centre Bill 2023.***

Notice given 7 February 2023

- 142 **Senator Polley:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) acknowledges and congratulates 29 Tasmanians who were recipients of Australia Day honours for their outstanding achievement and services to Tasmania; and
 - (b) further acknowledges and congratulates:
 - (i) Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) recipient, the Honourable Margaret Reynolds,
 - (ii) Member of the Order of Australia (AM) recipients: Dr Sally Bryant, Ms Geraldine Harwood, Mr Timothy Hess, Mrs Sarah Merridew and Mr Michael Walsh,
 - (iii) Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) recipient, Dr Anthony Press,
 - (iv) Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) recipients: Ms Christine Bailey, Mr Gerald Harwood, Mrs Joyce Mackey, Mrs Susan Rae, Mr Roger Self, Dr Graeme Stevenson, the late Mr Lyndsay Suhr and Mrs Judith Travers,
 - (v) Australian Corrections Medal (ACM) recipient, Ms Erin Hunn,
 - (vi) Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) recipients: Mr Neil Brooksbank, Mr Richard Cosstick and Mr Wade Stewart,
 - (vii) Australian Police Medal (APM) recipients: Senior Constable Kelly Cordwell, Inspector John Toohey and Commander Stuart Wilkinson,
 - (viii) Emergency Services Medal (ESM) recipients: Mr Brett Robins, Mr Leon Smith and Mr Neil Wright, and
 - (ix) Public Service Medal (PSM) recipients: Commissioner Donna Adams, Ms Mandy Denby, Mr Craig Limkin and Mr Dale Webster.
- 143 **Senator Polley:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
 - (i) February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month, and it is a time where we recognise and support women diagnosed with ovarian cancer and their families,
 - (ii) one woman will die from ovarian cancer in Australia every eight hours, making it the deadliest gynaecological cancer in Australia,
 - (iii) in 2022, more than 1,800 Australian women received an ovarian cancer diagnosis,
 - (iv) over 70% of cases are not diagnosed until the disease has progressed to stage III or IV and only 29% of these women will survive for more than 5 years past diagnosis,
 - (v) symptoms of ovarian cancer are often dismissed as symptoms of menstrual cycles or gastrointestinal issues, delaying diagnosis, and

- (vi) despite common misconceptions, there is no early detection or screening test – the best way of improving the survival rate is recognising the signs and symptoms early and obtaining a diagnosis;
- (b) recognises that, although there have been developments in ovarian cancer research, ovarian cancer drugs have not changed since 1992; and
- (c) urges a commitment from all governments globally to continue investment and funding to improve treatment, early detection and support for women diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Notice given 14 June 2023

245 **Senator Roberts:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) at Senate estimates on 4 June 2021, Senator Gallagher said to then Minister Reynolds that ‘no-one had any knowledge’ of matters in relation to Brittany Higgins’ allegations, and
 - (ii) Minister Gallagher explained to the chamber on 13 June 2023:
 - (A) that she made this statement in relation to what she took as an implied accusation that she had been involved in publicising the story,
 - (B) that she ‘was provided with information in the days before the allegations were first reported’, and
 - (C) that she denies misleading the Senate, even unintentionally, and
 - (iii) Minister Gallagher’s statements that ‘no-one had any knowledge’ and ‘I was provided with information in the days before the allegations were first reported’ are irreconcilable;
- (b) reaffirms that it is an offence to mislead the Senate;
- (c) finds that, in the opinion of the Senate, Minister Gallagher misled the Senate on 4 June 2021; and
- (d) reserves its right to apply sanctions for the offence of misleading the Senate at a later date.

Notice given 21 June 2023

266 **Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson):** To move—That the Senate note the misleading claims made by Labor Minister for Indigenous Australians (Ms Burney) regarding the potential powers of the Albanese Government’s proposed Voice to Parliament.

Notice given 16 October 2023

347 **Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie):** To move—That the Senate requests the House of Representatives to require the attendance of the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Honourable Catherine King MP, before the reestablished Select Committee on Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements to provide public evidence.

- 349 **Senator Steele-John:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) condemns war crimes perpetrated by Hamas, including the premeditated targeting of Israeli civilians;
 - (b) condemns war crimes perpetrated by the State of Israel, including the bombing of Palestinian civilians;
 - (c) calls for all perpetrators to be held accountable for their actions in accordance with international law;
 - (d) calls for an immediate ceasefire between all parties and an end to the war on Gaza;
 - (e) condemns anti-semitism, islamophobia and racism in all its forms, both in Australia and internationally;
 - (f) recognises that the September 2022 report of the United Nations Special Rapporteur found that the occupation of Palestinian territories ‘is not merely belligerent, but is settler-colonial in nature and that Israel has prevented the realisation of Palestinian people’s right to self-determination, violating each component of that right, wilfully pursuing the ‘de-Palestinianisation’ of the occupied territory’;
 - (g) recognises that for there to be peace there must be an end to the state of Israel’s illegal occupation of the Palestinian Territories; and
 - (h) calls on the Australian Government to take action to support a ceasefire and pursue peace, including an end to the occupation.

Notice given 18 October 2023

- 364 **Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie):** To move—That the Senate requests the House of Representatives to require the attendance of the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Honourable Catherine King MP, before the reestablished Select Committee on Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements to provide public evidence.

Notice given 16 November 2023

- 396 **Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) acknowledges that we are experiencing the hottest year on record, the highest global emissions on record and a growing concern amongst the public that the narrow window we have left to prevent runaway climate collapse will soon close; and
 - (b) echoes public calls for the Australian Government to:
 - (i) end public subsidies for the extraction and burning of coal, oil and gas,
 - (ii) phase out the exports of coal and gas as soon as possible,
 - (iii) cease the logging of native forests,
 - (iv) amend the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to include climate impacts of projects, and
 - (v) release a declassified version of the Office of National Intelligence’s National security climate risk assessment.

Notice given 17 November 2023

- 403 **Senator David Pocock:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the United States of America (US) Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) involves an unprecedented level of investment by the US Government (\$783 billion on climate and energy) that is attracting renewable energy capital and talent from around the world, and
 - (ii) without a proportionate and timely investment by the Australian Government, Australia may miss the opportunity to fully capitalise on the global transition to renewable energy; and
 - (b) calls on the Government to urgently develop policy, in the context of the IRA, to place Australia at the forefront of the energy transition, including consideration of production tax credits for renewable energy projects, including transport, to apply from the mid-year economic fiscal outlook, and the progression of ‘Suburb Zero’ projects to rapidly transition Australian households away from dependence on fossil carbon.

Notice given 27 November 2023

- 406 **Senators Bilyk and Reynolds:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that 25 November 2023 marks Holodomor Remembrance Day, and that this year is the 90th annual commemoration of Holodomor;
 - (b) recognises that Holodomor, meaning ‘death by hunger’, was an artificial famine in Ukraine, brought about by the deliberate actions of Joseph Stalin’s Communist Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which caused the death by starvation of 7 to 10 million Ukrainians;
 - (c) joins the global community in honouring the lives of the millions of men, women and children who were killed by this brutal act, and committing to preventing such tragedies in the future;
 - (d) condemns all further acts by Russia aimed at destroying the national, cultural, religious and democratic aspirations of Ukrainian people, in particular Russia’s full scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022;
 - (e) condemns Russia’s continued use of food as a weapon of war, through its attacks on Ukraine’s agricultural production and the seizure of Ukrainian grain exports; and
 - (f) calls on Russia to recommit to the initiative on the safe transportation of grain and foodstuffs from Ukrainian ports, and to commit to ending the use of starvation as a political weapon.

Notice given 5 December 2023

- 440 **Senator McKim:** To move—That the Senate requests the Parliamentary Budget Office to prepare and complete for the Senate, by 5 February 2024, an independent analysis on the direct economic and deflationary impacts, if any, should the Stage 3 tax cuts be repealed before they commence on 1 July 2024, consulting with other institutions as appropriate.

448 **Senator Roberts:** To move—That standing order 164 be amended to read as follows:

- (1) Documents may be ordered to be laid on the table, and the Clerk shall communicate to the Leader of the Government in the Senate all orders for documents made by the Senate.
- (2) When returned the documents shall be laid on the table by the Clerk.
- (3) **Unless the minister has complied with paragraph (4),** if a minister does not comply with an order for the production of documents, directed to the minister, within 30 days after the date specified for compliance with the order, and does not, within that period, provide to the Senate an explanation of why the order has not been complied with which the Senate resolves is satisfactory:
 - (a) at the conclusion of question time on each and any day after that period, a senator may ask the relevant minister for such an explanation; and
 - (b) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice—That the Senate take note of the explanation; or
 - (c) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion in relation to the minister's failure to provide either an answer or an explanation.
- (4) **To make a public interest immunity claim in relation to an order for the production of documents the minister must:**
 - (a) **no later than the day specified for compliance with the order, make a statement to the Senate:**
 - (i) **that public interest immunity is claimed, and specifying the grounds of the claim and specifying the harm to the public interest that could result from the public disclosure of the information or document, and**
 - (ii) **nominating a committee of the Senate to confidentially receive the documents; and**
 - (b) **produce the documents to the nominated committee by no later than 7 days after the date specified for compliance with the order, and:**
 - (i) **the committee must advise the Senate that the minister has complied, or otherwise, with paragraph (4)(b) as soon as practicable after the deadline for the provision of the documents to the committee,**
 - (ii) **the committee must make the documents available for confidential viewing by senators as soon as practicable, and**
 - (iii) **the committee is restrained from otherwise releasing, publishing or communicating the documents until further order by the Senate.**

Notice given 6 February 2024

- 451 **Senator Steele-John:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that, since the Senate resolution of 18 October 2023 concerning Israel and Gaza, which supported the state of Israel’s looming invasion of Gaza by stating that the Senate ‘stands with Israel’, the following have occurred:
 - (i) an appalling and increasing toll of deaths and injuries caused by the state of Israel’s bombing and invasion of Gaza,
 - (ii) a growing humanitarian catastrophe caused by the state of Israel’s blockade, bombing and invasion of Gaza, and
 - (iii) the state of Israel is the subject of recent International Court of Justice orders in South Africa’s case regarding the prevention of genocide;
 - (b) therefore does not support the state of Israel’s continued invasion of Gaza and calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire; and
 - (c) calls on the Australian Government to end its support for the state of Israel’s invasion of Gaza.

Notice given 27 February 2024

- 480 **Senator Roberts:** To move—That the Senate—
- (1) Notes that:
 - (a) the Queensland Supreme Court has ruled that:
 - (i) COVID-19 vaccine mandates for police and paramedics were unlawful under the Human Rights Act, and are ‘of no effect’, and
 - (ii) the Government is banned from taking any steps to enforce the mandates;
 - (b) the affected police and paramedics have had to fight a taxing, gruelling legal battle since the 2021 mandates to achieve justice; and
 - (c) this precedent provides a pathway to justice for thousands of workers who have had their human rights breached.
 - (2) Calls on the Government to immediately commit to a COVID-19 Royal Commission and call one as soon as possible once the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee has completed its inquiry into the proposed terms of reference.

Notice given 28 February 2024

- 484 **Senator David Pocock:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Australian Government to introduce legislation in the March 2024 sittings of Parliament that would give effect to recommendation 16 of the Australian Universities Accord Final Report specifically by:
- (a) reducing student contributions to address the most significant impacts of the Job-ready Graduates (JRG) package starting with students in humanities, other society and culture, communications and human movement, and moving toward a student contribution system based on projected potential lifetime earnings;
 - (b) introducing a system of HELP repayment based on marginal rates;

- (c) changing the timing of indexation for HELP loans so that amounts withheld for compulsory repayment can be accounted for before indexation is applied;
- (d) setting the HELP indexation rate to the lower of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Wage Price Index (WPI) or the long-term government bond rate; and
- (e) establishing a national student ombudsman.

Notice given 14 May 2024

516 **Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that thousands of people joined marches around the country in the last 2 weeks calling for an end to gendered violence, and for the declaration of a national emergency in the face of an escalating death toll of women;
- (b) further notes that the women’s safety sector has called for \$1 billion per year to be able to help everyone who seeks it, and the Federal Government is providing around half that; and
- (c) calls on the Government to declare violence against women a national emergency and fund it as such.

Notice given 15 May 2024

529 **Senator McKim:** To move—That—

- (a) the Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Accountability and Fairness) Bill 2023 be divided into two bills and amended, in accordance with the amendments on sheet 2590, to create two bills as follows:
 - (i) Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Accountability and Fairness) Bill 2023—containing Schedules 1-4, and
 - (ii) Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Accountability and Fairness No. 2) Bill 2023—containing Schedule 5;
- (b) the bills be printed; and
- (c) further consideration of the bills be made an order of the day for the next day of sitting.

530 **Senator Scarr:** To move—That the Senate notes Labor’s high taxing, high spending 2024-25 Budget will make the lives of Australians harder by putting further pressure on inflation and keeping interest rates higher for longer.

Notice given 16 May 2024

*531 **Senator Roberts:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence, by no later than 5 pm on 26 June 2024, the following documents:

- (a) Houston Review into Army Aviation (2016); and
- (b) Yates Review into MRH90 (2020).

Orders of the day

1 **Building and construction industry**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O’Sullivan—That the Senate is of the opinion that:

- (a) Australia’s building and construction industry is too important for Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to hand over to the union movement; and
- (b) the abolition of the Australian Building and Construction Commission will leave the industry paralysed by delays and overruns and subject to the dangerous, violent attitudes of the Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (*Assistant Minister for Trade, Senator Ayres, in continuation, 28 July 2022*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 9.

2 **Corporate tax and cost of living**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)—That the Senate agrees that corporate super profits taxes could offset the cost of providing cost-of-living relief, including the provision of free childcare, truly free public education, abolishing student debt and putting dental and mental health into Medicare (*Senator Rice, in continuation, 4 August 2022*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 20.

3 **Maternity and reproductive health services**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters)—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that inadequate funding and lack of workforce planning has closed or restricted many maternity and reproductive health services around the country, particularly in remote and regional areas; and
- (b) calls on the Health Minister and National Cabinet to urgently work to resolve the maternity and reproductive healthcare crisis and ensure all families can access quality care across Australia (*Senator Allman-Payne, in continuation, 9 February 2023*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 155.

4 **Iran**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Chandler—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the joint statement from 23 groups representing the Iranian-Australian community, welcoming the report by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee into the ‘Human rights implications of recent violence in Iran’;
- (b) further notes the support expressed in the joint statement for the committee’s recommendations;
- (c) also notes that the joint statement identifies four recommendations that the signatories believe require ‘top priority’ for implementation by the Government:
 - (i) categorising the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as an organisation involved in supporting and facilitating terrorism,

- (ii) minimising relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran to the greatest extent possible,
 - (iii) increasing transparency and better informing the Australian public about the status of our diplomatic relations with the IRI regime and the security concerns in relation to the regime’s behaviour, and
 - (iv) the expulsion of any Iranian officials considered to be involved in intimidation, threats or monitoring of Australians; and
- (d) urges the Australian Government to swiftly respond to the recommendations of the report and the requests from the Iranian-Australian community for further action (*Senator Chandler, in continuation, 30 March 2023*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 211.

5 **Calvary Public Hospital, Canberra**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cash—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the concern of many Canberrans about the significant legislation that the Australian Capital Territory Labor-Greens Government has passed to compulsorily acquire the Calvary Public Hospital;
- (b) notes the ACT Government has attempted to avoid any scrutiny of the acquisition legislation, by developing the bill in secret, deliberately avoiding any consultation or exposure draft process, and expressly refusing to hold an inquiry into the legislation;
- (c) notes the timeframe from the tabling of the ACT legislation to the acquisition of a major public hospital is extraordinarily short and unnecessary;
- (d) notes public statements by the ACT branch of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation expressing concern over the lack of any consultation, which may not be consistent with the obligations in the ACT Government’s own enterprise agreement;
- (e) has grave concerns with this attack on religious institutions and on the ability of private and religious health care providers to care for the sick;
- (f) calls on the Albanese Government to introduce legislation to stop the forced acquisition of the Calvary Public Hospital; and
- (g) requests the President of the Senate to formally provide this notice to the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory.

and on the amendment moved by Senator David Pocock—

Omit all words after “That the Senate”, substitute:

- (a) reaffirms its commitment to territory rights, including upholding the rights of the people of the Australian Capital Territory to elect and hold to account a territory-level government;
- (b) notes the concerns of some Canberrans expressed about the ACT Government’s decision to compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital, including the concerns of:
 - (i) certain stakeholders, that the bill was not subject to consultation nor an inquiry process within the ACT Legislative Assembly,
 - (ii) parts of the ACT healthcare community about the impact it may have on the health workforce, including losses of staff from the ACT’s hospital system, and

- (iii) people of faith about the continuing role of religious institutions in delivering for-purpose services, including in the healthcare, aged care and education sectors; and
- (c) notes that any inquiry into this matter is most appropriately initiated and facilitated at the territory-level (*15 June 2023*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 241.

6 **Albanese Government**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ruston—That the Senate notes the Albanese Government’s broken promises to deliver cheaper power prices, cheaper mortgages, to not make any changes to super, as well as broken promises on medicines, country doctors, Medicare and mental health (*Senator Hughes, in continuation, 3 August 2023*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 175.

7 **Unsolved homicides and missing persons cases**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Thorpe—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Northern region of New South Wales (NSW) has an alarming number and cluster of unsolved homicides and missing persons cases, particularly from the late 1970 onwards,
 - (ii) many of the victims were First Nations, from lower socio-economic backgrounds, and women,
 - (iii) in many of these cases there is a similar modus operandi of the perpetrator(s),
 - (iv) despite the investigating agency, NSW Police, publicly speculating that some of these cases may be linked, there has never been a police strike force established to investigate these cases collectively, and
 - (v) representatives of the NSW Police Association have publicly stated that lack of funding for homicide investigations in Northern NSW has seriously impeded homicide cases being solved;
- (b) supports the calls from families, friends and communities impacted by these egregious crimes for resourcing, and a commitment from the Government to ensure that the truth is established and justice is served in these matters; and
- (c) calls on the Government to ensure that the Australian Federal Police engage with NSW Police to contribute resources and personnel to assist in solving these missing and murdered persons cases (*Senator Green, in continuation, 10 August 2023*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 277.

8 **Justice reform**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Shoebridge, also on behalf of Senator Cox—That the Senate—

- (a) commends the Australian Capital Territory Government’s commitment to raising the age of criminal responsibility to 14;
- (b) notes with concern the ongoing abuse of the rights of children in juvenile detention centres across the country; and

- (c) calls on the Federal Attorney-General to coordinate a binding national justice reform strategy that includes raising the age of criminal responsibility across all states and territories to 14, justice reinvestment and diversion (*Senator Roberts, in continuation, 9 November 2023*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 379.

9 **Rewiring the Nation policy**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Van—That the Senate—

- (a) calls on all senators to consider the effectiveness of the Government’s ‘Rewiring the Nation’ policy;
- (b) acknowledges and supports the intent of the policy, which aims to maximise the amount of variable renewable energy in pursuit of meeting or surpassing Australia’s 2030 Paris Agreement targets;
- (c) notes with concern that the proposed \$100 billion investment in transmission infrastructure does not directly contribute to the generation of additional electricity or the storage of energy;
- (d) expresses its dismay that this policy may represent an attempt to rectify past investment errors rather than a forward-looking strategy for sustainable energy development;
- (e) observes that there is significant lack of social licence for this policy within the communities it will impact, as well as deep reservations among the Australian population; and
- (f) noting the current approach of the policy, asks the Government to rework the current strategy in a manner that is more aligned with the immediate and long-term energy needs of Australia, as well as the expectations and welfare of its communities (*Senator Rennick, in continuation, 16 November 2023*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 394.

10 **Superannuation**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Tyrrell—That—

- (a) the Senate recognise that the Albanese Government seeks to legislate that the objective of superannuation is to help people retire with dignity, alongside government support, in an equitable and sustainable way;
- (b) the Senate expresses that:
 - (i) foregoing tax receipts to promote superannuation as an estate planning tool is inconsistent with this objective,
 - (ii) offering generous tax discounts to individuals with high superannuation balances to make additional contributions is inconsistent with this objective, and
 - (iii) allowing super funds to spend the proceeds of members’ money without transparency or accountability to those members is inconsistent with this objective; and

- (c) because superannuation's objective is 'to help people retire with dignity...in an equitable and sustainable way', the cohort that Commonwealth superannuation expenditure should target is those who are most at risk of failing to accumulate sufficient savings, to allow them to retire with dignity (*Senator Rennick, in continuation, 30 November 2023*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 426.

11 **Family car and ute tax**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Canavan—That the Senate expresses its concern at the Albanese Labor Government's announced family car and ute tax that will drive up the cost of new cars by up to \$25,000 and the cost of living for not only the people of Dunkley, but all Australians (*Senator O'Sullivan in continuation, 29 February 2024*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 489.