

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 28 November 2024, 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*.

Notice of motion altered 25 November 2024 pursuant to standing order 77.

- 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.

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.

Notice given 7 December 2023

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 3 July 2024

- 556 **Senator Roberts:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Prime Minister (Mr Albanese) to implement the recommendations of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee inquiry into appropriate terms of reference for a COVID-19 Royal Commission immediately and in full.

Notice given 4 July 2024

- 559 **Senator Steele-John:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Albanese Government has imposed autonomous sanctions on persons and entities connected to North Korea, Iran, Libya, Myanmar, the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Russia, Syria and Zimbabwe, and
 - (ii) despite documented independent investigations by the United Nations that show clear violations of international law, the Australian Government has not imposed any autonomous sanctions on any person or entity complicit in the genocide and war crimes being perpetrated by the State of Israel; and
 - (b) calls on the Government to sanction members of the extremist Netanyahu Government, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant.

- 560 **Senator Shoebridge:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to broadcasting, telecommunications and online communications, and for related purposes. ***Broadcasting Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Political Deepfake Blackout) Bill 2024.***

Notice given 14 August 2024

- 569 **Senator Lambie:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) recognises that 18 August 2024 is Vietnam Veterans’ Day;
 - (b) notes that:
 - (i) the Battle of Long Tan, Australia’s single most costly engagement in Vietnam, took place on 18 August 1966,
 - (ii) at the Battle of Long Tan:
 - (A) 108 soldiers faced an enemy force that outnumbered them by at least 10 to 1, and

- (B) 18 Australians, with an average age of 21, gave the ultimate sacrifice and another 24 were wounded, and
- (iii) across the three services, over 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam throughout the course of the conflict, of which 523 lost their lives and more than 2,000 were wounded; and
- (c) calls on the Government to ensure that the service, sacrifice and heroism of Australia's soldiers, sailors and aviators is remembered and honoured in the manner they rightly deserve.

Notice given 15 August 2024

574 **Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie), and Senators Brockman, Davey, Cadell, Cash, Nampijinpa Price, McDonald, O'Sullivan, Reynolds, Canavan and Dean Smith:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) that Australia's live sheep export industry employs more than 3,000 people in Western Australia, including shearers, truck drivers, fodder suppliers, livestock agents, farmers and producers,
 - (ii) that these workers face the prospect of losing their job, and families that are struggling under financial stress may now face a difficult decision to leave their rural towns and communities,
 - (iii) that this industry has delivered comprehensive reforms which have secured exemplary animal welfare outcomes,
 - (iv) that Australia has the highest standards of animal welfare in the world,
 - (v) that the Government's law to ban Australia's live sheep export industry is already having serious social and economic impacts,
 - (vi) the Government's mismanagement and lack of consultation on this policy to end live sheep exports with farmers, sheep producers and impacted communities, and
 - (vii) the Government's delays in providing assistance to support farmers and communities; and
- (b) calls on the Minister to immediately meet with affected farmers, industry representatives and the communities and reverse its policy to shut down the live sheep export industry.

Notice given 20 August 2024

583 **Senators McKim, Whish-Wilson, Brown, Duniam, Lambie, Tyrrell, Polley, Bilyk and Colbeck:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) Tasmania's productivity rate is 26% below the national average and the state has a shortage of workers with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills that are vital to economic development,
 - (ii) the future STEM student pipeline in Tasmania is at crisis point, with declining enrolments in STEM school subjects,

- (iii) Tasmanian STEM teaching enrolments are insufficient to replace existing teachers as they exit the school system, let alone fill current gaps,
 - (iv) Tasmanian STEM undergraduate enrolments are declining and will not maintain current workforce levels, resulting in an increasing shortage, and
 - (v) the University of Tasmania’s STEM infrastructure is aged and in desperate need of renewal to meet Tasmania’s future educational, industry and research needs; and
- (b) resolves that there is an urgent need for the Australian Government to work with the Tasmanian Government to develop measures to address this educational crisis, including considering the possibility of a new STEM precinct plan for the University of Tasmania with opportunities for community, industry and other education providers to be welcomed into the precinct.

Notice given 21 August 2024

590 **Senators Bilyk and Reynolds:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that 24 August 2024 is Ukraine’s Independence Day;
- (b) recognises that Ukraine’s Independence Day is a day to celebrate the rich history, language and culture of Ukraine;
- (c) condemns Russia’s illegal, immoral and unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine;
- (d) recognises that Russia’s full-scale invasion continues a pattern of illegal and immoral aggression against Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, including:
 - (i) interference in Ukrainian politics,
 - (ii) the annexation of Crimea, and
 - (iii) the hybrid Russian offensive in the Donbas in 2014, resulting in the establishment of the so-called ‘Donetsk People’s Republic’ and ‘Luhansk People’s Republic’;
- (e) congratulates Ukraine on 33 years of independence and democratic rule;
- (f) expresses solidarity with the heroes of Ukraine who are risking their lives in defence of their country; and
- (g) reaffirms the Senate’s support for Australia’s resolve that it will stand with Ukraine and continue to provide military and humanitarian support, provide support for Ukrainian displaced people in Australia and impose sanctions, for as long as necessary for Ukraine to end the war on its own terms.

Notice of motion altered on 21 August 2024 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 16 September 2024

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

- (a) notes:
 - (i) it has been more than 5 months since Israeli forces killed Zomi Frankcom, an Australian citizen and aid worker, along with 6 other World Central Kitchen aid workers, and there has been no credible investigation into the killing,
 - (ii) nearly 300 aid workers have been killed since Israel began its genocide in Gaza, including at least 220 United Nation workers, making it likely that 2024 will be the deadliest year for aid workers,
 - (iii) humanitarian organisations have accused Israel of systematically targeting aid workers in Gaza, and last month another World Central Kitchen aid worker was killed while the World Food Programme had to briefly halt its movement after Israeli forces fired at one of its vehicles, and
 - (iv) a request by World Central Kitchen to the Australian Government, made 3 days after Zomi's murder for an independent investigation into the Israeli attack, noting that 'the IDF cannot credibly investigate its own failure in Gaza'; and
- (b) calls on the Government to call for an independent investigation into the Israeli attack on 1 April 2024 that killed Zomi Frankcom along with 6 other World Central Kitchen aid workers.

Notice given 18 November 2024

670 **Senators Bilyk and Reynolds:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that 19 November 2024 marks the 1000th day of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine;
- (b) further notes that 23 November 2024 marks the 91st anniversary of the Ukrainian famine—known as the Holodomor—which was orchestrated by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR);
- (c) extends its sympathies to the victims of both these atrocities;
- (d) reiterates its condemnation of the Holodomor, of Russia's ongoing attacks on Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity since it gained independence in 1991, and of Russia's illegal, immoral and unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine;
- (e) expresses solidarity with the heroes of Ukraine who are risking their lives in defence of their country and democracy; and
- (f) reaffirms the Senate's support for Australia's resolve that it will continue to work with the international community to support Ukraine for as long as it takes for Ukraine to end the war on its own terms.

Notice given 19 November 2024

681 **Senator Thorpe:** To move—That—

- (a) the Senate notes that:

- (i) on 3 October 2024, questions on notice nos 3633 to 3679 were submitted, requesting that ministers of all portfolios provide specific information relating to the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) in this term of Parliament,
 - (ii) a number of ministers responded to questions with identical answers stating that ‘governments of all persuasions have used non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) from time to time to assist in the development of policies and legislative proposals’ and multiple others responded that they did not keep ‘centralised records’, and
 - (iii) the answers to the questions provided by the ministers did not provide the information sought by the questions;
- (b) there be laid on the table by the ministers to which the question was directed, by midday on 25 November 2024, revised answers to questions on notice nos 3633 to 3679 (excluding questions on notice nos 3634, 3635, 3643, 3645, 3646, 3648, 3649, 3652, 3660, 3661, 3663, 3668 and 3672), placed on notice on 3 October 2024, that provide the information sought by the questions; and
- (c) if this order has not been complied with by midday on 25 November 2024 the Senate requires the Minister representing the Prime Minister to attend the Senate at the conclusion of motions to take note of answers to provide an explanation, of no more than 5 minutes, of why the answers have not been provided, and that:
- (i) any senator may move to take note of the explanation, and
 - (ii) the motion may be debated for no longer than 30 minutes, shall have precedence over all other business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 5 minutes each.

Notice of motion altered on 19 November 2024 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 20 November 2024

689 **Senator Cox:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the Northern Territory Government has introduced a draft bill to create a new position, Territory Coordinator, and that this position would have extraordinary powers, including to:
 - (i) prioritise, fast track or pause statutory processes to benefit development projects,
 - (ii) recommend that the Northern Territory Government issue an exemption notice to a public entity, which could exclude or modify the application of laws to development projects, and
 - (iii) issue a step-in notice to a public entity, advising that the Territory Coordinator will step in to undertake a statutory process or make a statutory decision in the place of that entity;
- (b) notes that the draft bill allows the Minister for Territory Coordinator to:
 - (i) override the decisions of other ministers and make decisions in place of other ministers, and
 - (ii) issue an exemption notice to a public;
- (c) condemns this attempt to bypass laws that protect the environment and cultural heritage; and

- (d) calls on the federal Minister for the Environment and Water and the federal Minister for Indigenous Australians to condemn this bill and protect the Northern Territory's environment and cultural heritage from overdevelopment that is unrestrained by reasonable checks and balances.

Notice given 26 November 2024

730 **Senator Tyrrell:** To move—That the Senate recognises that—

- (a) kinship carers (grandparents, aunts, uncles or other family members) step up to provide a safe and secure place for children when their parents are unable to provide care;
- (b) kinship carers often care for these children without receiving any extra financial support;
- (c) foster carers can access financial supports (Child Care Subsidy, income support, Family Tax Benefit and Health Care Cards and Foster Child Health Care Cards) but kinship carers do not always have the same access to financial support, despite providing the same level of care;
- (d) kinship carers are often not eligible for parenting leave, making it difficult for them to provide care for newborns and young babies while also keeping themselves afloat financially;
- (e) kinship carers do not have a universally accepted form of identification that can be used to prove their status as the child's carer; and
- (f) kinship care is both hard and rewarding and more needs to be done to support and recognise kinship carers.

Notice given 4 February 2025

741 **Senator Thorpe:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the resolution of 27 July 2022 to display the Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag alongside the Australian Flag in the Senate chamber;
- (b) resolves that, consistent with its previous resolution, the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag be displayed alongside the Australian Flag wherever the Australian Flag is flown in the immediate vicinity of the Senate chamber; and
- (c) directs that the flags be installed within 3 weeks after the passage of this resolution.

Notice given 5 February 2025

758 **Senators Bilyk and Reynolds:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that 24 February 2025 marks three years since Russia's illegal, immoral and unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine; and
- (b) reaffirms the Senate's:
 - (i) continued support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity,
 - (ii) condemnation of Russia's attacks on Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity since Ukraine gained independence in 1991, Russia's backing of separatist militias in the Donbas, Russia's illegal attempted annexation of Crimea and Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, as well as Russia's interference in Ukraine's domestic politics,

- (iii) support for Australian Government efforts since the full-scale invasion to provide military, humanitarian, energy, reconstruction and recovery assistance to Ukraine,
- (iv) support for Australian Government measures that impose costs on Russia for its violations of international law, including trade sanctions and targeted financial sanctions,
- (v) support for Australia's continued calls on Russia to fulfil its obligations under international humanitarian law and end its illegal invasion of Ukraine, and
- (vi) endorsement of the Australian Government's commitment to continue to support a just and lasting peace for Ukraine.

Notice given 12 February 2025

797 **Senator O'Sullivan:** To move—The Senate is of the opinion that, under Labor's economic mismanagement, Australians are experiencing the longest sustained period of inflation since the 1980s and only a Dutton Coalition Government will fight cost of living pressures; build a stronger economy; back small business; deliver affordable and reliable energy; fix the housing crisis; rebalance our migration program; keep Australians safe; deliver quality healthcare; grow a stronger regional Australia; focus on practical action for indigenous Australians; build strong and sustainable communities; and cut government waste.

Notice given 13 February 2025

*799 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—

- (1) That the following be inserted into the standing orders:

39A—Government responses to committee reports

Where the government has not responded within a three month period to a report of a standing or select committee which recommended action by the government in compliance with Procedural Resolution 44:

- (a) at the conclusion of question time on any day after that period, any senator may ask the relevant minister for an explanation of why the response has not yet been provided; 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 with regard to the minister's failure to provide either an answer or an explanation; and
- (2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, all outstanding government responses to standing or select committee reports presented in the 47th Parliament which recommended action by the government, before the 47th Parliament is prorogued.

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.

12 **Cost of living**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Scarr—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 (*Senator Rennick in continuation, 10 October 2024*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 530.

13 **Political culture**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Rennick—That, in the opinion of the Senate, despite being the cause of Australia’s cost of living, energy, housing and immigration crises, neither the Labor Party or the Coalition have the courage or the solutions to address these problems, preferring to distract from their incompetence by engaging in juvenile behaviour by attacking each other over issues that are of little significance to the Australian people (*Assistant Minister for a Future Made in Australia, Senator Ayres, in continuation, 6 February 2025*).

Initially general business notice of motion no. 764.