

ORIGINAL

IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
MELBOURNE REGISTRY

No M106 of 2017

B E T W E E N:

AUSTRALIAN MARRIAGE EQUALITY LTD
First Plaintiff

SENATOR JANET RICE
Second Plaintiff

and

MINISTER FOR FINANCE MATHIAS CORMANN
Respondent

AUSTRALIAN STATISTICIAN
Second Defendant



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PLAINTIFFS' CHRONOLOGY

Part I:

I certify that this chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

Part II:

No	Date	Event	Reference
1	14 September 2016	The <i>Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016</i> (Cth) (the Plebiscite Bill) is introduced into the House of Representatives.	Special Case at [18] (SCB 67)
2	20 October 2016	The Plebiscite Bill is passed in the House of Representatives.	Special Case at [18] (SCB 67)
3	7 November 2016	The Plebiscite Bill is defeated in the Senate.	Special Case at [20] (SCB 67)
4	March 2017	The Department of Finance sought advice from the Attorney-General's Department including for the purpose of preparing a submission to Cabinet.	Special Case at [23] (SCB 68)

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5	20 March 2017	Kerry Markoulli, Assistant Secretary at the Department of Finance, sends an email to Tamsyn Harvey, First Assistant Secretary at the Attorney-General's Department, attaching a document entitled " <i>Memorandum of Understanding to Fund Plebiscites v6</i> ".	Special Case at [24] (SCB 68)
6	5 May 2017	Last day to provide expenditure in the <i>Appropriations Bill (No. 1) 2017-2018</i> (Cth).	Special Case at [29] (SCB 69)
7	5 May 2017	Relevant parts of the Budget Paper No. 1: <i>Budget Strategy and Outlook 2017-18</i> are finalised.	Special Case at [30] (SCB 69)
8	9 May 2017	The Budget Paper No. 1: <i>Budget Strategy and Outlook 2017-18</i> is published by Parliament House.	Special Case at [31] (SCB 69)
9	23 June 2017	The <i>Appropriation Act (No.1) 2017-2018</i> (Cth) receives Royal Assent.	Special Case at [33] (SCB 69)
10	1 July 2017	The <i>Appropriation Act (No.1) 2017-2018</i> (Cth) commences operation.	Special Case at [34] (SCB 70)
11	8 August 2017	The Finance Minister publishes a media release.	Special Case at [36] (SCB 70)
12	7 August 2017	Government decision to re-introduce the Plebiscite Bill into the Senate and, if the Senate again rejected the Bill, to proceed with a "voluntary postal plebiscite" for all Australians enrolled on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).	Special case at [38] (SCB 70)
13	9 August 2017	The <i>Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016</i> (Cth) is defeated a second time in the Senate.	Special case at [38] (SCB 70)
14	9 August 2017	The Finance Minister issues an <i>Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 1 of 2017 2018)</i> (the Determination).	Special Case at [37] (SCB 70)

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15	9 August 2017	The Treasurer directs the Australian Statistician to collect statistical information in relation to the views of electors about whether the law should be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry (Statistics Direction).	Special Case at [40] (SCB 70)
16	16 August 2017	The Finance Minister issues an amendment to the Statistics Direction.	Special Case at [46] (SCB 71)

Dated: 23 August 2017



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