

This week at a glance

A preview of Senate business

18 April to 21 April 2016

On the first day of each sitting week the Senate Daily Summary outlines the business scheduled for consideration in the Senate. On subsequent days, it provides a convenient summary of the previous day's proceedings in the Senate, with links to official Senate records.

Another document useful in tracking the business of the Senate is the [Dynamic Red](#), which records proceedings in the Senate as they happen.

44th Parliament—Second session

The second session of the 44th Parliament will be opened on 18 April at 9.30 am by the Governor-General in the Senate chamber (see attachment for an outline of the program).

Legislation

Bills to be considered

The Government has circulated an indicative list of bills for debate this week, as follows:

- Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2] and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015
- Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 3]
- Road Safety Remuneration Amendment (Protecting Owner Drivers) Bill 2016
- Road Safety Remuneration Repeal Bill 2016

Other business

[Documents](#) have been presented out of sitting.

During the week the Senate is expected to establish its sitting pattern for the remainder of the year.

Online

The *Senate Daily Summary* is available at www.aph.gov.au/senate

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PARLIAMENT of AUSTRALIA

Opening of the 2nd Session of the 44th Parliament 18th April 2016

On 21 March 2016 the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), issued a proclamation summoning the Parliament to meet at 9.30am on Monday 18th April 2016. The Governor-General will open the session in the Senate chamber on 18th April 2016, arriving under the Great Verandah at the Main Front Entrance at approximately 9.15am.

Due to the arrival of the Governor-General access to some areas of the precinct and building will be briefly restricted. Shortly after 9.00am there may be a temporary road closure on Parliament Drive and a temporary closure of the Main Front Entrance to facilitate the arrival of the official party. We ask for the co-operation of all building occupants at this time.

Proceedings

The Senate and the House of Representatives will assemble at 9.30am in their respective chambers. In the Senate the Clerk will read the proclamation calling Parliament together and the Governor-General will be announced by the Usher of the Black Rod. The Governor-General will then direct the Black Rod to let the members of the House of Representatives know that he desires their attendance in the Senate chamber. In the House of Representatives, the Clerk will read the proclamation, and the Speaker will then make an acknowledgement of country and read prayers. Members will then await a message from the Governor-General, and following receipt of this, will attend the Senate.

When the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives are in attendance, the Governor-General will address the members of both Houses to declare the cause of calling the Parliament together. The Governor-General will then withdraw followed by the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

The sitting of the Senate will then be suspended for approximately half an hour to allow for resetting of the chamber, followed by the resumption of the routine of business. The Members of the House of Representatives will return to the House and the routine of business will resume immediately.

Viewing proceedings

The opening of the 2nd Session of the 44th Parliament will be broadcast on Channel 115 and will be shown in the Theatre. Proceedings in the Senate and the House of Representatives will be broadcast on the House Monitoring Service as usual.

The public galleries in the Senate will be open as with a normal sitting day on a first-come first-seated basis. The galleries will be open at 8.45am. Those intending to view the proceedings from the galleries should arrive in good time to undergo cloaking and screening and take a seat before proceedings start at 9.30am.

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