



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 19/2019

**Wednesday, 18 September 2019**

The Senate met from 9.30am to 7.39pm

## Senators

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- Senator [McMahon](#) gave her first speech
  - ▶ [Watch the speech](#)
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## Bills

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### Introduced

- [Emergency Response Fund Bill 2019](#)  
[Emergency Response Fund \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2019](#)
- [National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Amendment Bill 2019](#)

### Considered

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Putting Members' Interests First\) Bill 2019](#)
  - ▶ Watch the debate [\[part 1\]](#) [\[part 2\]](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue on 19 September 2019

### Passed

Without amendment

- [Family Assistance Legislation Amendment \(Extend Family Assistance to ABSTUDY Secondary School Boarding Students Aged 16 and Over\) Bill 2019](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
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The bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

### Messages

The House of Representatives agreed to the following bill without amendment:

- [Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Bill 2019](#)

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# Committees

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## New inquiries

- [Joint Select Committee on Australia's family law system](#) for inquiry and report by 7 October 2020
- Proposed works referred to the [Public Works Joint Committee](#) for inquiry and report as soon as reasonably possible:
  - Australian High Commission Property Replacement Project in Tarawa, Kiribati
  - Shoalwater Bay Training Area Remediation Project

## Reports tabled

- [Delegated legislation monitor 6 of 2019](#) Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- [Scrutiny digest 6 of 2019](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Human rights scrutiny report 5 of 2019](#) Joint Committee on Human Rights

## Reporting date extended

- [Centrelink's compliance program](#) extended to the first sitting Wednesday in March 2020

## Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)
- [Members were appointed to joint committees](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

# Documents

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## Tabled documents

- [Government documents and documents presented by the President](#)
- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

To view individual instruments visit [www.legislation.gov.au](http://www.legislation.gov.au) and search using the Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number

## Orders for the production of documents

### Agreed to

- [Government response to a report of the Environment and Communications References Committee into the Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program](#) to be tabled by the Minister for the Environment by 5 pm on 14 October 2019

### Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to copies of reports on drought agreed to on [16 September 2019](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to job seeker compliance data agreed to on [17 September 2019](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the jobactive program agreed to on [17 September 2019](#)

## Other business

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### Motions

#### Agreed to

- [Murray-Darling Basin Plan](#) moved by Senators Hanson-Young and Farrell
- [Mr Adrian Drane](#) moved by Senators Lambie, Duniam and Urquhart
- [Privatisation of power assets](#) moved by Senators Watt, Green, Chisholm, Bilyk, Brown, Urquhart, Sterle, Pratt, Dodson, Polley and Lines
- [Grandparent carers](#) moved by Senators Siewert, Brown, Urquhart, Dean Smith and Marielle Smith
- [Disability Support Pension](#) moved by Senators Siewert, Steele-John and Brown

#### Negatived

- [Climate strikes](#) moved by Senator Di Natale
- [Meat free week](#) moved by Senator Faruqi
- [Water release](#) moved by Senator Roberts
- [Sawfish and spartooth sharks](#) moved by Senator Whish-Wilson
- [International Overdose Awareness Day](#) moved by Senator Di Natale

### Disallowance motions

#### Notice of intention to withdraw


The Acting Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Carr) to withdraw the following on the next day of sitting:

- Underwater Cultural Heritage Rules 2018 [[F2019L00096](#)]
- Water Amendment (Murray Darling Basin Agreement—Basin Salinity Management) Regulations 2018 [[F2018L01674](#)]
- Migration (Fast Track Applicant Class – Temporary Protection and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas) Instrument 2019 [[F2019L00506](#)]
- Southern and Eastern Scafish and Shark Fishery (Closures Variation) Direction 2019 [[F2019L00650](#)]


#### Withdrawn

- Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights – Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Amendment Instrument 2019 [[F2019L00554](#)] withdrawn by Senator Patrick

### Attendance of minister

- The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann) made a statement regarding the Member for Chisholm in response to an order of the Senate agreed to on [17 September 2019](#). The Senate debated the statement
  - [Watch the debate](#)  [Read the transcript](#)

### Statement by the President

- The President made a statement regarding a matter of privilege raised by Senator Patrick concerning possible intimidation of crossbench senators. Senator Patrick gave a notice of motion to refer the matter to the Privileges Committee
  - [Watch the statements](#)  [Read the transcript](#)

## Address-in-reply

- The [Senate agreed](#) to adjourn at 4.30pm on 19 September 2019 to enable the Address-in-reply to be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General

## Statistics

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Bills received from the House of Representatives	3
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	0
Bills passed in the Senate	1
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	3
Reports tabled	3
Notices of motion given	9
Divisions	8

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