



Senate Daily Summary

No. 04/2019

Tuesday, 2 April 2019

The Senate met from 12.00pm to 10:28

Budget

- Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled the Budget statement and associated documents
- The Senate referred the budget documents to legislation committees for consideration during estimates hearings in April 2019
- Portfolio budget statements for the parliamentary departments, and portfolio and executive departments were tabled

Senators

- Senators [Askew](#) (Tasmania), [Ciccone](#) (Victoria), and [Spender](#) (New South Wales) were sworn in as senators
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Bills

Introduced

- [Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment \(Support for Infrastructure Financing\) Bill 2019](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Making Sure Foreign Investors Pay Their Fair Share of Tax in Australia and Other Measures\) Bill 2019](#)
- [Governor-General Amendment \(Salary\) Bill 2019](#)
- [Treatment Benefits \(Special Access\) Bill 2019](#)
- [Treatment Benefits \(Special Access\) \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2019](#)
- [Future Drought Fund Bill 2019](#)
- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 3\) 2018-2019](#)
- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 4\) 2018-2019](#)
- [Appropriation \(Parliamentary Departments\) Bill \(No. 2\) 2018-2019](#)
- [Supply Bill \(No. 1\) 2019-2020](#)
- [Supply Bill \(No. 2\) 2019-2020](#)
- [Supply \(Parliamentary Departments\) Bill \(No. 1\) 2019-2020](#)
- [Social Security Amendment \(A Fair Go for Age Pensioners\) Bill 2019](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Aged Care Amendment \(Resident Welfare and Provider Disclosure\) Bill 2019](#) [private senator's bill]

Considered

- [Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment \(Support for Infrastructure Financing\) Bill 2019](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue on 3 April 2019

Passed

The House of Representatives made the amendments requested by the Senate to the following bills:

- [Industrial Chemicals Charges \(General\) Bill 2017](#)
[Industrial Chemicals Charges \(Customs\) Bill 2017](#)
[Industrial Chemicals Charges \(Excise\) Bill 2017](#)

These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

Messages

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

- [Aboriginal Land Rights \(Northern Territory\) Amendment Bill 2018](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Enhancing Whistleblower Protections\) Bill 2018](#)
- [Wine Australia Amendment \(Trade with United Kingdom\) Bill 2019](#)

These bills have been assented to by the Governor-General

The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the following bills:

- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Modernisation and Other Measures\) Bill 2018](#)
- [Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017](#)
[Industrial Chemicals \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2017](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2018 Measures No. 5\) Bill 2018](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Protecting Your Superannuation Package\) Bill 2018](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Strengthening Corporate and Financial Sector Penalties\) Bill 2018](#)

These bills have been assented to by the Governor-General

Committees

Reports tabled

- [174th report - Parliamentary Privilege and the use of search warrants](#) Privileges Committee
- [175th report - Possible improper interference with a Senator in the free performance of his duties](#) Privileges Committee
- [176th report - Person referred to in the Senate Mr Ben Davies](#) Privileges Committee
- Additional estimates 2018-19 [Community Affairs](#), [Economics](#), [Education and Employment](#), [Environment and Communications](#), [Finance and Public Administration](#), [Foreign Affairs](#), [Defence and Trade](#), [Legal and Constitutional Affairs](#), [Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport](#) Legislation Committees
- [Report](#) Joint Select Committee on Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- [Temporary skilled visa system](#) Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
- [Examination of annual reports](#) Education and Employment Legislation Committee
- [1st report of 2019](#) Public Works Joint Committee
- [Statutory Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation](#) Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

- [Examination of the 2017-18 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act](#) Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- [Austrade's role in attracting investment in Australia](#) Trade and Investment Growth Joint Committee
- [Lower Tax Bill 2018](#) Economics Legislation Committee
- [477th report](#), [478th report](#) and [479th report](#) Public Account and Audit Joint Committee
- [Statement](#) on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office for 2018-19 Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee

Reporting dates extended

- [Australia's faunal extinction crisis](#) extended to 13 November 2019
- [Continuing effectiveness, role and future direction of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee](#) to 3 June 2019

Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

Documents

Tabled documents

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

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

Order for the production of documents

Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to an arson investigation regarding the premises of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority in Armidale to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than noon on 3 April 2019

Petition

- Senator Ketter presented a [petition](#) relating to the national Broadband Network Corporation

Other

- Senator Faruqi tabled a [petitioning document](#) regarding Senator Anning
- Senator Siewert tabled a [petitioning document](#) regarding ParentsNext

Delegation reports

- Australian parliamentary delegation to [Romania and the 139th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly held at Geneva, Switzerland](#)
- Australian parliamentary delegation to [Vietnam, Thailand and Brunei](#)

Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [National child sex offender register](#) moved by Senator Hinch
- [Inheritance tax](#) moved by Senator O'Sullivan
- [National Day of Bhutan](#) moved by Senator Dean Smith
- [World Tuberculosis Day 2019](#) moved by Senator Singh
- [North Queensland floods](#) moved by Senators Faruqi and Waters
- [Operation Sovereign Borders](#) moved by Senator McGrath
- [Chinchilla Melon Festival](#) moved by Senator McGrath
- [Australian cotton farmers and the cotton industry](#) moved by Senator Williams
- [Tasmanian bushfires](#) moved by Senators Colbeck, Duniam and Abetz
- [Closing the Gap](#) moved by Senators Siewert and Dodson
- [Australian seafarers and the Australian shipping industry](#) moved by Senator Urquhart
- [National Autism Strategy](#) moved by Senators Griff and Brown
- [Silicosis](#) moved by Senators Di Natale and Faruqi
- [Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore](#) moved by Senator McGrath
- [Economic inequality and women's financial security](#) moved by Senator Waters

Negatived

- [Adani Charmichael mine](#) moved by Senator Waters
- [Persecution of the Kurdish people in Turkey](#) moved by Senator Di Natale
- [The Moss Review](#) moved by Senator Faruqi
- [Publically-funded accommodation](#) moved by Senator Anning

Denied formality

- [Venezuelan interim President](#) moved by Senator McGrath
- [Climate change](#) moved by Senator Rice

Disallowance motions

Notices of motion to disallow

- Item 4 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019 [[F2019L00177](#)] notice given by Senator Farrell
- Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights — Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Instrument 2019 [[F2019L00134](#)] notice given by Senator Patrick

Condolences

- [Christchurch tragedy](#)
 - [Watch the condolences](#)  [Read the transcript](#)
- [The Honorable Dr John Herron, AO](#), a former senator for Queensland
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- [Gordon McIntosh](#), a former senator for Western Australia
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Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	12
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	2
Bills passed in the Senate	3
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	0
Reports tabled	22
Notices of motion given	65
Divisions	4

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