



Senate Daily Summary

No. 16/2020

Thursday, 14 May 2020

The Senate met from 9.30am to 6pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Australian Sports Commission Amendment \(Ensuring a Level Playing Field\) Bill 2020](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(General Practitioners and Quality Assurance\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Aged Care Legislation Amendment \(Emergency Leave\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Defence Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2020](#)

Considered

- [Official Development Assistance Multilateral Replenishment Obligations \(Special Appropriation\) Bill 2019](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue at a later date

Passed

Without amendments

- [Privacy Amendment \(Public Health Contact Information\) Bill 2020](#)
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- [Aged Care Legislation Amendment \(Emergency Leave\) Bill 2020](#)
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- [Defence Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2020](#)
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- [Student Identifiers Amendment \(Enhanced Student Permissions\) Bill 2019](#)
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- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2020](#)
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These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

With amendments or requests

- [Telecommunications Legislation Amendment \(Competition and Consumer\) Bill 2019](#)
[Telecommunications \(Regional Broadband Scheme\) Charge Bill 2019](#)
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The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2019 and made the amendment requested by the Senate to the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019. The bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

Committees

New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [Report no.4 of 2020](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following reference:
 - [Migration Amendment \(Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities\) Bill 2020](#) referred to the [Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 5 August 2020
- [Issues facing diaspora communities in Australia](#) referred to the [Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 26 November 2020

Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

Documents

Tabled documents

- [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 the Water for Fodder program](#) to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia on the first sitting day after 1 July 2020

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Building Landcare Community and Capacity Grants program agreed to on [13 May 2020](#)

Ministerial statement

- [Update on Bushfire Recovery and Drought Response](#) tabled on behalf of the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management
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Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [Impacts of COVID-19 on the construction industry](#) moved by Senator Ciccone
- [Superannuation](#) moved by Senator McAllister
- [Returned and Services League of Western Australia](#) moved by Senator Dean Smith
- [Australia and USA relationship](#) moved by Senators Dean Smith and Askew
- [70th Anniversary of the Korean War](#) moved by Senators Dean Smith and Askew
- [Aviation security—New South Wales](#) moved by Senator Sheldon and others
- [COVID-19 unproven therapies](#) moved by Senator Griff
- [LGBTIQ+ people](#) moved by Senators Rice, Pratt, Dean Smith and Wong
- [Australia's thalidomide survivors](#) moved by Senator Steele-John
- [Aviation security—Queensland](#) moved by Senator Watt and others
- [Hunters and shooters](#) moved by Senator McKenzie and others

Negatived

- [Jobkeeper program eligibility](#) moved by Senator Sheldon and others
- [Impact of COVID-19 on international students](#) moved by Senator Faruqi
- [Temporary visa holders](#) moved by Senators Griff and McKim
- [COVID-19 supplement and Disability Support Pension and Carer Payment recipients](#) moved by Senators Siewert and Steele-John
- [Vessels entering Australian waters during the pandemic](#) moved by Senator Keneally
- [Wildlife](#) moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Denied formality

- [Palestine](#) moved by Senator Waters

Debated

- [COVID-19 and economy](#) moved by Senator Gallagher
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Disallowance motions

Negatived

- Fair Work Amendment (Variation of Enterprise Agreements) Regulations 2020 [[F2020L00432](#)] moved by Senator Farrell and others

Notices of motion to disallow

- Industry Research and Development (Water for Fodder Program) Instrument 2019 [[F2019L01591](#)] notice given by Senator Hanson-Young
- Competition and Consumer (Industry Codes—Dairy) Regulations 2019 [[F2019L01610](#)] Higher Education Provider Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Guidelines 2019 [[F2019L01699](#)] notices given by the Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

Scheduling

- The Senate agreed to [sitting and estimates dates for the remainder of 2020](#)

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	1
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	1
Bills passed in the Senate	7
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	1
New inquiries	2
Reports tabled	0
Orders for production of documents agreed to	1
Notices of motion given	5
Divisions	4

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