

Senate Daily Summary

No. 29/2020

Wednesday, 2 September 2020

The Senate met from 9.30am to 7.59pm

Bills

Introduced

- Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill 2020
- Franchising Laws Amendment (Fairness in Franchising) Bill 2020 [private senator's bill]
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Bill 2020

Considered

<u>Electoral Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020</u>
 Watch the debate [part one] [part two] Read the transcript [part one] [part two]

Debate on this bill will continue on 3 September 2020

Committees

Reports tabled

- <u>Scrutiny digest 11 of 2020</u> Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- <u>Delegated legislation monitor 10 of 2020</u> Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
- <u>Centrelink's compliance program Third interim report</u> Community Affairs References Committee [The Senate adopted the <u>recommendations</u> contained in the interim report. See below at orders for the production of documents, and attendance of minister]
- <u>Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology</u> Interim report Select Committee on Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology
- <u>Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Cessation) Bill 2019</u> Advisory report Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Reporting dates extended

- Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder extended to the second last sitting day in March 2021
- <u>Investigations into a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria</u> extended to the last sitting day in March 2021

Membership

See 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

Other

• Senator Pratt tabled two petitioning documents regarding university fees and funding

Orders for the production of documents

Agreed to

- Documents relating to questions taken on notice during the inquiry into Centrelink's compliance
 program to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Government Services by no later
 than 12pm on 6 October 2020 [see <u>recommendation 2</u> contained in the Community Affairs References
 Committee's <u>third interim report</u>]
- Documents relating to an Executive Minute to the Minister for Social Services to be tabled by the
 Minister representing the Minister for Government Services by no later than 12pm on 6 October 2020
 [see recommendation 3 contained in the Community Affairs References Committee's third interim
 report]

Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- Sydney Harbour foreshore moved by Senator Bragg
- Mango pickers moved by Senators McCarthy and Ciccone
- Dairy code of conduct moved by Senator Sterle
- Aged care workers moved by Senator Walsh and others
- <u>Australian economy</u> moved by Senator Gallagher
- <u>Beetaloo Basin</u> moved by Senator McMahon and others

Negatived

- <u>Australian Broadcasting Corporation funding</u> moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- <u>The New Daily</u> moved by Senator Rennick
- Coronavirus supplement moved by Senator Siewert

Disallowance motion

Withdrawn

 Competition and Consumer (Industry Codes - Dairy) Regulations 2019 [F2019L01610] withdrawn by the Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)

Attendance of minister

• The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for Government Services to attend the Senate at the conclusion of question time on 6 October 2020 to provide an explanation regarding claims of public interest immunity in answers to questions on notice relating to the inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program [see <u>recommendation 1</u> contained in the Community Affairs References Committee's <u>third interim report</u>]

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	1
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	1
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	1
Bills passed in the Senate	0
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	0
Reports tabled	5
Orders for production of documents agreed to	2
Notices of motion given	19
Divisions	12

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