



Senate Daily Summary

No. 31/2020

Tuesday, 6 October 2020

The Senate met from 12pm to 10.25pm

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 October 2020
- Portfolio budget statements for the parliamentary departments, and portfolio and executive departments were tabled

Senators

- [Senator Thorpe](#) was sworn in as a senator for Victoria
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Bills

Introduced

- [Royal Commissions Amendment \(Confidentiality Protections\) Bill 2020](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Judges' Pensions Amendment \(Pension Not Payable for Misconduct\) Bill 2020](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Streamlining Environmental Approvals\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Defence Legislation Amendment \(Enhancement of Defence Force Response to Emergencies\) Bill 2020](#)

Considered

- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students\) Bill 2020](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue on 7 October 2020

Message

- The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the [Payment Times Reporting Bill 2020](#)

This bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

Committees

New inquiry

- [Select Committee on tobacco harm reduction](#) for inquiry and report on or before 1 December 2020

Reporting date extended

- [Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment \(Implementing Independent Intelligence Review\) Bill 2020](#) extended to 9 December 2020

Documents ordered to be produced

- The Senate [ordered](#) the Secretary of the Department of Defence to provide documents relating to Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capacity to the Economics References Committee by no later than 5pm on 16 October 2020

Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)
- A member was [appointed to a joint committee](#)

[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

Orders for the production of documents

Tabled

- [Response](#) to orders for the production of documents relating to the inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program agreed to on [2 September 2020](#)

Petition

- Senator Patrick [presented a petition](#) regarding the SA-NSW interconnector project

Attendance of minister

- Pursuant to the order agreed to on [2 September 2020](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Government Services (Senator Ruston) attended the Senate to provide an explanation regarding claims of public interest immunity in relation to questions on notice asked in the inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program. The Senate debated the explanation.
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Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [National packaging covenant](#) moved by Senator Whish-Wilson
- [Australia Post executive bonuses](#) moved by Senator Kitching
- [Toxic waste disposal](#) moved by Senator Rennick
- [Australian manufacturers](#) moved by Senator Canavan and others
- [Border travel restrictions](#) moved by Senator McKenzie and others
- [Australians stranded overseas](#) moved by Senators Wong and Keneally

Negated

- [JobSeeker Payment](#) moved by Senator Siewert
- [Queensland state election](#) moved by Senator Chisholm and others

Disallowance motions

Notices of motion to disallow

- Australian Postal Corporation (Performance Standards) Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2020 [[F2020L00579](#)] notice given by the Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
- Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Amendment Rules (No. 8) [[F2020L01165](#)] notice given by Senator Faruqi
- Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response – 2020 Measures No. 14) Determination 2020 [[F2020L01093](#)] notice given by Senator Siewert
- Items 1 to 3 of Schedule 1 and item 4 of Schedule 2 of the Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response – 2020 Measures No. 14) Determination 2020 [[F2020L01093](#)] notice given by Senator Siewert
- Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response – 2020 Measures No. 14) Determination 2020 [[F2020L01093](#)] notice given by Senator Dodson

Statement

- The President made a [statement](#) regarding the sittings of the Senate during the COVID-19 pandemic

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	2
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	2
Bills passed in the Senate	0
Bills negated or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	1
Reports tabled	0
Orders for production of documents agreed to	1
Notices of motion given	24
Divisions	4

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