



Senate Daily Summary

No. 18/2021

Thursday, 13 May 2021

The Senate met from 9.30 am to 8.43pm

Budget

- Party leaders and independent senators made statements in reply to the 2021-22 budget
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Bills

Introduced

- [Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment \(No New Fossil Fuels\) Bill 2021 \[No. 2\]](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Migration Amendment \(Clarifying International Obligations for Removal\) Bill 2021](#)
[Migration Amendment \(Tabling Notice of Certain Character Decisions\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment \(Student Assistance and Other Measures\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Education Legislation Amendment \(2021 Measures No. 2\) Bill 2021](#)

Passed

Without amendments

- [Education Legislation Amendment \(2021 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Prescribed Fees\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Migration Amendment \(Clarifying International Obligations for Removal\) Bill 2021](#)
[Migration Amendment \(Tabling Notice of Certain Character Decisions\) Bill 2021](#)
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- [Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment \(Student Assistance and Other Measures\) Bill 2021](#)

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

With amendments

- [Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment \(Extension and Other Measures\) Bill 2021](#)
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The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's amendments

Committees

New inquiries

- The Senate agreed to refer [certain time critical bills](#), introduced in the House of Representatives during the budget estimates fortnight, to legislation committees for inquiry and report by 11 June 2021
- The Senate adopted [report no. 5 of 2021](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
 - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 referred to the [Environment and Communications Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 17 June 2021
 - Family Law Amendment (Federal Family Violence Orders) Bill 2021 referred to the [Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 29 July 2021
- Disability Support Pension referred to the [Community Affairs References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 30 November 2021

Reports tabled

- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Regional Forest Agreements\) Bill 2020](#) Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
- Human Rights Joint Committee:
 - [Annual report for 2020](#)
 - [Human rights scrutiny report 6 of 2021](#)
- [First report of 2021—Remote participation in Senate proceedings](#) Procedure Committee

Reporting dates extended

- [Australia Post](#) extended to 25 May 2021
- Temporary order in relation to formal motions and notices extended to 17 June 2021
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
 - [Australia's aviation sector](#) extended to 21 October 2021
 - [Fisheries quota system](#) extended to 20 October 2021
 - [Management of the Inland Rail project](#) extended to 11 August 2021

Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)

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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

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to [a report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee](#) agreed to on 11 May 2021

Agreed to

- [Unanswered estimates questions on notice](#) to be tabled by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, by no later than 9.30 am on Monday 17 May 2021

Ministerial statement

- [Rural and regional budget outcomes](#) tabled on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
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Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [Australians in India \(clause \(b\)\)](#) moved by Senators Wong and Keneally
- [World MS Day](#) moved by Senator Askew and others
- [Labour shortages in the Northern Territory and regional Australia](#) moved by Senator McMahon and others
- [Rotary Australia](#) moved by Senator Small and others
- [First Nations people – Reconciliation](#) moved by Senators Dodson and McCarthy
- [Catherine House – Funding](#) moved by Senator Hanson-Young and others

Negatived

- [Australians in India \(clause \(a\)\)](#) moved by Senators Wong and Keneally
- [Hunter Valley mining](#) moved by Senator Ayres
- [Australian curriculum](#) moved by Senators Faruqi and Waters
- [Fossil fuel infrastructure](#) moved by Senator Steele-John

Debated

- [2021-22 Budget](#) moved by Senator Gallagher
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Disallowance motions

Withdrawn

Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) withdrew the following notices:

- ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/1064 [[F2020L01571](#)]
- ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/1065 [[F2020L01572](#)]
- ASIC Corporations (Design and Distribution Obligations - Exchange Traded Products) Instrument 2020/1090 [[F2020L01600](#)]

- Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2020 [[F2020L01609](#)]
- Competition and Consumer (Class Exemption – Collective Bargaining) Determination 2020 [[F2020L01334](#)]
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (AER Functions) Regulations 2020 [[F2020L01606](#)]
- Corporations (Stay on Enforcing Certain Rights) Amendment (Corporate Insolvency Reforms) Declaration 2020 [[F2020L01682](#)]
- Corporations Amendment (Corporate Insolvency Reforms) Regulations 2020 [[F2020L01654](#)]
- Family Law Amendment (Notice of Child Abuse, Family Violence or Risk) Rules 2020 [[F2020L01361](#)]
- Federal Circuit Court Amendment (Notice of Child Abuse, Family Violence or Risk) Rules 2020 [[F2020L01362](#)]
- Foreign Investment Reform (Protecting Australia's National Security) Regulations 2020 [[F2020L01568](#)]
- Norfolk Island Employment Rules 2020 [[F2020L01536](#)]
- Part 138 (Aerial Work Operations) Manual of Standards 2020 [[F2020L01402](#)]
- Tax Agent Services (Specified BAS Services No. 2) Instrument 2020 [[F2020L01406](#)]
- Taxation Administration (Remedial Power – Seasonal Labour Mobility Program) Determination 2020 [[F2020L01474](#)]

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	4
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	1
Bills passed in the Senate	6
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	2
New inquiries	4
Reports tabled	4
Orders for production of documents agreed to	1
Notices of motion given	11
Divisions	31

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