



Senate Daily Summary

No. 12/2021

Monday, 15 March 2021

The Senate met from 10am to 10.10pm

Bills

Considered

- [Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment \(Benefit to Australia\) Bill 2020](#) [private senator's bill]
 - [Watch the debate](#) [Read the transcript](#)
- [National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment \(Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms\) Bill 2019 \(No. 2\)](#) [private senators' bill]
 - [Watch the debate](#) [Read the transcript](#)

Debate on these bills will continue at a later date

- [Transport Security Amendment \(Serious Crime\) Bill 2020](#)
 - [Watch the debate](#) [Read the transcript](#)

Debate on this bill will continue on 16 March 2021

Passed

Without amendments

- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Freedom of Speech\) Bill 2020](#)
 - [Watch the debate](#) [[part one](#)] [[part two](#)] [Read the transcript](#) [[part one](#)] [[part two](#)]

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

With amendments

- The House of Representatives made the amendments requested by the Senate to the [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Reuniting More Superannuation\) Bill 2020](#) and the Senate read the bill a third time

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

Committees

New inquiry

- [Road Safety Joint Select Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 1 July 2022

Reporting dates extended

- [Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia](#) extended to 28 April 2021
- [Press freedom](#) extended to 28 April 2021

Membership

- [Members were appointed to joint committees](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

Documents ordered to be produced

- The Senate adopted the [recommendations](#) contained in the [second interim report of the COVID-19 Select Committee](#) and ordered the following documents to be provided to the Committee by no later than 12.00 pm on 17 March 2021:
 - legal advice received regarding the interaction of the Privacy Amendment (Public Health Contact Information) Bill 2020 with the United States' Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data Act
 - answers to questions listed in Table 3.1 at [Appendix 3 of the second interim report](#)
 - answers to questions listed in Table 3.2 at [Appendix 3 of the second interim report](#)
 - answers to questions listed in Table 4.1 at [Appendix 4 of the second interim report](#)
 - copy of a presentation provided to National Cabinet on 10 July 2020
 - answers to questions listed in Table 5.1 at [Appendix 5 of the second interim report](#)
 - answers to questions listed in Table 6.1 at [Appendix 6 of the second interim report](#)

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

Other

- [Response](#) to a [question asked by Senator Patrick](#) during question time on 24 February 2021
- Senator Waters tabled a petitioning document relating to gendered violence in the workplace

Order for the production of documents

Agreed to

- [Government response to the report of the Select Committee on the Aboriginal Flag](#) by the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, by no later than 9.30 am on Wednesday, 17 March 2021

Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [World Tuberculosis Day](#) moved by Senator Pratt
- [Proposed gas import terminal at Crib Point, Victoria](#) moved by Senators Rice and Thorpe
- [Violence against women](#) moved by Senator Waters

Negatived

- [National parks in Tasmania](#) moved by Senators McKim and Whish-Wilson

Denied formality

- [2022 Beijing Olympics](#) moved by Senator Patrick

Explanations

- The Senate took note of Ministers' explanations relating to the delay in providing answers to questions on notice
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Condolences

- Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare, former Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea
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 - 📄 [Read the transcript](#)

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	0
Bills passed in the Senate	2
Bills negatived 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	13
Divisions	8

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