



Senate Daily Summary

No. 14/2021

Wednesday, 17 March 2021

The Senate met from 9.30am to 7.49pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Online Safety Bill 2021](#)
[Online Safety \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Strengthening Income Support\) Bill 2021](#)
- [National Health Amendment \(Pharmaceutical Benefits Transparency and Cost Recovery\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Royal Commissions Amendment \(Protection of Information\) Bill 2021](#)

Considered

- [Fair Work Amendment \(Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery\) Bill 2021](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue on 18 March 2021

Committees

New inquiries

- [Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment \(Benefit to Australia\) Bill 2020](#) referred to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 6 May 2021.
- [Advancing Australia's strategic interests in the region](#) referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 5 August 2021.

Reports tabled

- [Scrutiny digest 5 of 2021](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Delegated legislation monitor 5 of 2021](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
- [Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder](#) Community Affairs References Committee
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- [Pivot: Diversifying Australia's trade and investment profile](#) Trade and Investment Growth Joint Committee

Documents orders to be produced

Explanations by ministers

- Pursuant to the order agreed to on [15 March 2021](#), a [document was tabled](#) and ministers attended the Senate to provide explanations regarding orders for documents to be provided to the COVID-19 Select Committee. The Senate debated the explanations
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Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)
- [Members were appointed to a joint committee](#)

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Documents

Tabled documents

- [Government documents and documents presented by the President](#)
- [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 Rice tabled a petitioning document relating to Ms Mahira Yakub
- Senator Hanson-Young tabled a petitioning document relating to sexual assault allegations
- Senator Hume tabled the [annual report on the operation of the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme for 2019-20](#)

Order for the production of documents

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of the government response to the report of the Aboriginal Flag Select Committee agreed to on [15 March 2021](#)

Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [Independent inquiry into sexual assault allegations - subparagraph \(1\)\(a\)](#) moved by Senators Rice and Waters
- [Emissions reduction](#) moved by Senator Rennick and others
- [Affordable, reliable power supply](#) moved by Senator McMahon and others
- [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder](#) moved by Senator Griff

Negatived

- [Robbins Passage – Boullanger Bay wetlands](#) moved by Senator Whish-Wilson
- [Independent inquiry into sexual assault allegations - subparagraph \(1\)\(b\) and paragraph \(2\)](#) moved by Senators Rice and Waters

Disallowance motions

Notice of intention to withdraw

Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) to withdraw the following notices on the next day of sitting:


- ASIC Credit (Electronic Precontractual Disclosure) Instrument 2020/835 [[F2020L01261](#)]
- ASIC Credit (Notice Requirements for Unlicensed Carried Over Instrument Lenders) Instrument 2020/834 [[F2020L01259](#)]

Notice of motion to disallow


Notice given by the Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells):

- Norfolk Island Employment Rules 2020 [[F2020L01536](#)]

Statement

- The President made a statement in response to questions regarding searches of sign-in registers
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Condolence

- The Honourable Christopher John Hurford AO, former minister and member of the House of Representatives
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Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	3
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	2
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	0
Bills passed in the Senate	0
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	1
New inquiries	2
Reports tabled	4
Orders for production of documents agreed to	0
Notices of motion given	17
Divisions	2

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