



Senate Daily Summary

No. 8/2021

Monday, 22 February 2021

The Senate met from 10am to 10.14pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment \(Refunds of Charges and Other Measures\) Bill 2020](#)

Considered

- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Save the Koala\) Bill 2021](#) [private senator's bill]
▶ [Watch the debate](#) 📄 [Read the transcript](#)
Debate on this bill will continue at a later date
- [Transport Security Amendment \(Serious Crime\) Bill 2020](#)
▶ Watch the debate [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#) 📄 Read the transcript [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#)
The bill has now been referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee. Debate on the bill will continue when the committee presents its report to the Senate
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code\) Bill 2021](#)
▶ [Watch the debate](#) 📄 [Read the transcript](#)
Debate on this bill will continue on 23 February 2021

Passed

Without amendments

- [Franchising Laws Amendment \(Fairness in Franchising\) Bill 2020](#) [private senator's bill]
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The House of Representatives is now considering the bill

Messages

The House of Representatives agreed to the following bill without amendment:

- [VET Student Payment Arrangements \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Bill 2020](#)

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

Committees

New inquiry

- [Transport Security Amendment \(Serious Crime\) Bill 2020](#) referred to the [Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report

Reporting dates extended

- [Possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula](#) extended to 17 June 2021
- [Operation and management of the Department of Parliamentary Services](#) extended to 19 May 2021
- [Australia's Family Law System](#) extended to 30 June 2021

Membership

[See 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

Other

- [Response](#) to a [question asked by Senator Waters](#) during question time on 16 February 2021

Orders for the production of documents

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents [relating to the Royal Commissions Act 1902](#) agreed to on 17 February 2021
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- [Response](#) to an order for the production of a [report relating to the cashless debit card](#) agreed to on 17 February 2021
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Agreed to

- [Documents](#) regarding Naval Group's Australian Industry Capability commitment for the Future Submarines to be tabled by the Minister for Defence by no later than 9.30am on Wednesday 24 February 2021

Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [Power generation](#) moved by Senator Roberts

Negated

- [Independent investigation into allegations of sexual assault](#) moved by Senator Waters
- [Housing affordability](#) moved by Senator Faruqi
- [Carbon prices](#) moved by Senator Whish-Wilson

Disallowance motions

Notice of motion to disallow

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

- Taxation Administration (Remedial Power—Seasonal Labour Mobility Program) Determination 2020 [[F2020L01474](#)]

Notice of intention to withdraw

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

- ASIC Corporations (Litigation Funding Schemes) Instrument 2020/787 [[F2020L01045](#)]

Withdrawn

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

- Part 3 of the ASIC Corporations, Credit and Superannuation (Internal Dispute Resolution) Instrument 2020/98 [[F2020L00962](#)]
- Veterans' Affairs (Treatment Principles—Rehabilitation in the Home and Other Amendments) Determination 2020 [[F2020L01028](#)]
- Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—Telecommunications Universal Service Obligation (Standard Telephone Service—Requirements and Circumstances) Determination) Certificate 2020 [[F2020L01301](#)]

Statement

- The Senate debated the [statement given by the Minister for Defence](#) on 18 February 2021 regarding allegations of sexual assault
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Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	2
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	0
Bills passed in the Senate	1
Bills negated or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	1
New inquiries	1
Reports tabled	0
Orders for production of documents agreed to	1
Notices of motion given	10
Divisions	8

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