



Senate Daily Summary

No. 48/2023

Thursday, 19 October 2023

The Senate met from 9 am to 5.42 pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Identity Verification Services Bill 2023](#)
[Identity Verification Services \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2023](#)
- [Water Amendment \(Restoring Our Rivers\) Bill 2023](#)
- [Public Health \(Tobacco and Other Products\) Bill 2023](#)
[Public Health \(Tobacco and Other Products\) \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2023](#)

Passed

Without amendments

- [National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2023](#)

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

With amendments

- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report\) Bill 2023](#)
▶ Watch the debate [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#) 📄 Read the transcript [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#)
- [Family Law Amendment Bill 2023](#)
[Family Law Amendment \(Information Sharing\) Bill 2023](#)
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The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments and these bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

- [National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry Bill 2023](#)
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The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's amendment

Defeated

- The [Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023](#) [private senator's bill] was defeated at the second reading
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Messages

- The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the [Migration Amendment \(Australia's Engagement in the Pacific and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#). This bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

Committees

New inquiries

- [COVID-19 Royal Commission](#) referred to the [Legal and Constitutional Affairs References committee](#) for inquiry and report by 31 March 2024
- The Senate adopted [report no. 12 of 2023](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
 - [Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee Bill 2023](#) referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2023
 - [Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023](#) referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 June 2024
 - [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Support for Small Business and Charities and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2023
 - [Paid Parental Leave Amendment \(More Support for Working Families\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 February 2024

Reports tabled

- [Scrutiny digest 12 of 2023](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Delegated legislation monitor 12 of 2023](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
- [Interim report—Performance of the Department of Defence in supporting the capability and capacity of Australia's defence industry](#) Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
- [Interim report—Australia's tourism and international sectors, 'Quality and Integrity – The Quest for Sustainable Growth'](#) Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- [Human rights scrutiny report 11 of 2023](#) Human Rights Joint Committee
- [212th report—Audiovisual Co-production Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of India](#) Treaties Joint Committee
- [Statutory Declarations Amendment Bill 2023](#) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
- [Customs Legislation Amendment \(Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition\) Bill 2021](#) Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- [Review of regulations listing Islamic State East Asia as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code Act 1995](#) Intelligence and Security Joint Committee

Reporting date extended

- [Defence Capability Assurance and Oversight Bill 2023](#) be extended to 7 December 2023

Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

Documents

Tabled documents

- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Murray Darling Basin Plan agreed to on [16 October 2023](#)

Attendance by minister

- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water to attend the Senate on Monday, 6 November 2023 to provide an explanation regarding an order for the production of documents relating to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan [agreed to on 6 September 2023](#) and a related order agreed to on [16 October 2023](#)

Ministerial statement

- [Statement](#) on the Security Risk Management Review into staff safety at Services Australia tabled on behalf of the Minister representing the Minister for Government Services of Australia

Other business

Motions

Debated

- [Albanese Government](#) moved by Senator McKenzie
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Disallowance motions

Notices of motion to disallow

- Senator Rice gave notice to disallow the following:
 - Social Security (Administration) (Enhanced Income Management Regime—Commonwealth Referrals and Exemptions) Determination 2023 [[F2023L01172](#)]
 - Social Security (Administration) (Enhanced Management Regime—State Referrals) Determination 2023 [[F2023L01173](#)]

Withdrawn

- Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator White) withdrew notices to disallow the following:
 - Insurance Exemption Determination No. 1 of 2023 [[F2023L00971](#)]
 - National Anti-Corruption Commission Regulations 2023 [[F2023L00759](#)]

Explanation

- The Senate took note of a Minister's explanation relating to the delay in providing an answer to a question on notice

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Scheduling

- The [sitting calendar](#) and arrangements for [estimates hearings](#) in 2024 were agreed to

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	5
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	0
Bills passed in the Senate	5
Bills negatived or discharged	1
Bills referred to committees	4
New inquiries	5
Reports tabled	9
Orders for production of documents agreed to	0
Notices of motion given	5
Divisions	16

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