



Senate Daily Summary

No. 17/2023

Thursday, 30 March 2023

The Senate met from 9.00 am to 5.49 pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Ending Poverty in Australia \(Antipoverty Commission\) Bill 2023](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Customs Tariff Amendment \(Incorporation of Proposals\) Bill 2023](#)
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Prescribed Dental Patients and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#)
- [Special Recreational Vessels Amendment Bill 2023](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Refining and Improving Our Tax System\) Bill 2023](#)
- [Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2023](#)
- [Social Security \(Administration\) Amendment \(Income Management Reform\) Bill 2023](#)

Passed

Without amendment

- [Royal Commissions Amendment \(Enhancing Engagement\) Bill 2023](#)
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This bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

With amendments

- [Safeguard Mechanism \(Crediting\) Amendment Bill 2023](#)
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The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's amendments

Messages

The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the following bill:

- [National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2023](#)

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

- [Workplace Gender Equality Amendment \(Closing the Gender Pay Gap\) Bill 2023](#)

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

Committees

New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no. 4 of 2023](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
 - [Digital Assets \(Market Regulation\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 2 August 2023
 - [Fair Work Legislation Amendment \(Protecting Worker Entitlements\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the [Education and Employment Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 28 April 2023
 - [Nature Repair Market Bill 2023](#) and [Nature Repair Market \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the [Environment and Communications Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 1 August 2023
 - [Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the [Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 4 May 2023
 - [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Refining and Improving Our Tax System\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 28 April 2023
- [Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games](#) referred to the [Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 1 September 2023
- [Paid Parental Leave scheme](#) referred to the [Education and Employment References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 31 August 2023

Reports tabled

- [Scrutiny digest 4 of 2023](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Delegated legislation monitor 4 of 2023](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
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- [Human rights scrutiny report 4 of 2023](#) Human Rights Joint Committee
- [Review of item 250 of the National Anti-Corruption Commission \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2022](#) Intelligence and Security Joint Committee
- [First report on the Cyclone Reinsurance Pool](#) Northern Australia Joint Select Committee
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- [494th report—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's crisis management arrangements](#) Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee
- [208th report—International Labour Organization Convention concerning the elimination of violence and harassment in the world of work \(No. 190\)](#) Treaties Joint Committee

Reporting dates extended

- [Criminal Code Amendment \(Prohibition of Nazi Symbols\) Bill 2023](#) extended to 18 May 2023
- [Sexual consent laws](#) extended to 13 September 2023

Joint committee

- The Senate concurred with a [message from the House of Representatives](#) to establish a Joint Select Committee on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice Referendum

Membership

- Variations were agreed to [see Journals entry [no. 19](#) and [no. 35](#)]
- [Members were appointed to joint committees](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

Documents

Tabled documents

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

To view individual government and other documents visit [tabled documents](#) and search using the relevant date.

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Other

- [Response](#) to a [question asked by Senator Lambie](#) during question time on 28 March 2023
- Senator Shoebridge tabled a [petitioning document relating to the redevelopment of the Randwick Barracks site in Sydney](#)

Orders for the production of documents

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to GST in Western Australia](#) agreed to on 7 February 2023
- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to discretionary payments from the Department of Finance](#) agreed to on 20 March 2023
- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to the cost of recalling Parliament](#) agreed to on 22 March 2023
- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to proposed superannuation changes](#) agreed to on 22 March 2023, and an [order to comply](#) agreed to on 28 March 2023
- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to alcohol, drug or injury related admissions in Ceduna](#) agreed to on 28 March 2023

Attendance by minister

- The Senate [ordered](#) that the Minister representing the Attorney-General attend the Senate to provide an explanation for why an [order regarding the resignation of the Freedom of Information Commissioner](#), agreed to on 30 March 2023 had not been agreed to. The Minister made a statement and the Senate debated the statement
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Ministerial statement

- [Resources](#) tabled on behalf of the Minister for Resources
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Other business

Motions

Debated

- [The Iranian-Australian community](#) moved by Senator Chandler

Disallowance motions

Notices of motion to disallow

- Social Security (Tables for the Assessment of Work-related Impairment for Disability Support Pension) Determination 2023 [[F2023L00188](#)] notice given by Senator Rice

Withdrawn

- The Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator White) withdrew notices to disallow the following:
 - Telecommunications Amendment (Disclosure of Information for the Purpose of Cyber Security) Regulations 2022 [[F2022L01333](#)]
 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Amendment (Code of Conduct and Banning Orders) Rules 2022 [[F2022L01457](#)]

Explanation

- The Senate [ordered](#) that the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations attend the Senate to make a statement regarding the Government's submission to the Fair Work Commission. The Minister made a statement and the Senate debated the statement
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Statement

- The [President made a statement](#) regarding the conduct of debate

Scheduling

- The Senate [varied the hours of meeting and routine of business for 9 and 11 May 2023](#)

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	6
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	1
Bills passed in the Senate	2
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	6
New inquiries	7
Reports tabled	7
Orders for production of documents agreed to	0
Notices of motion given	1
Divisions	11

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