



Senate Daily Summary

No. 7/2025

Thursday, 13 February 2025

The Senate met from 9 am to 5.57 pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Electricity Infrastructure Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#)
- [Right to Protest Bill 2025](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(End Dirty University Partnerships\) Bill 2025](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Customs Amendment \(Expedited Seizure and Disposal of Engineered Stone\) Bill 2024](#)
- [Early Childhood Education and Care \(Three Day Guarantee\) Bill 2025](#)

Considered

- [Workplace Gender Equality Amendment \(Setting Gender Equality Targets\) Bill 2024](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue at a later date

Passed

Without amendments

- [Electricity Infrastructure Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#)
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- [Customs Amendment \(Expedited Seizure and Disposal of Engineered Stone\) Bill 2024](#)
- [Early Childhood Education and Care \(Three Day Guarantee\) Bill 2025](#)

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

With amendments

- [Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support \(Simplification and Harmonisation\) Bill 2024](#)

The House of Representatives made the amendment requested by the Senate, agreed to amendments nos 1 to 3, disagreed to amendment no. 4, and made an identical amendment in its place. This bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

Defeated

- The [Human Rights \(Parliamentary Scrutiny\) Amendment \(Consideration of UNDRIP\) Bill 2023](#) [private senator's bill] was defeated at the second reading
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Committees

New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no. 2 of 2025](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
 - [Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025 \(No. 2\)](#) be referred to the [Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 29 August 2025
 - [AusCheck Amendment \(Global Entry Program\) Bill 2025](#) be referred to the [Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 21 March 2025
- [Compensation and income support for veterans](#) referred to the [Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 5 August 2025

Reports tabled

- [185th report](#) Privileges Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee
 - [Scrutiny digest 2 of 2025](#)
 - [Annual report for 2024](#)
- [Delegated legislation monitor 2 of 2025](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
- [Third interim report — Improving consumer experiences, choice, and outcomes in Australia's retirement system](#) Economics References Committee
- [Antisemitism at Australian universities](#) Human Rights Joint Committee
- [225th report](#) Treaties Joint Committee
- [Wholesale investor and wholesale client tests report](#) Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

Government response

- [Response](#) to [1st to 4th interim reports and final report](#) of the Job Security Select Committee

Reporting dates extended

- [Airline Passenger Protections \(Pay on Delay\) Bill 2024](#) extended to 24 March 2025
- [Defence honours and awards system](#) extended to 17 April 2025
- [Motions to take note of answers](#) extended to 31 March 2025

Membership

[See 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 Nature Positive bills- [agreed to on 5 February 2025](#)

Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to the purchase and transfer of land by the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation at Queens Park, Western Australia to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Australians, by no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, 26 February 2025

Explanations by minister

- Pursuant to the order agreed to on [12 February 2025](#) a minister attended the Senate to provide an explanation regarding orders for the production of documents relating to the Stronger Communities Program (agreed to on [6 February 2025](#) and [11 February 2025](#))
- Pursuant to the order agreed to on [12 February 2025](#) a minister attended the Senate to provide an explanation regarding an order for the production of documents relating to Australian content quotas (agreed to on [6 February 2025](#))
- Pursuant to the order agreed to on [13 February 2025](#) a minister attended the Senate to provide an explanation regarding an order for the production of documents relating to the Nature Positive bills (agreed to on [5 February 2025](#))
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Other business

Disallowance motions

Withdrawn

- The Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator O'Neill) withdrew a notice to disallow the National Land (Road Transport) (Parking) Rules 2024 [[F2024L01168](#)]

Condolences

- [The Honourable John Colinton Moore AO](#), former minister and member of the House of Representatives for the division of Ryan, Queensland
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Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	3
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	2
Bills passed in the Senate	4
Bills negatived or discharged	1
Bills referred to committees	2
New inquiries	3
Reports tabled	8
Orders for production of documents agreed to	1
Notices of motion given	1
Divisions	22

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