



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 29/2025

**Wednesday, 27 August 2025**

The Senate met from 9 am to 7.54 pm

## Bills

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### Considered

- [Right to Protest Bill 2025](#) [private senator's bill]
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)    📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Protecting Penalty and Overtime Rates\) Bill 2025](#)
  - ▶ Watch the debate [[part one](#)] [[part two](#)]    📄 Read the transcript [[part one](#)] [[part two](#)]

Debate on these bills will continue at a later date

## Committees

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### New inquiry

- [Internet Search Engine Services Online Safety Code](#) referred to the [Environment and Communications References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 31 October 2025

### Reports tabled

- Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2025) tabled by legislation committees
  - [Community Affairs](#)
  - [Education and Employment](#)
  - [Environment and Communications](#)
  - [Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade](#)
  - [Finance and Public Administration](#)
- [Scrutiny digest 4 of 2025](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Delegated legislation monitor 5 of 2025](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)    📄 [Read the transcript](#)

### Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)

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# Documents

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## Tabled documents

- [Government documents and documents presented by the President](#)
- [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 Housing Australia – [agreed to on 12 February 2025](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to climate change risk – [agreed to on 25 August 2025](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the National Climate Risk Assessment and National Adaptation Plan – [agreed to on 30 July 2025](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to emissions reduction targets – [agreed to on 29 July 2025](#)

### Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to the National Construction Code and Regulatory Guide 97 to be tabled by no later than midday on Wednesday, 3 September 2025 by:
  - Minister representing the Treasurer
  - Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- [Documents](#) relating to Russian fuel imports to be tabled by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by no later than 5 pm on Friday, 5 September 2025
- [Documents](#) relating to the 2023-24 Survey of Income and Housing to be tabled by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than 5 pm on Friday, 5 September 2025
- [Final written report of the Age Assurance Technology Trial](#) to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, by no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, 27 August 2025
- [Documents](#) relating to work health and safety within the National Computational Infrastructure to be tabled by the Vice Chancellor of the Australian National University, by no later than 9.30 am on 3 September 2025
- [Documents](#) relating to the 2023 Whitsundays Taipan helicopter crash to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, by no later than 5 pm on Friday, 29 August 2025
- [Documents](#) relating to the Digital Industry Group Inc to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, by no later than 9.30 am on Monday, 29 September 2025
- [Documents](#) relating to the Global Alliance for Responsible Media to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, by no later than 9.30 am on Monday, 29 September 2025
- [Documents](#) relating to the Home Guarantee Scheme to be tabled by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than midday on Tuesday, 2 September 2025
- [Documents](#) relating to travel expenditure by the Housing Australia Board to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Housing, by no later than midday on 2 September 2025

## Order to comply

- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to comply by no later than Tuesday, 2 September 2025 with the order agreed to on [23 July 2025](#) to table documents relating to the New England Highway

## Attendance by minister

- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for the Public Service to attend the Senate on Thursday, 28 August 2025 to provide an explanation regarding an order for documents relating to a review of public sector board appointments processes - [agreed to on 23 July 2025](#)

## Explanation by minister

- Pursuant to the [order agreed to on 25 August 2025](#), the Minister representing the Minister for Housing attended the Senate to provide an explanation regarding an order for the production of documents relating to Housing Australia Future Fund expenditure ([agreed to on 24 July 2025](#)), and the Senate debated the explanation  
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## Ministerial statement

- [Five percent deposits for all first home buyers](#) tabled on behalf of the Minister for Housing

## Other business

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### Disallowance motions

#### Negatived

- A motion moved by Senator Bragg to disallow the Tax Assessment (Build to Rent Developments) Determination 2024 [[F2024L01729](#)] was defeated

## Statistics

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Bills received from the House of Representatives	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	0
Bills passed in the Senate	0
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	1
Reports tabled	7
Orders for production of documents agreed to	14
Notices of motion given	9
Divisions	11

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