



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 4/2026

**Wednesday, 4 February 2026**

The Senate met from 9 am to 7.59 pm

## Bills

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### Introduced

- [High Seas Biodiversity Bill 2026](#)
- [Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Banning Dirty Donations\) Bill 2026](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Environment and Other Legislation Amendment \(Removing Nuclear Energy Prohibitions\) Bill 2026](#) [private senator's bill]

### Considered

- [Housing Australia Amendment \(Accountability\) Bill 2025](#) [private senator's bill]
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)    📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- [Administrative Review Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)    📄 [Read the transcript](#)

Debate on these bills will continue at a later date

## Committees

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### New inquiry

- [MRH90 Taipan Helicopter incident](#) referred to the [Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 7 September 2026

### Reporting date extended

- [Orders for the production of documents](#) extended to 11 March 2026

### Membership

[See committee membership page](#)

# 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

### Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to the distribution of the goods and services tax to be tabled by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than midday on 20 February 2026
- [Documents](#) relating to travel by the Minister for Communications to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, by no later than 5 pm on Friday, 27 February 2026
- [Documents](#) relating to the establishment of the Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion to be tabled by the Minister representing the Attorney-General, by no later than 5 pm on Monday, 2 March 2026
- [Documents](#) relating to usage of the artificial intelligence chatbot Grok to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, by no later than 5 pm on Thursday, 19 February 2026
- [Documents](#) relating to the consultation on religious discrimination laws to be tabled by the Minister representing the Attorney-General, by no later than 5 pm on Monday, 16 February 2026
- [Estimates and question time briefs](#) prepared by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources to be tabled by the Minister for Industry and Innovation, by no later than midday on Wednesday, 11 February 2026

### Order to comply

- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Communications to comply by no later than 5 pm on 12 February 2026 with the order agreed to on [28 July 2025](#) to table documents relating to social media minimum age legislative instruments
- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for Science to comply by no later than midday on 9 February 2026 with the order agreed to on [26 November 2025](#) to table documents relating to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation
- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Communications to comply by no later than 5 pm on 6 February 2026 with the order agreed to on [26 November 2025](#) to table documents relating to the constitutional validity of Part 4A of the *Online Safety Act 2021*
- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Treasurer to comply by no later than 9 am on Thursday, 5 February 2026 with the order agreed to on [26 November 2025](#) to table documents relating to the Housing Australia Board
- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Treasurer to comply by no later than 9 am on Thursday, 5 February 2026 with the order agreed to on [27 August 2025](#) to table documents relating to the Home Guarantee Scheme

### Attendance by minister

- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Housing to attend the Senate on 5 February 2026 to provide an explanation regarding an order for documents relating to the 5% deposit scheme [agreed to on 3 November 2025](#)

## Other business

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### Motions

#### Agreed to

- [Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide](#), moved by Senator Lambie
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- [Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month](#) moved by Senator David Pocock and others

### Condolence statements

- Mr Tim Picton
  - ▶ [Watch the condolences](#)    📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- [Katie Allen](#), former member of the House of Representatives
  - ▶ [Watch the condolences](#)    📄 [Read the transcript](#)

## Statistics

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Bills received from the House of Representatives	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	1
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	2
Bills passed in the Senate	0
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	1
Reports tabled	0
Orders for production of documents agreed to	8
Notices of motion given	30
Divisions	35

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