



Senate Daily Summary

No. 5/2026

Thursday, 5 February 2026

The Senate met from 9 am to 5.40 pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Copyright Amendment Bill 2026](#)
- [Corporations Amendment \(Digital Assets Framework\) Bill 2025](#)
- [Corporations \(Review Fees\) Amendment \(Technical Amendments\) Bill 2025](#)
- [Excise Tariff Amendment \(Draught Beer\) Bill 2025](#)
[Customs Tariff Amendment \(Draught Beer\) Bill 2025](#)
- [Translating and Interpreting Services Bill 2025](#)
- [Health Legislation Amendment \(Prescribing of Pharmaceutical Benefits\) Bill 2025](#)

Considered

- [Defence Amendment \(Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence\) Bill 2025](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue at a later date

Passed

With amendments

- [Administrative Review Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#)
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The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's amendments

Defeated

- The [Competition and Consumer Amendment \(Make Price Gouging Illegal\) Bill 2024](#) [private senator's bill] was defeated at the second reading
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Committees

New inquiries

- [E-petitions](#) referred to the [Procedure Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 11 May 2026
- The Senate adopted [Report no. 1 of 2026](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
 - [Defence and Veterans’ Service Commissioner Bill 2025](#) and a related bill referred to the [Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 26 February 2026
 - [Corporations Amendment \(Digital Assets Framework\) Bill 2025](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 16 March 2026
 - [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Reverse Job-Ready Graduates Fee Hikes and End 50k Arts Degrees\) Bill 2025](#) referred to the [Education and Employment Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 25 June 2026
 - [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Supporting Choice in Superannuation and Other Measures\) Bill 2025](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 4 March 2026
 - [Coal Mining Industry \(Long Service Leave\) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#) referred to the [Education and Employment Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 23 March 2026

Reports tabled

- [Report no. 1 of 2026](#) Selection of Bills Committee
- [Scrutiny Digest 2 of 2026](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 1 of 2026](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
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- [Human rights scrutiny report 1 of 2026](#) Human Rights Joint Committee
- [Review of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill \(No. 2\) 2025](#) Intelligence and Security Joint Committee

Government responses

- [Response to the Treasury Laws Amendment \(Responsible Buy Now Pay Later and Other Measures\) Bill 2024](#)
- [Response to the Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment \(Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade\) Bill 2024](#)
- [Response to the Ethics and professional accountability: Structural challenges in the audit, assurance and consultancy industry](#)
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Reporting date extended

- [Democracy and human rights in Myanmar](#) extended to 31 March 2026

Estimates

- The Senate [referred](#) particulars of proposed additional expenditure 2025-26 to legislation committees for consideration during additional estimates hearings in February 2026

Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)
- [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]

Other

- Senator Allman-Payne tabled a [petitioning document](#) relating to the position of the Administrator of the Northern Territory

Orders for the production of documents

Tabled

- [Responses](#) to orders for the production of documents relating to Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2025 - agreed to on 25 November 2025 (motions [no. 260](#), [no. 280](#) and [no. 281](#))
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to online gambling - [agreed to on 23 July 2025](#) (motion no. 9)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to Government responses to committee reports – [agreed to on 27 November 2025](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for production of documents for the letter congratulating Mr Ben Rimmer on his appointment as Observer of the Housing Australia Board - [agreed to on 3 February 2026](#)

Explanation by minister

- Pursuant to the order agreed to on [4 February 2026](#), the Minister representing the Minister for Housing attended the Senate to provide an explanation regarding an order for the production of documents relating to the 5% deposit scheme (agreed to on [3 November 2026](#)), and the Senate debated the explanation
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Delegation report

- Australian parliamentary delegation to [the 151st Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly and bilateral visit to Romania and Switzerland](#)
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Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [Iran](#) moved by Senator David Pocock and others

Debated

- [Cost of living](#) moved by Senator Henderson
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Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	7
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	0
Bills passed in the Senate	1
Bills negatived or discharged	1
Bills referred to committees	6
New inquiries	6
Reports tabled	5
Orders for production of documents agreed to	0
Notices of motion given	5
Divisions	12

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