



Senate Daily Summary

No. 50/2021

Thursday, 2 December 2021

The Senate met from 9.30 am to 6.05 pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Annual Disclosure Equality\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Assurance of Senate Counting\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Contingency Measures\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment \(Exempting Disability Payments from Income Testing and Other Measures\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Corporations Amendment \(Meetings and Documents\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Mitochondrial Donation Law Reform \(Maeve's Law\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Biosecurity Amendment \(Enhanced Risk Management\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Investment Funds Legislation Amendment Bill 2021](#)

Considered

- [Corporations Amendment \(Meetings and Documents\) Bill 2021](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue at a later date

Passed

Without amendments

- [National Health Amendment \(Enhancing the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme\) Bill 2021](#)
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- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Enhancing the Bonded Medical Program and Other Measures\) Bill 2021](#)
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- [Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme \(Facilitation\) Bill 2021](#)
[Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2021](#)
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These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

Messages

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

- [Autonomous Sanctions Amendment \(Magnitsky-style and Other Thematic Sanctions\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Crimes Amendment \(Remissions of Sentences\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Amendment Bill 2021](#)

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

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

- [Aboriginal Land Rights \(Northern Territory\) Amendment \(Economic Empowerment\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Political Campaigners\) Bill 2021](#)

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

Committees

New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no. 14 of 2021](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
 - [Corporate Collective Investment Vehicle Framework and Other Measures Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 3 February 2022
 - [Customs Amendment \(Controlled Trials\) Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 22 March 2022
 - [Health Legislation Amendment \(Medicare Compliance and Other Measures\) Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Community Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 21 April 2022
 - [Corporations Amendment \(Improving Outcomes for Litigation Funding Participants\) Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 3 February 2022
 - [Religious Discrimination Bill 2021](#), [Religious Discrimination \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2021](#) and [Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 4 February 2022

Reports tabled

- [Report no. 14 of 2021](#) Selection of Bills Committee [see also *new inquiries* above]
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment \(Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures\) Bill 2021 – dissenting report](#) Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee
 - [Lessons to be learned in relation to the Australian bushfire season 2019-2020](#)
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 - [Urban Congestion Fund](#)
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- [Water Legislation Amendment \(Inspector-General of Water Compliance and Other Measures\) Act 2021 – final report](#) Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

- [Advocating for the elimination of child and forced marriage – interim report](#) Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
- [487th report](#) Joint Public Accounts and Audit Committee

Government responses

- [Response to accuracy of information provided to the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits members](#) Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- [Response to future conduct of elections operating during times of emergency situations](#) Electoral Matters Joint Committee

Reporting dates extended

- [Recording of pairs](#) extended to 10 February 2022

Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)
- [Members were appointed to joint committees](#)

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Documents

Tabled documents

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

To view individual instruments visit www.legislation.gov.au and search using the Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number

Orders for the production of documents

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to Food Standards Australia and New Zealand agreed to on [1 December 2021](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Three Capes Track Project agreed to on [1 December 2021](#)
- [Response](#) to orders for the production of documents contained in [recommendation 3](#), [recommendation 4](#) and [recommendation 5](#) of the COVID-19 Select Committee's third interim report
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of modelling undertaken for the 2021 National Gas Infrastructure Plan agreed to on [30 November 2021](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of the report of the second independent review of the Water for the Environment Special Account agreed to on [29 November 2021](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of the report of the 2021 review of the Australian Packaging Covenant and National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure 2011 agreed to on [29 November 2021](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of the government response to the Environment and Communications References Committee's report on shark mitigation and deterrent measures agreed to on [24 November 2021](#)

Explanation by minister

- The Minister representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care (Senator Colbeck) made a statement regarding three orders for the production of documents agreed to on 1 December 2021 [see [recommendations 3, 4 and 5](#) contained in the COVID-19 Select Committee's third interim report], and the Senate debated the statement
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Delegation report

- [Report from the Australian parliamentary delegation to the 142nd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly](#)
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Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [Health Insurance \(Extended Medicare Safety Net\) Amendment Determination](#) moved by Senator Colbeck
- [COVID-19 pandemic](#) moved by Senators Birmingham and Wong

Debated

- [Net zero emissions by 2050](#) moved by Senator Lambie
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Disallowance motions

Withdrawn

- The Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) withdrew the following notices:
 - Legislation (Exemptions and Other Matters) Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2021 [[F2021L00859](#)]
 - Taxation Administration (Data Sharing–Relevant COVID-19 Business Support Program) Declaration 2021 [[F2021L01157](#)]

Notice of motion to disallow

- Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative–Electricity Generation from Landfill Gas) Methodology Determination 2021 [[F2021L01254](#)] notice given by Senator Waters

Statement

- The President made a statement regarding the retirement of Ms Adrienne Morrison
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- Senators made statements regarding the end of the 2021 sittings
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Explanation

- The Senate took note of the Minister's explanation relating to the delay in providing an answer to a [question on notice](#)
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Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	8
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	0
Bills passed in the Senate	8
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	7
New inquiries	5
Reports tabled	7
Orders for production of documents agreed to	0
Notices of motion given	1
Divisions	7

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