



Senate Daily Summary

No. 3/2023

Wednesday, 8 February 2023

The Senate met from 9.00 am to 7.55 pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Workplace Gender Equality Amendment \(Closing the Gender Pay Gap\) Bill 2023](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Lowering the Voting Age\) Bill 2023 \[No. 2\]](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Criminal Code Amendment \(Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities\) Bill 2023](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Prohibiting COVID-19 Vaccine Discrimination\) Bill 2023](#) [private senators' bill]
- [Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment \(Medical Device and Human Tissue Product List and Cost Recovery\) Bill 2022](#)
- [Private Health Insurance \(Prostheses Application and Listing Fees\) Amendment \(Cost Recovery\) Bill 2022](#)
- [Private Health Insurance \(National Joint Replacement Register Levy\) Amendment \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2022](#)

Considered

- [Northern Territory Safe Measures Bill 2023](#) [private senator's bill]
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Debate on this bill will continue at a later date

- [Migration Amendment \(Aggregate Sentences\) Bill 2023](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue on 9 February 2023

Discharged from the Notice Paper

- [Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation\) Bill 2018](#) [private senator's bill]

Committees

New inquiries

- [Bank closures in regional Australia](#) referred to the [Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 1 December 2023

- [National cultural policy](#) referred to the [Environment and Communications References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 15 June 2023

Reports tabled

- [Scrutiny digest 1 of 2023](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
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- [Delegated legislation monitor 2 of 2023](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
 - ▶ [Watch the debate](#) 📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- [National Emergency \(2022 New South Wales Floods\) Declaration 2022](#) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
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Membership

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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

Other

- Senator Hanson-Young tabled a [petitioning document relating to the Trove online archive](#)
- Senator Steele-John tabled a [petitioning document relating to National Home Doctor Services](#)

Orders for the production of documents

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to the Budget Process Operational Rules](#) agreed to on 7 February 2023
- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to the National Reconstruction Fund](#) agreed to on 7 February 2023

Agreed to

- [Independent observer reports relating to voyages of livestock export ships in 2022](#) to be tabled by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, by no later than midday on 13 February 2023
- [Documents relating to the Samuel Review response](#) to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water, by no later than midday on Wednesday, 8 March 2023
- [Documents relating to funding for the Environmental Defenders Office and Environmental Justice Australia](#) to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water, by no later than midday on Wednesday, 8 March 2023
- [Documents relating to the potential World Heritage listing of areas of the Burrup Peninsula](#) to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water by no later than midday on Wednesday, 8 March 2023
- [Documents relating to a domestic organic standard or regulation for Australia](#) to be tabled by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, by no later than 2 pm on 22 February 2023

- [Documents relating to the Building Community forums](#) to be tabled by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than midday on Monday, 20 February 2023

Explanations by minister

- The Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (Senator Watt) made a statement regarding an [order for the production of documents relating to Hahndorf township improvements](#) agreed to on 25 October 2022, and the Senate debated the statement
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- The Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (Senator Watt) made a statement regarding an [order for the production of documents relating to the Gabba Stadium project](#) agreed to on 27 October 2022, and the Senate debated the statement
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Set the Standard report

- The [inaugural annual report on the implementation of recommendations](#) from the *Set the Standard* report was tabled by the President and discussed by senators. The Senate endorsed the [draft Behaviour Standards and Codes](#) in the final report of the Parliamentary Standards Joint Select Committee
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Other business

Disallowance motions

Withdrawn

- The Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator White) withdrew the following notices:
 - Australian Capital Territory National Land (Lakes) Ordinance 2022 [[F2022L00468](#)]
 - Competition and Consumer (Industry Codes—Franchising) Amendment (Franchise Disclosure Register) Regulations 2022 [[F2022L00471](#)]
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Regulations 2021 [[F2021L01617](#)]

Notice of motion to disallow

- Telecommunications Amendment (Disclosure of Information for the Purpose of Cyber Security) Regulations 2022 [[F2022L01333](#)] notice given by the Chair of the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation (Senator White)

Negatived

- Motions to disallow the following were defeated:
 - Schedules 3 and 4 of the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Plantation Forestry) Methodology Determination 2022 [[F2022L00047](#)] moved by Senator David Pocock
 - Moved by Senator Waters:

- Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage Projects) Rule 2021 [[F2021L01378](#)]
- Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Carbon Capture and Storage) Methodology Determination 2021 [[F2021L01379](#)]
- Industry Research and Development (Carbon Capture, Use and Storage Hubs and Technologies Program) Instrument 2021 [[F2021L01593](#)]

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Debated

- Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment (Annual Members' Meetings Notices) Regulations 2022 moved by Senator Lambie [[F2022L01162](#)]

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Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	3
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	1
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	3
Bills passed in the Senate	0
Bills negatived or discharged	1
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	2
Reports tabled	3
Orders for production of documents agreed to	6
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