



48<sup>th</sup> Parliament

# Senate Notice Paper

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**No. 46:** Tuesday, 12 May 2026

The Senate meets at midday

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# Guide to the Notice Paper

## Notices of motion

A proposed resolution that a senator intends to put to the Senate for debate and/or a vote. Notice is given so others have time to consider the proposal.

## Orders of the day

Items of business the Senate has scheduled to carry out or consider on a particular day. These can include continued debate on a bill or motion, or the presentation of a report or other document.

## Business listed for today

### ★ Matters of privilege

- Proposed references to the Privileges Committee

### U Business of the Senate

#### Includes:

- disallowance motions
- references to standing committees
- committee reports to be presented

### ⚙ Government business

#### Initiated by ministers

- Government bills
- proposed changes to the order of business

### 📁 General business

#### Initiated by senators who are not ministers

- notices of motion
- continued debate on previous motions

## Available for debate on...

### WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

#### 📄 Private senators' bills

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#### 📚 Documents

#### 📄 Committee reports and government responses

#### 📄 Auditor-General's reports

## Business listed for future consideration

Lists any **notice of motion** or **order of the day** to be considered at a specific time in the future. For example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date. Dates on which ministers have been ordered to produce documents are included here.

Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, will be placed at the end of the section.

## Other information

### ❓ Questions on notice

Numbers of all unanswered questions on notice

### U Orders of the Senate

An action the Senate requires to take place

- new or amendments of standing orders
- temporary orders of the Senate

### 📄➡ Contingent notices

Motions to suspend standing orders that can be called upon when a specific event occurs

### 👤 Ministerial representation

Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent

Notifications prefixed by an \* appear for the first time.

More information can be found at [www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business)

# Committee reports and other documents to be presented prior to the next sitting

## On 28 April 2026

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

**1 Economics References Committee**

Report to be presented on funding and resourcing for the CSIRO.

Order for the production of documents

**470 Social media minimum age—Order for production of documents—Compliance**

The Minister representing the Minister for Communications, by no later than midday on 28 April 2026, is required to fully comply with order no. 383, or provide further information relating to the previous response provided. (*Motion of Senator Dean Smith agreed to 31 March 2026.*)

## On 30 April 2026

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

**\*1 Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering an Efficient and Trusted Tax System) Bill 2026. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Orders for the production of documents

**425 Social media minimum age—Order for production of documents**

By the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, by no later than 5 pm on Thursday, 30 April 2026, correspondence and documents relating to a longitudinal study concerning the policy. (*Motion of Senator Payman agreed to 25 March 2026.*)

**440 Antisemitism and Social Cohesion—Royal Commission—Special advisor—Order for production of documents**

By the Minister representing the Attorney-General, by no later than 5 pm on Thursday, 30 April 2026, correspondence surrounding the circumstances to the resignation. (*Motion of Senator Payman agreed to 23 March 2026.*)

## On 1 May 2026

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

**1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2026. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**2 Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on Treasury Laws Amendment (Payday Superannuation) Regulations 2026.

**On 5 May 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

**\*1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment (False Trade Marks Infringement Notices) Bill 2026. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**On 7 May 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

**1 Taxation of Gas Resources—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

**On 10 May 2026**

Orders for the production of documents

**449 Fuel and oil shipments—Order for production of documents**

By the Minister for Industry and Innovation and Minister for Science, by no later than 10 May 2026, correspondence in relation to shipments of fuel and oil between 28 February and 23 March 2026. (*Motion of Senator McDonald agreed to 25 March 2026.*)

**450 Fuel and oil shipments—Order for production of documents**

By the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, by no later than 10 May 2026, correspondence in relation to shipments of fuel and oil between 28 February and 23 March 2026. (*Motion of Senator McDonald agreed to 25 March 2026.*)

**On 11 May 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

**1 Procedure—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on e-petitions.

# Business for today

## Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

*Notice given 23 March 2026*

- 1 **Senator Dean Smith:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2026:  
Existing vulnerabilities in the Reserve Bank Information and Transfer System Low Value Clearing and Low Value Settlement Services systems, with particular reference to:
- (a) the Reserve Bank of Australia’s report, *27 January 2026 payments settlements outage: RITS Low Value Clearing and Settlement Services and property batch disruption*;
  - (b) the impact of disruption on consumer and industry confidence in property settlement services; and
  - (c) any other related matters.

*Notice given 26 March 2026*

- 2 **Senator Cadell:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 15 September 2026:  
The extent and impact of foreign influence in Australia’s critical infrastructure sectors, with particular reference to:
- (a) the nature, scale and sources of foreign ownership, investment and control in critical infrastructure, including energy, water, telecommunications, ports and transport assets;
  - (b) the adequacy of existing regulatory frameworks, including the role of the Foreign Investment Review Board, in identifying and mitigating risks to Australia’s economic sovereignty and national interest, including reviews of the ‘National Interest Test’ used by the Foreign Investment Review Board to assess and advise on referred matters;
  - (c) the potential economic impacts of foreign influence, including effects on competition, pricing, supply chain resilience and long-term investment outcomes;
  - (d) risks to regional communities, strategic industries and essential services arising from foreign control or influence over infrastructure assets;
  - (e) the effectiveness of transparency, disclosure and compliance mechanisms relating to foreign investment and ownership; and
  - (f) any other related matters.

*Notice given 1 April 2026*

- \*3 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—That a matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report.  
*(Full terms of the notice to be delivered prior to 12 May 2026 in accordance with standing order 76(6))*

## Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

### 1 **Economics References Committee—Proposed reference**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bragg—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 1 February 2027:

The governance and performance of Housing Australia, with reference to:

- (a) the implementation of the following programs:
  - (i) Housing Australia Future Fund,
  - (ii) Affordable Housing Bond Aggregator,
  - (iii) Nation Housing Infrastructure Facility,
  - (iv) Nation Housing Accord Facility,
  - (v) Home Guarantee Scheme,
  - (vi) Capacity Building, and
  - (vii) Help to Buy;
- (b) the administration and outcomes of its programs;
- (c) the make-up of the Board, including intersection with the Department of the Treasury and the existence of observers;
- (d) compliance with Senate orders, the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, parliamentary oversight and transparency in general;
- (e) compliance with workplace standards and norms, including the compensation of senior executives, spending on consultants and hiring processes and decisions; and
- (f) any other related matters (26 March 2026).

### 2 **Environment and Communications References Committee**

Report to be presented on triple zero service outages.

(Committee to seek extension of time to report, till 30 June 2026.)

## Government business—Notice of motion

*Notice given 1 April 2026*

### \*1 **Minister for Finance (Senator Gallagher):** To move—That—

- (1) On Tuesday, 12 May 2026, the hours of meeting be midday to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and the routine of business from 8.30 pm be:
  - (a) Budget statement and documents 2026–27; and
  - (b) adjournment without debate.
- (2) On Thursday, 14 May 2026:
  - (a) the hours of meeting be 9 am to adjournment;
  - (b) the sitting of the Senate be suspended from 5.30 pm till the ringing of the bells (at approximately 8 pm); and
  - (c) on resumption, the routine of business be:

- (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 15 minutes each,
- (ii) adjournment proposed, and
- (iii) adjournment.

## Government business—Orders of the day

### *Order to be determined prior to the next sitting*

#### 1 **Health Legislation Amendment (Prescribing of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2025**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Industry and Innovation (Senator Ayres)—That this bill be now read a second time.

*And on the amendment moved by Senator Ruston*—At the end of the motion, add “, but the Senate:

- (a) notes:
  - (i) the Government commissioned a review into health professionals’ scope of practice,
  - (ii) the report, ‘Unleashing the Potential of our Health Workforce – Scope of Practice Review’ was finalised and presented to the Government 18 months ago, and
  - (iii) not only has the Government failed to indicate when it will respond to this review, it has not even committed to providing a formal response; and
- (b) calls on the Government to provide a comprehensive response to the 18 recommendations in the review as a matter of priority” (*Senator Steele-John, in continuation, 1 April 2026*).

#### 2 **Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2025**—(*Assistant Minister for Resources, Senator Chisholm*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*3 March 2026*).

#### 3 **Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment Bill 2026**—(*Minister for Early Childhood Education, Senator Walsh*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*12 March 2026*).

#### 4 **Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2026**—(*Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator McCarthy*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*25 March 2026*).

#### 5 **Export Control Amendment (Clarifying Obligations Relating to Registered Establishments) Bill 2026**—(*Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator McCarthy*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*25 March 2026*).

6 **Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Reporting System Reform)**

**Bill 2026**—(*Assistant Minister for Resources, Senator Chisholm*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*11 March 2026*).

7 **Governor-General’s opening speech**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Walker—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

*To Her Excellency the Governor-General*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (*Senator Marielle Smith, in continuation, 31 July 2025*).

## General business—Notices of motion

A complete list of all general business notices of motion and orders of the day remaining on the Notice Paper is published at: [www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business)

*Notice given 5 March 2026*

421 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash):** To move—That the following apply as a temporary order for the duration of the 48th Parliament:

- (a) if a division is called for on a government amendment to a formal motion then the division will be deferred until the end of formal motions and the questions on all government amendments shall be put together; and
- (b) the main question on those formal motions then be put separately.

*Notice given 11 March 2026*

435 **Senator David Pocock:** To move—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Personal Staffing of Parliamentarians, be established to inquire into and report on:
  - (a) the adequacy, transparency and fairness of the current arrangements governing the allocation of personal staff, resources and entitlements to senators and members of the Parliament of Australia;
  - (b) the appropriateness of any arrangements to allocate personal staff, resources or entitlements to senators or members, or to parties or groups represented in the Parliament, in connection with the consideration or passage of legislation, including but not limited to recent public reporting concerning negotiations between parties in relation to the Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2025;
  - (c) whether the offering, discussion or alteration of personal staffing arrangements with parliamentary votes or legislative negotiations could constitute conduct warranting referral to the Senate Standing Committee of Privileges;

- (d) the implications for parliamentary integrity, public confidence in and the proper functioning of the Parliament where personal staffing allocations, resources or entitlements may be perceived as providing a personal or political benefit linked to parliamentary decision making;
  - (e) options for establishing more transparent, independent or rules based mechanisms for determining personal staffing allocations, resources and entitlements for senators and members, including arrangements that ensure equitable treatment of government, opposition, minor party and independent parliamentarian; and
  - (f) any other related matters.
- (2) That the committee present its final report by 22 June 2026.
- (3) That the committee consist of 6 senators, as follows:
- (a) two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
  - (b) two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
  - (c) one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
  - (d) one nominated by minority party or independent senators.
- (4) That:
- (a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator;
  - (b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and
  - (c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of a committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.
- (5) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
- (6) That the committee elect as chair a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and, as deputy chair, a member nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- (7) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.
- (8) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.
- (9) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

- (10) That the committee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
- (11) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.
- (12) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

*Notice given 24 March 2026*

451 **Senator David Pocock:** To move—That—

- (a) for the duration of this Parliament, any question directed to a witness appearing before any legislative and general purpose standing committee and any current or future select committee concerning the provision of sponsored passes for Parliament House be taken to be relevant to the matter before the committee; and
- (b) consistent with the procedure to be observed by Senate committees for the protection of witnesses, nothing in paragraph (a) affects the entitlement of a witness to request that evidence be given in private session, or to object to answering any question.

*Notice of motion altered on 31 March 2026 pursuant to standing order 77.*

452 **Senator David Pocock:** To move—That the Senate directs the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee to publish answers to questions on notice relating to sponsored passes for Parliament House asked by Senator David Pocock during the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2025, unless the witness answering the question requested that the answer be kept confidential.

*Notice given 1 April 2026*

\*478 **Senator Shoebridge:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
  - (i) the decision by the Government on Tuesday, 10 March 2026, to deploy the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), in a military operation as a party to an armed conflict,

- (ii) that the Memorandum on Government Conventions Relating to Overseas Armed Conflict Decision Making (the memorandum) requires the Government to take a number of actions within 30 days when deploying the ADF overseas, including that:
  - (A) the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Government in the Senate deliver a ministerial statement and provide an unclassified written statement to both houses of the Parliament outlining the objectives of the deployment in question, the orders made and its legal basis, and
  - (B) if Parliament is scheduled to sit within 30 days of the deployment, then the first appropriate day of the scheduled sitting period be set aside for the consideration of the ministerial statement and consideration of the statement have precedence over all other business until concluded, and
- (iii) that the Government has not complied with the memorandum, despite the 30 days identified in the memorandum expiring on Thursday, 9 April 2026; and
- (b) requires the Leader of the Government in the Senate to attend the Senate after question time on Wednesday, 13 May 2026, to table an unclassified written statement outlining the objectives of the deployment of the ADF to the UAE, a copy of the orders made and any advice received setting out its legal basis, and that:
  - (i) any senator may move to take note of the documents, and
  - (ii) any such motion may be debated and shall have precedence over all business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 5 minutes each.

\*479 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash):** To move—

- (1) That a Select Committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Impact of the Conflict in Iran be established to inquire into and report on:
  - (a) the Australian Government's response to the conflict in Iran; and
  - (b) any related matters.
- (2) That the committee present its final report by 12 November 2026.
- (3) That at the committee consist of 7 senators, as follows:
  - (a) three nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
  - (b) two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
  - (c) one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
  - (d) one nominated by any minority party or independent senator.
- (4) That:
  - (a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator;

- (b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and
  - (c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of a committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.
- (5) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
  - (6) That the committee elect as chair a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and, as deputy chair, a member nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens.
  - (7) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.
  - (8) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.
  - (9) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
  - (10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.
  - (11) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
  - (12) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.
  - (13) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

## General business—Order of the day

### \*1 **Urgency motion—Cost of living—Deferred vote**

Vote to be taken on the motion of Senator Faruqi—That, in the opinion of the Senate, the following is a matter of urgency:

That, in a cost of living crisis, and with climate-driven disasters rising in their frequency and severity, the Government must make polluters pay to fund a transition, clean up the damage and lower the cost of insurance (*1 April 2026*).

## Attendance by minister

### \*476 **Treasury advice—First home buyers—Orders for production of documents—Attendance by minister**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) on 24 July 2025, the Senate agreed to order for the production of documents no. 27, relating to Treasury advice concerning first home buyers, requiring the Minister representing the Treasurer to comply with the order by no later than midday on Monday, 28 July 2025,
  - (ii) on 27 August 2025, the Senate agreed to order for the production of documents no. 119, relating to the Home Guarantee Scheme, requiring the Minister representing the Treasurer to comply with the order by no later than midday on Tuesday, 2 September 2025,
  - (iii) since those orders were agreed to, the Senate has agreed to a further 8 motions concerning the minister's failure to comply with the orders, rejected a public interest immunity claim raised by the Minister for Housing and required a minister to attend the Senate to provide an explanation of the failure to comply with the orders on 4 separate occasions,
  - (iv) most recently, on 25 March 2026, the Minister representing the Minister for Housing attended the Senate to provide a second explanation of the failure to comply with order for the production of documents no. 119 or to respond in full to the order,
  - (v) the additional explanation provided by the minister was not satisfactory and did not address the minister's failure to comply with the order, and
  - (vi) the orders have still not been fully complied with; and
- (b) requires the Minister representing the Minister for Housing to attend the Senate immediately following the consideration of any proposals under standing order 75 on Tuesday, 12 May 2026, to provide an explanation, of no more than 5 minutes, of the failure to comply with the orders or to respond in full to the orders, and that:
  - (i) any senator may move to take note of the explanation, and
  - (ii) any such motion may be debated for no longer than 30 minutes and shall have precedence over all other business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 5 minutes each.

*(Motion of Senator Bragg agreed to 1 April 2026.)*

# Business for future consideration

**On the next sitting day (13 May 2026)**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

**1 Procedure—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on orders for the production of documents.

General business—Notice of motion

*Notice given 23 March 2026*

443 **Senator Dean Smith:** To move—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Australia's Falling Living Standards, be established to inquire into and report on:
  - (a) the cost of living experiences faced by Australian households and small and family businesses;
  - (b) the impact of the Government's fiscal policy response to the cost of living, including the level of Government spending on Australia's living standards, with reference to:
    - (i) inflation,
    - (ii) interest rates, and
    - (iii) the level of government debt;
  - (c) the impact of rising inflation and higher interest rates on housing affordability;
  - (d) the impact of rising government debt on future investment in efficient and effective delivery of government services and the quality of public infrastructure;
  - (e) immediate and medium-term initiatives that would ease cost of living pressures and reverse Australia's declining living standards; and
  - (f) any other related matters.
- (2) That the committee present its final report by the first sitting day in March 2027.
- (3) That the committee consist of 7 senators, as follows:
  - (a) three nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
  - (b) two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
  - (c) one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
  - (d) one nominated by minority party or independent senators.
- (4) That:
  - (a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator;

- (b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and
  - (c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of a committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.
- (5) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
  - (6) That the committee elect as chair a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and, as deputy chair, a member nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens.
  - (7) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.
  - (8) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.
  - (9) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
  - (10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.
  - (11) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
  - (12) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.
  - (13) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

### **On 14 May 2026**

#### Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

*Notice given 5 November 2025*

1 **Senator Hume:** To move—That—

- (a) the Senate notes the recent reports on the handling of privileged documents by the Department of Parliamentary Services, and decisions by the Secretary of the Department to provide these documents to a third party without reference to the Senate or the House of Representatives; and

- (b) the following matters be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 19 June 2026:
- (i) the operation and management of the Department of Parliamentary Services, with particular reference to:
    - (A) the Department's policies and procedures relating to training departmental staff in handling parliamentary documents,
    - (B) the management of documents, communications and technology with respect to maintaining any required privilege, privacy or confidentiality, and
    - (C) any arrangement, agreement or memorandum of understanding with a third party, agency or department in relation to the provision of documents held by parliamentarians and their staff that may be subject to a claim of privilege;
  - (ii) to make recommendations on any necessary changes to practices, policies or similar operational matters in relation to the Department of Parliamentary Services' management of parliamentary documents, communications or technology, and
  - (iii) any other related matter.

*Notice of motion altered on 24 November 2025 and 30 January 2026 pursuant to standing order 77.*

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

##### 1 **Privileges—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Department of Parliamentary Services.

##### 2 **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation) Bill 2025. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**On 19 May 2026**

#### Order for the production of documents

##### 468 **Artificial intelligence—Responsible use—Order for production of documents**

By the Minister for Finance, by no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, 19 May 2026, documents and correspondence from the Digital Transformation Agency regarding the responsible use of artificial intelligence. (*Motion of Senator Payman agreed to 31 March 2026.*)

**On 29 May 2026**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the day

##### 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on the impact of microplastics, toxics and forever chemicals on human health.

**On 1 June 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the offshore processing and resettlement arrangements.

**On 3 June 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**  
Report to be presented on Defence estate assets.

**On 17 June 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**  
Report to be presented on financial support for state and territory infrastructure projects.

**On 18 June 2026**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Education and Employment Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Right to Work from Home) Bill 2025. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 2 **Education and Employment References Committee**  
Report to be presented on wage theft.

**On 19 June 2026**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- \*1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Aviation Consumer Protection Bill 2026 and related bills. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- \*2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Secrecy Provisions Amendment (Repealing Offences) Bill 2026. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**On 23 June 2026**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Legislation committees**  
Reports to be presented on the 2026–27 Budget estimates.

**2 Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on the transition from the Community Home Support Program.

**On 25 June 2026**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

**1 Environment and Communications References Committee**

Report to be presented on greenwashing.

**2 Environment and Communications References Committee**

Report to be presented on the national cultural policy.

**3 Education and Employment Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Higher Education Support Amendment (Reverse Job-Ready Graduates Fee Hikes and End 50k Arts Degrees) Bill 2025. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**On 30 June 2026**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

**1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on illegal tobacco.

**2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on Australia's youth justice and incarceration system.

**On 30 July 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

**1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

Report to be presented on the development of a hemp industry.

**On 13 August 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

**1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Defence Amendment (Sexual Assault Prevention, Intervention and Response Commission) Bill 2025.

**On 20 August 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

**1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

Report to be presented on sanctions imposed by the Commonwealth against the Russian Federation.

### **On 7 September 2026**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Legislation committees**  
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2026.
- 2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the MRH90 Taipan Helicopter incident.

### **On 10 September 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on epilepsy.

### **On 30 September 2026**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Productivity in Australia—Select Committee**  
Report to be presented.
- 2 **Intergenerational Housing Inequity—Select Committee**  
Report to be presented.

### **On 13 October 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**  
Report to be presented on Australia's aviation sector.

### **On 20 November 2026**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

- 1 **Education and Employment References Committee**  
Report to be presented on Australian university graduates.

### **On 24 November 2026**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

- 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the Support at Home program.
- 2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**  
Report to be presented on Medicare access and funding.

## Other information

### Bills currently before committees

**Aviation Consumer Protection Bill 2026 and related bills [provisions] ‡**

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 1 April 2026; reporting date: 19 June 2026)

**Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2026 ‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 26 March 2026; reporting date: 1 May 2026)

**Customs Legislation Amendment (False Trade Marks Infringement Notices) Bill 2026 [provisions] ‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 April 2026; reporting date: 5 May 2026)

**Defence Amendment (Sexual Assault Prevention, Intervention and Response Commission) Bill 2025**

Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 27 November 2025; reporting date: 13 August 2026)

**Fair Work Amendment (Right to Work from Home) Bill 2025**

Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 27 November 2025; reporting date: 18 June 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 (referred 5 February 2026; reporting date: 25 June 2026)

**Secrecy Provisions Amendment (Repealing Offences) Bill 2026 [provisions] ‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 1 April 2026; reporting date: 19 June 2026)

**Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation) Bill 2025 [provisions] ‡**

Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 5 March 2026; reporting date: 14 May 2026)

**Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering an Efficient and Trusted Tax System) Bill 2026 [provisions] ‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 1 April 2026; reporting date: 30 April 2026)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

## Bills discharged or negated

### **Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2025**—(*Senator David Pocock*)

Second reading negated, 29 October 2025.

### **Competition and Consumer Amendment (Make Price Gouging Illegal) Bill 2024**—(*Senator McKim*)

Second reading negated, 5 February 2026.

### **Criminal Code Amendment (Keeping Australia Safe) Bill 2026**—(*Senator Duniam*)

Second reading negated, 1 April 2026.

### **Defence Amendment (Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal) Bill 2025**—(*Government bill*)

Discharged, 24 November 2025.

### **Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2025**—(*Government bill*)

Discharged, 5 March 2026.

### **Housing Investment Probity Bill 2024**—(*Senator Bragg*)

Second reading negated, 26 March 2026.

### **Members of Parliament (Staff) Amendment (Providing Certainty and Improving Integrity) Bill 2025**—(*Senators Cash, Babet, Hanson and Payman*)

Third reading negated, 3 September 2025.

### **Sex Discrimination Amendment (Restoring Biological Definitions) Bill 2025**—(*Senators Antic and Canavan*)

First reading negated, 31 July 2025.

## Questions on notice

The full text of questions on notice and their answers are available [online](#).

## Orders of the Senate

### **Allocation of departments/agencies**

That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

#### *Community Affairs*

Health, Disability and Ageing

Social Services

#### *Economics*

Industry, Science and Resources

Treasury

#### *Education and Employment*

Education

Employment and Workplace Relations

*Environment and Communications*

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (Communications, Sport and the Arts functions only)

*Finance and Public Administration*

Finance

Parliament

Prime Minister and Cabinet

*Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*

Defence, including Veterans' Affairs

Foreign Affairs and Trade

*Legal and Constitutional Affairs*

Attorney-General

Home Affairs

*Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development functions only).

*(Agreed to 23 July 2025)*

**Estimates hearings for 2026**

- (1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2026 be scheduled as follows:

**2025–26 additional estimates:**

Monday, 9 February and Tuesday, 10 February (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 11 February and Thursday, 12 February (*Group B*)

**2026–27 Budget estimates:**

Monday, 25 May to Thursday, 28 May (*Group A*)

Tuesday, 2 June to Friday, 5 June (*Group B*)

Monday, 26 October and Tuesday, 27 October (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)

Wednesday, 28 October and Thursday, 29 October (*supplementary hearings—Group B*).

- (2) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.

- (3) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**

Environment and Communications

Finance and Public Administration

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**

Community Affairs

Economics

Education and Employment

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

- (4) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
- (a) Tuesday, 31 March 2026, in respect of the 2025–26 additional estimates; and
  - (b) Tuesday, 23 June 2026, in respect of the 2026–27 Budget estimates.

*(Agreed to 27 November 2025)***Contingent notices of motion****Conduct of business or consideration of any matter**

- 1 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Wong):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.
- 2 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Waters)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie)**  
**Leader of One Nation (Senator Hanson)**  
**Senators Babet, Lambie, Payman, David Pockock, Thorpe and Tyrrell**  
To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

**Formal business**

- Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Wong)**  
**Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Waters)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie)**  
**Leader of One Nation (Senator Hanson)**  
**Senators Babet, Lambie, Payman, David Pockock, Thorpe and Tyrrell**
- 3 To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.
- 4 To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

- 5 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Wong):** To move (contingent on any minister being refused leave to amend their own motion prior to it being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that minister amending the motion.
- 6 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Waters)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie)**  
**Leader of One Nation (Senator Hanson)**  
**Senators Babet, Lambie, Payman, David Pocock, Thorpe and Tyrrell**  
 To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to amend their own motion prior to it being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator amending the motion.

#### Limitation of time

- 7 **Leader of the Government in Senate (Senator Wong)**  
**Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Waters)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie)**  
**Leader of One Nation (Senator Hanson)**  
**Senators Babet, Lambie, Payman, David Pocock, Thorpe and Tyrrell**  
 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.
- 8 **Leader of the Government in Senate (Senator Wong)**  
**Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Waters)**  
**Senator David Pocock**  
 To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment or amendments to a bill or bills being considered under a limitation of debate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment or amendments.

#### Matters of urgency

- 9 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Wong):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.
- 10 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Waters)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie)**  
**Leader of One Nation (Senator Hanson)**  
**Senators Babet, Lambie, Payman, David Pocock, Thorpe and Tyrrell**  
 To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving an amendment to the motion.

## Motion for suspension or adjournment

- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Waters)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie)**  
**Leader of One Nation (Senator Hanson)**  
**Senators Babet, Lambie, Payman, David Pocock, Thorpe and Tyrrell**
- To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move a motion relating to the suspension or adjournment of the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the suspension or adjournment of the Senate.

## Questions without notice

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Waters)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie)**  
**Leader of One Nation (Senator Hanson)**  
**Senators Babet, Lambie, Payman, David Pocock, Thorpe and Tyrrell**
- To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

## Statements

- 13 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Wong)**  
**Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Waters)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie)**  
**Leader of One Nation (Senator Hanson)**  
**Senators Babet, Lambie, Payman, David Pocock, Thorpe and Tyrrell**
- To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

## Tabling of documents

- 14 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Cash)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Waters)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator McKenzie)**  
**Leader of One Nation (Senator Hanson)**  
**Senators Babet, Lambie, Payman, David Pocock, Thorpe and Tyrrell**
- To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator tabling the document.

## Appointments to statutory authorities

### **Council of the National Library of Australia**

Senator Askew (*appointed 30 July 2025, for a period of 3 years*).

### **National Archives of Australia Advisory Council**

Senator Dean Smith (*appointed 24 July 2025, for a period of 3 years*).

### **Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust**

Senators Colbeck and Sterle (*appointed 26 July 2022*).

## Temporary chairs of committees

Senators Ciccone, Colbeck, Cox, Ghosh, Grogan, Hodgins-May, Kovacic, O'Neill, O'Sullivan, Polley, Scarr, Sharma, Marielle Smith and Sterle.

**RICHARD PYE**  
Clerk of the Senate

# Ministerial representation

## MINISTERS

## REPRESENTING

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### Senator the Honourable Penny Wong

Minister for Foreign Affairs  
*Leader of the Government in the Senate*

Prime Minister  
Minister for Pacific Island Affairs  
Minister for International Development  
Minister for Defence  
Minister for Defence Industry

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### Senator the Honourable Katy Gallagher

Minister for Finance  
Minister for the Public Service  
Minister for Women  
Minister for Government Services  
*Vice President of the Executive Council*  
*Manager of Government Business in the Senate*

Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
Minister for Financial Services  
Minister for Social Services

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### Senator the Honourable Don Farrell

Minister for Trade and Tourism  
Special Minister of State  
*Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate*

Attorney-General  
Minister for Northern Australia  
Minister for Communications  
Minister for Sport  
Minister for the Arts

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### Senator the Honourable Murray Watt

Minister for the Environment and Water

Minister for Home Affairs  
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship  
Minister for Cyber Security  
Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations  
Minister for Skills and Training

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### Senator the Honourable Malarndirri McCarthy

Minister for Indigenous Australians

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories  
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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### Senator the Honourable Tim Ayres

Minister for Industry and Innovation  
Minister for Science

Minister for Resources  
Minister for Climate Change and Energy  
Minister for Housing  
Minister for Homelessness  
Minister for Cities  
Minister for Small Business

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### Senator the Honourable Jenny McAllister

Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Minister for Health and Ageing  
Minister for Aged Care and Seniors  
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Minister for Defence Personnel  
Minister for Emergency Management

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### Senator the Honourable Jess Walsh

Minister for Early Childhood Education  
Minister for Youth

Minister for Education  
Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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ASSISTANT MINISTERS – Designated as parliamentary secretaries under the *Ministers of State Act 1952*

### Senator the Honourable Anthony Chisholm

Assistant Minister for Resources  
Assistant Minister for Regional Development  
Assistant Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

### Senator the Honourable Nita Green

Assistant Minister for Northern Australia  
Assistant Minister for Tourism  
Assistant Minister for Pacific Island Affairs

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## Senate sittings and estimates hearings for 2026

## January

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## July

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## September

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## November

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## February

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## April

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## June

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## August

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## October

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## Key

~~✗~~ = Date of Senate 2/3 cut-off

B = Budget

<sup>‡</sup> = Budget estimates

<sup>μ</sup> = Additional estimates

<sup>§</sup> = Supplementary Budget estimates

(Agreed to 27 November 2025, amended  
19 January 2026)