



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 34/2019

**Wednesday, 4 December 2019**

The Senate met from 9.30am to 7.59 pm

## Senators

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- [Senator Bernardi](#) gave his valedictory statement, and a series of speeches were given recognising his contribution to Parliament
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## Bills

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### Introduced

- [Transport Security Amendment \(Testing and Training\) Bill 2019](#)
- [National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2019](#)
- [Telecommunications Amendment \(Repairing Assistance and Access\) Bill 2019](#) [private senator's bill]

### Considered

- [Aged Care Legislation Amendment \(New Commissioner Functions\) Bill 2019](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue on 5 December 2019

### Passed

Without amendment

- [Migration Amendment \(Repairing Medical Transfers\) Bill 2019](#)
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The bill has now been assented to by the Governor-General

With amendments

- [Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment \(2019 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2019](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
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The House of Representatives will now consider the bill

# Committees

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## New inquiries

- [Review of foreign investment proposals referred](#) to the [Economics References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 7 September 2020

## Reports tabled

- Australia's faunal extinction crisis – [Interim report](#) Environment and Communications References Committee
- [Delegated legislation monitor 10 of 2019](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
- [Annual report of committee activities](#) Intelligence and Security Joint Committee
- [Review of the renunciation by conduct and cessation provisions in the Australian Citizenship Act 2007](#) Intelligence and Security Joint Committee
- [Annual report 2018-19](#) Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee
- [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment \(Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics\) Bill 2019](#) Community Affairs References Committee
- [Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas](#) Select Committee
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## Reporting date extended

- [Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019](#) extended to 16 April 2020

## Appointment

- The Senate agreed to [vary the terms of appointment](#) of the Select Committee on the effectiveness of the Australian Government's Northern Australia agenda

## Membership

[See also 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]

To view individual instruments visit [www.legislation.gov.au](http://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 corporate emissions and energy data agreed to on [2 December 2019](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to a City of Sydney's Annual Report 2017-18 agreed to on [3 December 2019](#)

## Agreed to

- [Government's response](#) to the report of the Education and Employment References Committee, *The people behind 000: mental health of our first responders*, to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations by no later than 12.45 pm on 5 December 2019
- [Draft response](#) to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Financial Services to be tabled by the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology by 9.30 am on 5 December 2019
- [Documents](#) relating to blood and genetic testing on humans and livestock to be tabled by the Minister for Defence by 10 am on 4 February 2020
- [Documents](#) relating to census questions regarding sexual orientation or gender identity to be tabled by the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer by no later than 2 pm on 5 December 2019

## Delegation report

- [Australian parliamentary delegation to 141<sup>st</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly](#)

## Other business

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### Motions

#### Agreed to

- [Urannah Water Scheme](#) moved by Senator McGrath
- [WA nominees for Australian of the Year Awards](#) moved by Senators Dean Smith, Sterle, Pratt, Lines, Dodson, O'Sullivan and Brockman
- [Native forestry industry](#) moved by Senators Davey, Henderson, O'Sullivan, Brockman, Abetz, Askew, Hughes, Rennick and Van
- [Independent review of the Australian Public Service](#) moved by Senator Gallagher
- [Newstart and youth allowance](#) moved by Senator Siewert
- [Saudi journalists](#) moved by Senator Rice
- [Violence against women](#) moved by Senator Waters
- [Sonographers](#) moved by Senator Di Natale
- [Privatisation of visa processing system](#) moved by Senator Keneally and all Opposition senators
- [Consideration of the New Skilled Regional Visas \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2019](#) moved by Senator Keneally
- [Gambling reform](#) moved by Senator Griff

#### Negatived

- [Australian foreign aid budget](#) moved by Senator Faruqi
- [Climate and public health](#) moved by Senator Di Natale

### Attendance of Minister

- The Senate [ordered](#) that the Minister for Agriculture attend the Senate on 5 December 2019 at 3.30pm to provide an explanation regarding the dairy industry

## Explanation

- Senator Cormann made a personal explanation relating to commitments made during consideration of the [Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment \(Assistance and Access\) Bill 2018](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the explanation](#)
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## Statistics

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Bills received from the House of Representatives	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	2
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	1
Bills passed in the Senate	2
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	1
Reports tabled	7
Notices of motion given	18
Divisions	16

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