



Senate Daily Summary

No. 7/2020

Thursday, 13 February 2020

The Senate met from 9.30am to 6.00pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Climate Trigger\) Bill 2020](#)
[private senator's bill]
- [Export Control Bill 2019](#)
[Export Control \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2019](#)
[Export Charges \(Imposition—Customs\) Amendment Bill 2019](#)
[Export Charges \(Imposition—Excise\) Amendment Bill 2019](#)
[Export Charges \(Imposition—General\) Amendment Bill 2019](#)
- [Migration Amendment \(Regulation of Migration Agents\) Bill 2019](#)
- [Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment \(Rates of Charge\) Bill 2019](#)
- [Commonwealth Registers Bill 2019](#)
[Treasury Laws Amendment \(Registries Modernisation and Other Measures\) Bill 2019](#)
[Business Names Registration \(Fees\) Amendment \(Registries Modernisation\) Bill 2019](#)
[Corporations \(Fees\) Amendment \(Registries Modernisation\) Bill 2019](#)
[National Consumer Credit Protection \(Fees\) Amendment \(Registries Modernisation\) Bill 2019](#)
- [Telecommunications Legislation Amendment \(Competition and Consumer\) Bill 2019](#)
[Telecommunications \(Regional Broadband Scheme\) Charge Bill 2019](#)

Considered

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Recovering Unpaid Superannuation\) Bill 2019](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue at a later date

Messages

- The House of Representatives agreed to the following bill without amendment:
[National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2019](#)

This bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

Committees

New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no.2 of 2020](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee. No bills were referred to committees

Government response tabled

- [Response](#) to [Migration Amendment \(Strengthening the Character Test\) Bill 2019](#) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Reporting dates extended

- [Current barriers to patient access to medicinal cannabis in Australia](#) extended to 26 March 2020
- [Centrelink's compliance program](#) extended to 19 August 2020

Estimates

- [Changes were made to the allocation of departments and agencies to committees](#)

Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)

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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 the schedule of special purpose flights agreed to on [11 February 2020](#) (order no. 432)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents regarding the Community Sport Infrastructure Program agreed to on [5 February 2020](#) (order no. 378)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of communications relating to the three grant rounds under the Community Sport Infrastructure Program agreed to on [5 February 2020](#) (order no. 389)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents regarding the Community Sport Infrastructure Program agreed to on [5 February 2020](#) (order no. 379)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of a spreadsheet relating to the Community Sport Infrastructure Program agreed to on [5 February 2020](#) (order no. 387)

Explanations by ministers

- The Minister for Youth and Sport tabled a [response](#) and made a statement regarding an order for the production of documents relating to Female Facilities and Water Safety Program agreed to on [11 February 2020](#), and the Senate debated the statement
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- The Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development tabled a [response](#) and made a statement regarding an order for the production of documents relating to Female Facilities and Water Safety Program agreed to on [11 February 2020](#), and the Senate debated the statement
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Closing the Gap

- The Prime Minister's annual report on [Closing the Gap](#) and accompanying ministerial statement were further debated
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Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [National apology to Stolen Generations](#) moved by Senators McCarthy and Dodson
- [Sunsuper](#) moved by Senator Rennick
- [Economy](#) move by Senator Whish-Wilson
- [Storms in New South Wales](#) moved by Senator O'Neill
- [Small business](#) moved by Senator Farrell
- [Skilled regional provisional visas](#) moved by Senator Keneally
- [Regenerative agricultural practices](#) moved by Senator Rice
- [Emissions](#) moved by Senator McAllister
- [Superannuation guarantee](#) moved by Senator McAllister

Negatived

- [National Diabetes Service Scheme](#) moved by Senator Polley and others
- [Narrabri Gas Project](#) moved by Senator Faruqi
- [Education](#) moved by Senator Faruqi
- [Closing the Gap](#) moved by Senator Siewert

Denied formality

- [Indian citizenship](#) moved by Senators Di Natale and Faruqi

Debated

- [Rate of Newstart and disaster payments](#) moved by Senator Siewert
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Disallowance motions

Withdrawn

Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) withdrew the following notices:

- Helicopter Aerial Application Endorsements Exemption 2019 [[F2019L01132](#)]
- Broadcasting Services (Transmitter Access) Regulations 2019 [[F2019L01248](#)]

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	14
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	1
Bills passed in the Senate	0
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	0
Reports tabled	0
Notices of motion given	10
Divisions	5

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