



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 23/2020

**Thursday, 18 June 2020**

The Senate met from 9.30am to 6pm

## Bills

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### Introduced

- [Education Legislation Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Continuing the Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 3\) Bill 2020](#)

### Considered

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Your Superannuation, Your Choice\) Bill 2019](#)  
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Debate on this bill will continue on a later date

### Passed

#### Without amendment

- [Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Amendment \(APRA Industry Funding\) Bill 2020](#)  
[Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2020](#)  
[Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2020](#)  
[General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2020](#)  
[Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2020](#)  
[Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2020](#)  
[Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2020](#)  
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- [Education Legislation Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2020](#)  
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- [Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment \(Coronavirus Economic Response Package\) Bill 2020](#)  
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- [Therapeutic Goods Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2020](#)  
• [Watch the debate](#)    [Read the transcript](#)
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Continuing the Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner\) Bill 2020](#)  
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- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 3\) Bill 2020](#)  
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These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

## With amendments

- [National Skills Commissioner Bill 2020](#)  
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The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate’s amendments

## Committees

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### New Inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no. 6 of 2020](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
  - [Aged Care Legislation Amendment \(Financial Transparency\) Bill 2020](#) referred to the [Community Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 23 November 2020
  - [Banking Amendment \(Deposits\) Bill 2020](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 10 August 2020
  - [Biosecurity Amendment \(Traveller Declarations and Other Measures\) Bill 2020](#) referred to the [Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 30 July 2020
  - [Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Banning Dirty Donations\) Bill 2020](#) referred to the [Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by the second sitting day of March 2021

### Reports tabled

- [Migration in regional Australia](#) Migration Joint Committee
- [Final report—Order for production of documents—Australian Taxation Office](#) Economics Legislation Committee

### Government response

- [Response](#) to [Aspects of road safety in Australia](#) Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

### Membership

- Variations were agreed to [See Journals entries [no. 37](#) and [no. 50](#)]

[See also committee membership page](#)

## Documents

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### 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](http://www.legislation.gov.au) and search using the Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number

## Other

- [Response](#) to a [question asked by Senator Walsh](#) during question time on 15 June 2020
- Senator McKim tabled a petitioning document regarding refugees and asylum seekers

## Orders for the production of documents

### Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Community Development Grant program agreed to on [15 June 2020](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to Abbotsford Service Centre agreed to on [15 June 2020](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the support of international students agreed to on [16 June 2020](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to COVID-19 briefings agreed to on [17 June 2020](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of the expert panel report on the 'Regions at the Ready: Investing in Australia's Future' report

### Agreed to

- [The draft report of the statutory review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999](#) to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Environment, by 9am on 7 July 2020
- [Documents relating to plans to reform or amend the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999](#) to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Environment, by 9am on 26 June 2020
- [The expert panel report on the 'Regions at the Ready: Investing in Australia's Future' report](#) to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, by no later than 18 June 2020

## Other business

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### Motions

#### Agreed to

- [Formal motions and notices](#) moved by Senators Cormann and Wong
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- [Telehealth Medicare Benefits Schedule](#) moved by Senators Griff and Di Natale
- [International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict](#) moved by Senator Waters and others
- [Care industry](#) moved by Senators Siewert and Waters
- [South Australian Tourism](#) moved by Senator Griff and others
- [Union fees](#) moved by Senator Rennick
- [Truck drivers](#) moved by Senator Sheldon and others
- [Veteran's suicide](#) moved by Senator Lambie and others
- [State and federal police](#) moved by Senator Canavan and others
- [Stillbirths](#) moved by Senator Keneally and others
- [Regional Australia](#) moved by Senator McKenzie and others
- [National economic plan](#) moved by Senator Gallagher

## Negatived

- [Australia's housing system](#) moved by Senator Faruqi

## Debated

- [National economic plan](#) moved by Senator Gallagher
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## Disallowance motion

### Notice of motion to disallow

Notice given by the Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee to disallow the following:

- Defence Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2020 [[F2020L00120](#)]

## Statement

- The President and other senators made statements relating to the retirement of Senate Chamber Supervisor, Mr John Brown OAM
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## Statistics

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Bills received from the House of Representatives	3
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	0
Bills passed in the Senate	13
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	4
New inquiries	4
Reports tabled	2
Orders for production of documents agreed to	3
Notices of motion given	11
Divisions	17

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