



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 24/2020

**Monday, 24 August 2020**

The Senate met from 10am to 10.05pm

## Senators

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- Senator Patrick made a statement regarding party affiliation
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## Bills

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### Considered

- [Fair Work Amendment \(COVID-19\) Bill 2020](#) [private senator's bill]
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- [Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Ensuring Fair Representation of the Northern Territory\) Bill 2020](#) [private senators' bill]
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
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Debate on these bills will continue at a later date

- [Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment \(Prohibiting Academic Cheating Services\) Bill 2019](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue on 25 August 2020

### Passed

#### Without amendment

- [National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment \(Governance and Other Matters\) Bill 2020](#)
  - ▶ Watch the debate [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#)
  - 📄 Read the transcript [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#)

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

#### With amendments

- [Transport Security Amendment \(Testing and Training\) Bill 2019](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
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The House of Representatives will now consider this bill

## Messages

- The House of Representatives insisted on disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 2\) Bill 2020](#)

The Senate will consider the message on 25 August 2020

- The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the [National Skills Commissioner Bill 2020](#)

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

## Committees

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### Report tabled

- [Banking Amendment \(Deposits\) Bill 2020](#) Economics Legislation Committee

### Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

## Documents

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### Tabled documents

- [Government documents and documents presented by the President](#) (includes documents presented since the Senate last sat)
- [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

Documents tabled by the President relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and the sittings of the Senate:

- Letters from the President of the Senate to all senators - dated [20 July 2020](#) and [6 August 2020](#)
- [Statements by the Presiding Officers regarding sittings of Parliament for the period 24 August to 3 September 2020](#) – dated [17](#) and [21 August 2020](#)
- [Letter to the President of the Senate from Queensland Chief Health Officer \(Dr Young\)](#) – dated [17 August 2020](#)
- [Letter to all Commonwealth Parliamentarians from the Tasmanian State Controller \(Mr Hine\)](#) – dated [17 August 2020](#)
- [Letter from the Western Australian State Emergency Coordinator \(Mr Dreiberger\)](#) – dated [21 August 2020](#)

## Order for the production of documents

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Water for Fodder program agreed to [14 May 2020](#)

## Other business

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### Motions

Agreed to

- [Multilateralism](#) moved by Senator McAllister

Negatived

- [Jobkeeper](#) moved by Senators Faruqi and Steele-John

### Disallowance motions

Negatived

- Australian Postal Corporation (Performance Standards) Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) [[F2020L00579](#)] moved by Senator Kitching and others
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Notice of intention to withdraw

Senator Hanson-Young gave notice of her intention to withdraw the following notice on the next day of sitting:

- Australian Postal Corporation (Performance Standards) Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) [[F2020L00579](#)]

### Statement

- The President made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the sittings of the Senate and tabled various documents (see above)
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  - 📄 [Read the transcript](#)

### Condolences

- [Dominic John Foreman](#), former senator for South Australia
  - ▶ [Watch the condolence](#)
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### Remote participation

- The Senate adopted the rules for remote participation in Senate proceedings as recommended by the Procedure Committee in its [first report of 2020](#)
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## Statistics

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Bills received from the House of Representatives	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	0
Bills passed in the Senate	2
Bills negated or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	0
Reports tabled	1
Orders for production of documents agreed to	0
Notices of motion given	29
Divisions	2

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