



Senate Daily Summary


No. 13/2020

Wednesday, 8 April 2020

The Senate met from 1.55pm to 10.50pm

Bills

Introduced and passed without amendment

- [Coronavirus Economic Response Package \(Payments and Benefits\) Bill 2020](#)
[Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus \(Measures No. 2\) Bill 2020](#)
[Appropriation Bill \(No. 5\) 2019-2020](#)
[Appropriation Bill \(No. 6\) 2019-2020](#)
• [Watch the debate](#)  [Read the transcript](#)

These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

Committees

New committee

- The [Select Committee on COVID-19](#) was established to inquire and report by 30 June 2022

Membership

- [Senators were appointed to the Select Committee on COVID-19](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

Documents

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 and search using the Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number

Other

- The following documents regarding the sitting of the Senate on 8 April were tabled:
 - [Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance \(Senator Cormann\)](#)
 - [Letter from the President of the Senate to all senators](#)

- Senator Siewert tabled a [petitioning document](#) regarding asylum seekers and refugees and the COVID-19 pandemic

Other business

Disallowance motion

Notice of intention to withdraw

Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) to withdraw the following notice on the next day of sitting:

- Taxation Administration (Private Ancillary Fund) Guidelines 2019 [[F2019L01227](#)]

Statements

- The President made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and arrangements to maintain social distancing during the sitting of the Senate, and the consideration of electronic and remote participation
 - ▶ [Watch the statement](#) 📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- Senators Cormann, Wong, Waters, McKenzie, Patrick and Roberts made statements regarding the COVID-19 pandemic
 - ▶ [Watch the statements](#) 📄 [Read the transcript](#)

Scheduling

- The Senate agreed to [a motion relating to the next meeting of the Senate](#).

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	4
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	0
Bills passed in the Senate	4
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	1
Reports tabled	0
Orders for production of documents agreed to	0
Notices of motion given	2
Divisions	10

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