



Senate Daily Summary

No. 42/2020

Wednesday, 9 December 2020

The Senate met from 9.30am to 12.25am

Bills

Introduced

- [Fair Work Amendment \(Ten Days Paid Domestic and Family Violence Leave\) Bill 2020](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Regional Forest Agreements\) Bill 2020](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Aged Care Amendment \(Aged Care Recipient Classification\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Corporations Amendment \(Corporate Insolvency Reforms\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](#)
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Compliance Administration\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Immigration \(Education\) Amendment \(Expanding Access to English Tuition\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 5\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 6\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](#)
- [Bankruptcy \(Estate Charges\) Amendment \(Norfolk Island\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Fair Work \(Registered Organisations\) Amendment \(Withdrawal from Amalgamations\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Financial Sector Reform \(Hayne Royal Commission Response\) Bill 2020](#)
[Corporations \(Fees\) Amendment \(Hayne Royal Commission Response\) Bill 2020](#)

Passed

Without amendments

- [Fair Work \(Registered Organisations\) Amendment \(Withdrawal from Amalgamations\) Bill 2020](#)
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This bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

With amendments

- [Social Security \(Administration\) Amendment \(Continuation of Cashless Welfare\) Bill 2020](#)
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The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's amendments

Messages

- The House agreed to the Senate's amendments to the following bills:
 - [Australia's Foreign Relations \(State and Territory Arrangements\) Bill 2020](#)
 - [Foreign Investment Reform \(Protecting Australia's National Security\) Bill 2020](#)

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

Committees

New inquiry

- [Western Sydney Airport project](#) referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2022

Reports tabled

- [Delegated legislation monitor 14 of 2020](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
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- [Scrutiny digest 18 of 2020](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Human rights scrutiny report 15 of 2020](#) Human Rights Joint Committee
 - ▶ [Watch the debate](#) [Read the transcript](#)
- [First interim report](#) COVID-19 Select Committee
 - ▶ [Watch the debate](#) [Read the transcript](#)
- [Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment \(Implementing Independent Intelligence Review\) Bill 2020](#) Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- [Inquiry into Juukan Gorge – Interim report](#) Northern Australia Joint Committee
 - ▶ [Watch the debate](#) [Read the transcript](#)

Government response

- [Response to Primary Industries \(Customs\) charges Amendment \(Dairy Cattle Export Charge\) Bill 2020](#) Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Attendance of witness

- [The Senate directed Senator McKenzie](#) to appear before the Administration of Sports Grants Select Committee by no later than 12 February 2021

Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)
- [A member was appointed to a joint committee](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

Documents

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 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 the China-Australia free trade agreement](#) agreed to on 3 December 2020 [also see below under *Attendance of Minister*]
- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to the PFAS taskforce](#) agreed to on 9 December 2020
- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to 'Overseas ships-voyage return' forms for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018](#) agreed to on 2 December 2020

Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's election coverage to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts by no later than midday on 10 December 2020

Attendance of Minister

- Pursuant to the order agreed to on [3 December 2020](#), the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) attended the Senate to provide an explanation and [table a document regarding an order for the production of documents relating to the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement](#), and the Senate debated the explanation
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Petition

- Senator Ciccone presented a [petition regarding Box Hill Hospital magnetic resonance imaging \(MRI\)](#)

Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [Violence against women](#) moved by Senator Waters
- [Support for local businesses](#) moved by Senator Davey and others
- [Tasmanian handfish](#) moved by Senator McKim and others

Negatived

- [Queensland Government energy policy](#) moved by Senator Rennick
- [Coronavirus Supplement](#) moved by Senator Siewert
- [Climate summit](#) moved by Senator McAllister

Disallowance motions

Notice of intention to withdraw

- Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) to withdraw the following notices on the next day of sitting:
 - Australian Postal Corporation (Performance Standards) Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) regulations 2020 [[F2020L00579](#)]
 - Fair Work Amendment (Variation of Enterprise Agreements No. 2) Regulations 2020 [[F2020L00702](#)]
 - Reserve bank of Australia Head Office, 65 Martin Place, Sydney Heritage Management Plan 2020 [[F2020L01031](#)]

Debated

- Industry Research and Development (Forestry Recovery Development Fund Program) Instrument 2020 [[F2020L01081](#)] moved by Senator Rice
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Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	12
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	2
Bills passed in the Senate	2
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	1
Reports tabled	6
Orders for production of documents agreed to	1
Notices of motion given	14
Divisions	25

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