



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 7/2021

**Thursday, 18 February 2021**

The Senate met from 9.30am to 6pm

## Bills

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### Considered

- [Transport Security Amendment \(Serious Crime\) Bill 2020](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue at a later date

### Passed

Without amendments

- [Therapeutic Goods Amendment \(2020 Measures No. 2\) Bill 2020](#)
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- [Customs Tariff Amendment \(Incorporation of Proposals and Other Measures\) Bill 2020](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
  - 📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- [Higher Education Legislation Amendment \(Provider Category Standards and Other Measures\) Bill 2020](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#) [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#)
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These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

### Messages

The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the following bills:

- [Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2019](#)  
[Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2019](#)

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## Committees

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### New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no. 2 of 2021](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:
  - [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Regional Forest Agreements\) Bill 2020](#) referred to the [Environment and Communications Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 11 May 2021

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Your Future, Your Super\) Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 22 April 2021
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2021 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 12 March 2021

## Report tabled

- [Delegated legislation monitor 3 of 2021](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
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## Estimates

- The Senate referred particulars of proposed additional expenditure to legislation committees for consideration during estimates hearings in March 2021

## Membership

[See 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 Griff](#) during question time on 16 February 2021

### Order for the production of documents

#### Agreed to

- [Outstanding answers to estimates questions on notice](#) to be tabled by the Leader of the Government in the Senate by no later than 9.30am on 24 February 2021

## Other business

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### Motions

#### Agreed to

- [79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin](#) moved by Senator McMahon
- [JobSeeker](#) moved by Senator Pratt
- [Cyclone Yasa humanitarian relief](#) moved by Senator Scarr
- [JobKeeker](#) moved by Senators Gallagher and Farrell
- [Environment protection reform – paragraphs \(a\) and \(c\)](#) moved by Senator McAllister
- [Anzac Day commemorations](#) moved by Senator Roberts
- [COVID-19 vaccines – paragraphs \(d\) and \(e\)](#) moved by Senators McKim and Siewert

## Negatived

- [Explanation by Minister – Allegations of sexual assault](#) moved by Senator Wong
- [COVID-19 vaccines – paragraphs \(a\), \(b\) and \(c\)](#) moved by Senators McKim and Siewert
- [Environment protection reform – paragraph \(b\)](#) moved by Senator McAllister

## Debated

- [Government funding](#) moved by Senator Hanson
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## 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:

- Veterans' Affairs (Treatment Principles – Rehabilitation in the Home and Other Amendments) Determination 2020 [[F2020L01028](#)]
- Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—Telecommunications Universal Service Obligation (Standard Telephone Service—Requirements and Circumstances) Determination) Certificate 2020 [[F2020L01301](#)]

## Explanation

- The Senate took note of Ministers' explanations relating to the delay in providing answers to estimates questions on notice asked by Senators McAllister and Rice in October 2020
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## Statements

- The Minister for Defence (Senator Reynolds) made a statement regarding allegations of sexual assault and the Minister's response
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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	3
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	3
New inquiries	3
Reports tabled	1
Orders for production of documents agreed to	1
Notices of motion given	7
Divisions	9

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