



Senate Daily Summary

No. 44/2021

Thursday, 21 October 2021

The Senate met from 9.30 am to 7.04 pm

Bills

Introduced

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Status \(Prevention of Discrimination\) Bill 2021](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment \(High Risk Terrorist Offenders\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Security Legislation Amendment \(Critical Infrastructure\) Bill 2021](#)

Passed

Without amendments

- [National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment \(Improving Supports for At Risk Participants\) Bill 2021](#)
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- [Customs Amendment \(Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation\) Bill 2021](#)
[Customs Tariff Amendment \(Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation\) Bill 2021](#)
▶ [Watch the debate](#) [[part one](#)] [[part two](#)] [[part three](#)] 📄 [Read the transcript](#) [[part one](#)] [[part two](#)] [[part three](#)]
- [Financial Sector Reform \(Hayne Royal Commission Response—Better Advice\) Bill 2021](#)
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These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

Committees

New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no. 12 of 2021](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
 - [Aboriginal Land Rights \(Northern Territory\) Amendment \(Economic Empowerment\) Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 25 November 2021
 - [Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment \(Royal Commission Response No. 2\) Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Community Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 16 November 2021

- [Corporations Amendment \(Meetings and Documents\) Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 18 November 2021
- [Offshore Petroleum \(Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy\) Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 18 November 2021
- [Telstra Corporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Environment and Communications Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 18 November
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2021 referred to the [Community Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 25 November 2021

Reports tabled

- [Scrutiny digest 16 of 2021](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Delegated legislation monitor 15 of 2021](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
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- [Human rights scrutiny report 12 of 2021](#) Human Rights Joint Committee
- [Federal Government's drought response](#) Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- [Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report 2019-20](#) Law Enforcement Joint Committee

Government responses

- [Response to Australia's defence relationships with Pacific Island nations](#) Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- [Response to The administration of government grants: Inquiry into Auditor-General's reports 5, 12 and 23 \(2019-20\)](#) Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee

Reporting dates extended

- [Disability Support Pension](#) extended to the first sitting week in February 2022
- [Australia's aviation sector](#) extended to 17 March 2022

Estimates

- [Departments and agencies were allocated to committees](#)

Membership

- Variations were agreed to [See Journals entries [no. 22](#) and [no. 34](#)]

[See also committee membership page](#)

Documents

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

Orders for the production of documents

Agreed to

- [Documents relating to ASIC and the Sterling Group](#) to be tabled by the Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and the Digital Economy, by no later than midday on Tuesday, 26 October 2021
- [Government response](#) to the final report of the Administration of Sports Grants Select Committee to be tabled by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, by no later than 3.30 pm on 22 November 2021
- [Government response](#) to reports of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee on the exemption of delegated legislation from parliamentary oversight to be tabled by the Attorney-General, by no later than 6 pm on 22 November 2021 [[response tabled](#)]

Explanations by ministers

- The Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts (Senator Hume) tabled a [document](#) and made a statement regarding an order for the production of documents relating to the Urban Congestion Fund agreed to on [20 October 2021](#), and the Senate debated the statement
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- The Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Energy and Emissions Reduction (Senator Seselja) tabled a [document](#) and made a statement regarding an order for the production of documents relating to 2050 net-zero emissions reduction modelling agreed to on [20 October 2021](#), and the Senate debated the statement
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Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [Health Insurance \(Extended Medicare Safety Net\) Amendment Determination](#) moved by Senator Colbeck

Negated

- [Consideration of National Integrity Commission Bill 2018 \(No. 2\)](#) moved by Senator Waters

Debated

- [Income support](#) moved by Senator Rice
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Disallowance motions

Withdrawn

- The Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) withdrew a notice to disallow the Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening Information) Regulations 2021 [[F2021L00736](#)]

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	2
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	1
Bills passed in the Senate	4
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	7
New inquiries	6
Reports tabled	5
Orders for production of documents agreed to	3
Notices of motion given	0
Divisions	10

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