



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 44/2023

**Thursday, 14 September 2023**

The Senate met from 9 am to 5.45 pm

## Senators

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- Senator Van made a [statement](#) regarding party affiliation

## Bills

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### Introduced

- [Australian Education Amendment \(Save Our Public Schools\) Bill 2023](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Statutory Declarations Amendment Bill 2023](#)
- [Social Security Amendment \(Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment\) Bill 2023](#)
- [Royal Commissions Amendment \(Private Sessions\) Bill 2023](#)

### Considered

- [Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment \(Domestic Reserve\) Bill 2023](#) [private senator's bill]
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)    📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- [National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry Bill 2023](#)  
[National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2023](#)
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Debate on these bills will continue at a later date

### Passed

#### Without amendments

- [Social Security Amendment \(Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment\) Bill 2023](#)
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- [Royal Commissions Amendment \(Private Sessions\) Bill 2023](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)    📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Professional Services Review Scheme\) Bill 2023](#)
  - ▶ Watch the debate [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#)    📄 Read the transcript [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#)
- [Members of Parliament \(Staff\) Amendment Bill 2023](#)

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

## With amendments

- [Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023](#)

The House of Representatives made the amendments requested by the Senate, and agreed to the amendment made by the Senate. The bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

- [Parliamentary Workplace Support Service Bill 2023](#)  
[Parliamentary Workplace Support Service \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2023](#)  
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The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments. These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

## Committees

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### New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no. 11 of 2023](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
  - [Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023](#) and the [Disability Services and Inclusion \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the [Community Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 9 November 2023
  - [Identity Verification Services Bill 2023](#) and the [Identity Verification Services \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the [Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 9 November 2023
  - [Interactive Gambling Amendment \(Credit and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the [Environment and Communications Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 12 October 2023
  - [Legalising Cannabis Bill 2023](#) referred to the [Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 31 May 2024
  - [Public Health \(Tobacco and Other Products\) Bill 2023](#) and the [Public Health \(Tobacco and Other Products\) \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the [Community Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 22 November 2023

### Reports tabled

- [Scrutiny digest 11 of 2023](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Delegated legislation monitor 10 of 2023](#) Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee
- [Sexual consent laws](#) Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee  
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- [Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games preparedness—Interim report](#) Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee  
▶ [Watch the debate](#)    📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- [Interim report](#) Australia's Disaster Resilience Select Committee  
▶ [Watch the debate](#)    📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- [Department of Defence annual report 2021-22](#) Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- [Human rights scrutiny report 10 of 2023](#) Human Rights Joint Committee
- [Review of the 2023 relisting of three organisations as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code—Statement](#) Intelligence and Security Joint Committee

- [Procurement at Services Australia and the NDIA—500th report – Interim](#) Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee

## Government responses

- [Response to Administration of the referendum into an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice](#) Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- [Response to Review of police powers](#) Intelligence and Security Joint Committee

## Document produced

- [Letter to the President from the Chair of the Intelligence and Security Joint Committee](#) regarding an order of [5 September 2023](#) requiring documents relating to the Special Purpose Aircraft guidelines to be provided on a confidential basis to the Committee

## Reporting dates extended

- [Bank closures in regional Australia](#) extended to the last sitting day of May 2024
- [Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games preparedness](#) extended to 6 December 2023

## Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

## Documents

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### Tabled documents

- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to Qatar Airways agreed to on 5 September 2023 [[see order No 300](#)]
- [Response](#) to orders for the production of documents relating to bilateral air service agreements agreed to on 5 September 2023 [[see orders 297 and 299](#)]
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to formal meetings agreed to on [12 September 2023](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan agreed to on [6 September 2023](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations Funding Agreement agreed to on [6 September 2023](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to Qatar Airways agreed to on [12 September 2023](#)
- [Documents](#) tabled in response to [orders of continuing effect](#)

#### Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to bushfire preparedness to be tabled by the Minister for Emergency Management and the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water, by no later than 10 am on Monday, 16 October 2023

- [Documents](#) relating to the Snowy Hydro 2.0 project to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, by no later than midday on Monday, 16 October 2023

### Attendance by minister

- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Treasurer to attend the Senate on Monday, 16 October 2023 to provide an explanation if the following orders for the production of documents have not been complied with by Friday, 13 October:
  - [ACCC monitoring of the domestic airline industry](#) agreed to on 5 September 2023
  - [GST revenue distribution](#) agreed to on 5 September 2023
- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme to attend the Senate at the start of proceedings on the first day of each sitting week to provide an explanation for why orders for the production of documents relating to the National Disability Insurance Scheme Financial Sustainability Framework agreed to on [11 May](#), [19 June](#), and [6 September 2023](#) have not been complied with

### Ministerial statement

- [Revitalising national planning in vocational education and training](#) tabled on behalf of the Minister for Skills and Training

## Other business

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### Motions

#### Debated

- [Lobbying rules](#) moved by Senator Pocock
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### Disallowance motions

#### Notices of motion to disallow

- The Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator White) gave notice to disallow the following:
  - Australian Education Regulations 2023 [[F2023L01020](#)]
  - Insurance Exemption Determination No. 1 of 2023 [[F2023L00971](#)]
  - Higher Education Support (Other Grants) Amendment (National Priorities Pool Program and Regional Partnerships Project Pool Program) Guidelines 2023 [[F2023L00983](#)]
  - Competition and Consumer (Gas Market Code) Regulations 2023 [[F2023L00994](#)]
  - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023 [[F2023L00998](#)].
- Social Security (Remote Engagement Program Payment) Determination 2023 [[F2023L01003](#)] notice given by Senator Thorpe
- Competition and Consumer (Gas Market Code) Regulations 2023 [[F2023L00994](#)] notice given by Senator McKim

## Statistics

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Bills received from the House of Representatives	3
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	2
Bills passed in the Senate	7
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	8
New inquiries	5
Reports tabled	10
Orders for production of documents agreed to	2
Notices of motion given	10
Divisions	5

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