



Senate Daily Summary

No. 2/2023

Tuesday, 7 February 2023

The Senate met from 12 pm to 7.30 pm

Senators

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

Introduced

- [Migration Amendment \(Aggregate Sentences\) Bill 2023](#)
- [Migration Amendment \(Evacuation to Safety\) Bill 2023](#) [private senator's bill]
- [Northern Territory Safe Measures Bill 2023](#) [private senator's bill]

Considered

- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(2022 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2022](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue on 8 February 2023

Passed

Without amendments

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2022 Measures No. 5\) Bill 2022](#)
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This bill 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:
 - [Fair Work Legislation Amendment \(Secure Jobs, Better Pay\) Bill 2022](#)
 - [Financial Sector Reform Bill 2022](#)

These bills have been assented to by the Governor-General

Committees

New inquiry

- [Australian Taxation Office fit-out](#) referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for inquiry and report as expeditiously as is practicable

Reports tabled

- [Budget estimates 2022-23](#) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
- [203rd report – Australia-Japan Reciprocal Access Agreement; Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications](#) Treaties Joint Committee

Reporting dates extended

- [National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022](#) extended to 24 March 2023
- [National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2022](#) extended to 10 March 2023
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2022 Measures No. 4\) Bill 2022](#) extended to 3 March 2023
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Modernising Business Communications and Other Measures\) Bill 2022](#) extended to 3 March 2023
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Climate Trigger\) Bill 2022 \[No. 2\]](#) extended to 29 March 2023
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Save the Koala\) Bill 2021](#) extended to 29 March 2023
- [Final report of the Work and Care Select Committee](#) extended to 9 March 2023

Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)
- [Members were 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

Other

- Senator Steele-John tabled a petitioning document relating to Iran

Orders for the production of documents

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to the Bracknell Community Hall grant award](#) agreed to on 1 December 2022

Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to the Budget Process Operational Rules to be tabled by the Minister for Finance, by no later than midday on Wednesday, 8 February 2023
- [Documents](#) relating to the Commonwealth of Australia's credit rating to be tabled by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than midday on Thursday, 9 February 2022
- [Documents](#) relating to the APS employee census 2022 to be tabled by the Minister for the Public Service, by no later than 2 pm on Thursday, 9 February 2023
- [Answers](#) to outstanding questions on notice from the October and November 2022-23 Budget estimates hearings to be tabled by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, by no later than 9 am on Friday, 10 February 2023
- [Documents relating to the GST in Western Australia](#) to be tabled by no later than midday on Monday, 20 February 2023 by:
 - Minister representing the Treasurer
 - Minister for Finance
 - Minister representing the Prime Minister
- [Documents](#) relating to the National Reconstruction Fund to be tabled by the Minister for Industry and Science, by no later than 2 pm on 8 February 2023

Attendance by Minister

- The Senate ordered that the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government attend the Senate on 8 February 2023 to provide explanations for why the following orders have not been complied with:
 - [Gabba stadium project – agreed to on 27 October 2022](#)
 - [Hahndorf township improvements – agreed to on 25 October 2022](#)
- The Senate [ordered](#) that the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government attend the Senate on 9 February 2023 to provide an explanation for why an [order regarding the 2022-23 Federal Budget](#), agreed to on 26 October 2022, has not been complied with

Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- [Designation of the Republic of Nauru as a regional processing country—Approval](#) moved by Senator Gallagher
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Disallowance motions

Notice of intention to withdraw

- The Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator White) gave notice of her intention to withdraw the following notices:
 - Australian Capital Territory National Land (Lakes) Ordinance 2022 [[F2022L00468](#)]
 - Competition and Consumer (Industry Codes—Franchising) Amendment (Franchise Disclosure Register) Regulations 2022 [[F2022L00471](#)]
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Regulations 2021 [[F2021L01617](#)]

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	1
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	1
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	2
Bills passed in the Senate	1
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	1
Reports tabled	2
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