



Senate Daily Summary

No. 4/2023

Thursday, 9 February 2023

The Senate met from 9.00 am to 5.50 pm

Bills

Introduced

- [Export Control Amendment \(Streamlining Administrative Processes\) Bill 2022](#)
- [Therapeutic Goods Amendment \(2022 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2022](#)
- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Australia's Economic Accelerator\) Bill 2022](#)
- [Customs Legislation Amendment \(Controlled Trials and Other Measures\) Bill 2022](#)
- [Paid Parental Leave Amendment \(Improvements for Families and Gender Equality\) Bill 2022](#)
- [Work Health and Safety Amendment Bill 2022](#)

Considered

- [Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment \(Fight for Australia's Coastline\) Bill 2022](#) [private senator's bill]
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Debate on this bill will continue at a later date

Passed

Without amendments

- [Migration Amendment \(Aggregate Sentences\) Bill 2023](#)
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The House of Representatives will now consider the bill

With amendments

- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(2022 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2022](#)
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The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's amendments

Committees

New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no. 1 of 2023](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Status \(Prevention of Discrimination\) Bill 2022](#), and [Fair Work Amendment \(Prohibiting COVID-19 Vaccine Discrimination\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 June 2023
- [Human Rights \(Children Born Alive Protection\) Bill 2022](#) referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 July 2023
- [Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023](#), [National Housing Supply and Affordability Council Bill 2023](#), [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Housing Measures No. 1\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 March 2023
- [Migration Amendment \(Evacuation to Safety\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 March 2023
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Consumer Data Right\) Bill 2022](#) referred to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 March 2023
- [Workplace Gender Equality Amendment \(Closing the Gender Pay Gap\) Bill 2023](#) referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 March 2023
- [Feral horses in the Australian Alps](#) referred to Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 9 June 2023

Reports tabled

- [Human rights scrutiny report 1 of 2023](#) Human Rights Joint Committee
- [Budget estimates 2022-23](#) Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee:
 - [204th report - Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Unites States of America on Access to Electronic Data for the purpose of Countering Serious Crime](#)
 - [205th report - Joint initiative on Services Domestic Regulation](#)

Government responses

- [Response to 194th report](#) Treaties Joint Committee
- [Response to 2021 general issues report](#) National Disability Insurance Scheme Joint Committee

Reporting date extended

- [School refusal](#) extended to 21 June 2023
- [Oil and gas exploration in the Beetaloo Basin](#) extended to 21 March 2023

Joint committee

- The Senate agreed to a resolution of the House of Representatives to establish a [National Anti-Corruption Commission Joint Committee](#)
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Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)
- [Members were appointed to a joint committee](#)

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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

Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Commonwealth's credit rating agreed to on 7 February 2023
- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents relating to the APS employee census 2022](#) agreed to on 7 February 2023

Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to Petroleum Explorations Permit 11 to be tabled by no later than 5 pm on 3 March 2023 by the:
 - Minister representing the Minister for Resources
 - Minister representing the Prime Minister
- [Documents](#) relating to interest rates to be tabled by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than midday on Friday, 10 February 2023
- [Final independent cost assessment for the Bunbury Outer Ring Road project](#) to be tabled by no later than 5 pm on Friday, 10 February 2023 by:
 - the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
 - Minister for the Environment and Water

Order to comply

- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Treasurer to comply by no later than 5 pm on Thursday, 9 February 2023 with the [order agreed to on 7 February 2023](#) to table documents relating to the Budget process operational rules

Explanation by minister

- The Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (Senator Watt) made a statement regarding an [order for the production of documents relating to the 2022-23 Budget](#) agreed to on 7 February 2023, and the Senate debated the statement

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Ministerial statement

- [Securing Australia's sovereignty](#) tabled on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence
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Other business

Motions

Debated

- [Maternity and reproductive health services](#) moved by Senator Waters
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Disallowance motions

Notice of intention to withdraw

- Senator Hanson-Young gave notice of her intention to withdraw a notice to disallow the Broadcasting Services ("Broadcasting Service" Definition – Exclusion) Determination 2022 [[F2022L01200](#)]

Agreed to

- Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment (Annual Members' Meetings Notices) Regulations 2022 [[F2022L01162](#)] moved by Senators Lambie and McKim

Address in reply

- The Address-in-reply to the Governor-General's opening speech was debated
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Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	6
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	0
Bills passed in the Senate	2
Bills negated or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	9
New inquiries	7
Reports tabled	4
Orders for production of documents agreed to	5
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