

# Senate Daily Summary

No. 4/2024

## Monday, 26 February 2024

The Senate met from 10 am to 8.20 pm

### Bills

#### Introduced

- Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost of Living Tax Cuts) Bill 2024
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost of Living—Medicare Levy) Bill 2024
- Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2023-2024
   Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2023-2024
   Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2023-2024
- Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment Bill 2024
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Foreign Investment) Bill 2024
- Crimes Amendment (Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence) Bill 2024
- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment (Strengthening Quality and Integrity in Vocational Education and Training No. 1) Bill 2024
- Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2024
- <u>Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Consumer Safeguards and Other Measures) Bill 2023</u>

#### Considered

Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost of Living Tax Cuts) Bill 2024
 Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost of Living—Medicare Levy) Bill 2024
 Watch the debate [part one] [part two]

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Debate on these bills will continue at a later date

## Message

• The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the <u>Fair Work Legislation</u> <u>Amendment (Closing Loopholes No. 2) Bill 2023</u>

This bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

## **Committees**

## Reporting dates extended

- Access to cancer diagnosis and treatment extended to 16 May 2024
- Extent and nature of poverty in Australia extended to 28 February 2024

 Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2023 extended to 27 March 2024

### Membership

Variations were agreed to

See also committee membership page

### **Documents**

#### **Tabled documents**

- Government documents and documents presented by the President [includes documents presented since the Senate last sat]
- <u>Clerk's documents</u> [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

#### Other

 Senator McKim tabled a <u>petitioning document regarding the ongoing detention of Mr Dixtan</u> Arulruban

## Orders for the production of documents

#### **Tabled**

- Responses to order for the production of documents relating to the Murray-Darling Basin (see orders 455, 456 and 457, agreed to on 7 February 2024)
- Responses to orders for the production of documents relating to students with disability loadings settings and school funding (see orders 459 and 460, agreed to on 8 February 2024)

## Explanation by minister

 Pursuant to the order agreed to on <u>14 September 2023</u>, the Minister representing the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme attended the Senate to provide an explanation regarding orders for the production of documents relating to the NDIS Sustainability Framework (agreed to on <u>11 May</u>, <u>19 June</u>, and <u>6 September</u> 2023), and the Senate debated the explanation

## **Closing the Gap**

 The <u>annual report on Closing the Gap, accompanying ministerial statement, and related</u> documents were tabled and will be debated in the Senate on 28 February 2024

## Other business

#### **Motions**

#### Agreed to

Excess deaths in Australia moved by Senator Babet

## **Statistics**

Bills received from the House of Representatives	11
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	0
Bills passed in the Senate	0
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	0
Reports tabled	0
Orders for production of documents agreed to	0
Notices of motion given	19
Divisions	6

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