DRAFT LEGISLATION PROGRAM FOR THE SENATE

2025 SPRING SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT: WEEK 1 (22 – 24 JULY)

□ **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN INDICATIVE PROGRAM AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE** □

Tuesday, 22 July

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| 9.00am | Welcome to Country Ceremony (Great Hall) |
| 10.30am | Opening of the 48th Parliament |
| 10.50am (approx.) | Swearing in of Senators and election of President  *Short suspension* |
| 2.25pm  3.00pm  5.00pm | Senate resumes  *Short suspension*  Governor-General’s Speech  *Short suspension*  Documents presented / tabling of documents / Motions by Leave (procedural) / Ministerial and Party arrangements / Election of Deputy President and Chair of Committees / Notices of Motion / Condolence / Messages from the House of Representatives |
| 7.30pm | Adjournment (No time limit) |

Wednesday, 23 July

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| 9.00am | Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet |
|  | *Consideration of Private Senators’ Bills*   * [Australian Greens] |
| 10.10am | *Government Business*   * Address-in-Reply |
| 12.15pm | Senators’ statements |
| 1.30pm | 2 Minute Statements / Questions / Motions to take note of answers / Petitions / Notices of motion / Condolence / Placing of business / Discovery of formal business / MPI or urgency motion / Consideration of documents/ Tabling and consideration of committee reports / Ministerial statements / Committee memberships / Messages from the House of Representatives |
|  | *Order of Business (continued)* |
| 5.00pm | First Speeches   * *Senator Ellie Whiteaker (ALP, Western Australia)* * *Senator Leah Blyth (Liberal, South Australia)* * *Senator Corinne Mulholland (ALP, Queensland)* |
| 7.30pm | Adjournment (30 minutes) |

Thursday, 24 July

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| 9.00am | Authorisations for committees to meet |
|  | *Consideration of Private Senators’ Bills*   * [Opposition] |
| 10.10am | *Government Business*   * Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill#\* * Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Energy Regulator Separation) Bill#\* * Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence) Bill#\*   Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence) (Consequential Amendments) Bill#\* |
| 11.15am | Petitions / Notices of motion / Placing of business / Discovery of formal business / Committee memberships / Messages from the House of Representatives |
|  | *Government Business* |
| 12.15pm | *(Non-controversial legislation – to be confirmed)* |
| 1.30pm | 2 Minute Statements / Questions / Motions to take note / Condolence / Tabling and consideration of committee reports / Consideration of documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports / Ministerial statements / General business debate |
| 5.30pm | Adjournment (30 minutes) |

# *subject to introduction in the Senate*

\* *subject to exemption from the bills cut-off order*

^ *subject to tabling of committee report*

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*Please note that other high-priority bills may be programmed for debate as required during the sittings*