

**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**

9.00am	Welcome to Country Ceremony (Great Hall)
10.30am	Opening of the 48 <sup>th</sup> Parliament
10.50am (approx.)	Swearing in of Senators and election of President <i>Short suspension</i>
2.25pm	Senate resumes <i>Short suspension</i>
3.00pm	Governor-General's Speech <i>Short suspension</i>
5.00pm	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**

9.00am	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet  <i>Consideration of Private Senators' Bills</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [Australian Greens]</li></ul>
10.10am	<i>Government Business</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Address-in-Reply</li></ul>
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  <i>Order of Business (continued)</i>
5.00pm	First Speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senator Ellie Whiteaker (ALP, Western Australia)</li><li>• Senator Leah Blyth (Liberal, South Australia)</li><li>• Senator Corinne Mulholland (ALP, Queensland)</li></ul>
7.30pm	Adjournment (30 minutes)

**Thursday, 24 July**

9.00am	Authorisations for committees to meet  <i>Consideration of Private Senators' Bills</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [Opposition]</li></ul>
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10.10am	<i>Government Business</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill#*</li> <li>• Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Energy Regulator Separation) Bill#*</li> <li>• Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence) Bill#*</li> </ul> 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  <i>Government Business</i>
12.15pm	<i>(Non-controversial legislation – to be confirmed)</i>
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*