

DRAFT LEGISLATION PROGRAM FOR THE SENATE
2026 AUTUMN SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT: WEEK 3 (2 – 5 MARCH)
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Monday, 2 March

10.00am	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet <i>Government Business</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing the Gap statement and report • Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence) Bill 2025 • Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (New South Wales Local Court) Bill 2025 • Commonwealth Parole Board Bill 2025 • Commonwealth Parole Board (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2025 • High Seas Biodiversity Bill 2026
1.30pm	2 Minute Statements
2.00pm	Questions / Motions to take note of answers / Petitions / Notices of motion / Placing of business / Discovery of formal business / MPI or urgency motion / Consideration of documents tabled / Ministerial statements / Committee memberships / Messages from the House of Representatives <i>Order of Business (continued)</i>
8.00pm	Adjournment (30 minutes)

Tuesday, 3 March

12.00pm	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet <i>Government Business</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Bill 2026 • National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2026 • Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2025 • National Health Amendment (Passive Immunological Products) Bill 2026
1.30pm	2 Minute Statements
2.00pm	Questions / Motions to take note of answers / Petitions / Notices of motion / Placing of business / Condolence / 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>
7.30pm	Adjournment (No time limit)

Wednesday, 4 March

9.00am	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet <i>Consideration of Private Senators' Bills</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC [Australia's Voice]
10.10am	<i>Government Business</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excise Tariff Amendment (Draught Beer) Bill 2025 • Customs Tariff Amendment (Draught Beer) Bill 2025

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence and Veterans' Service Commissioner Bill 2025[^] Defence and Veterans' Service Commissioner (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2025[^] Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures No. 2) Bill 2026
12.15pm	Senators' statements
1.30pm	2 Minute Statements
2.00pm	Questions / Motions to take note of answers / Petitions / Notices of motion / 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>
7.30pm	Adjournment (30 minutes)

Thursday, 5 March

9.00am	Authorisations for committees to meet
	<i>Consideration of Private Senators' Bills</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC [Opposition]
Approx. 10.10am to 11.30am	Short suspension
	<i>Government Business</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universities Accord (Australian Tertiary Education Commission) Bill 2025[^] Universities Accord (Australian Tertiary Education Commission) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2025[^] Migration Amendment (Combating Migrant Exploitation) Bill 2025 Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2025
11.30am	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 Government Business – to be confirmed)</i>
1.30pm	2 Minute Statements
2.00pm	Questions / Motions to take note / 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