

DRAFT LEGISLATION PROGRAM FOR THE SENATE
2026 AUTUMN SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT: WEEK 5 (23 – 26 MARCH)
▲ PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN INDICATIVE PROGRAM AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ▲

Monday, 23 March

10.00am	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet
	<i>Government Business</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasury Laws Amendment (Supporting Choice in Superannuation and Other Measures) Bill 2025• High Seas Biodiversity Bill 2026• 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Entities Legislation Amendment 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, 24 March

12.00pm	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet
	<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• Copyright Amendment Bill 2026• Excise Tariff Amendment (Draught Beer) Bill 2025• Customs Tariff Amendment (Draught Beer) Bill 2025
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 (No time limit)

Wednesday, 25 March

9.00am	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet
	<i>Consideration of Private Senators' Bills</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBC [Australian Greens]

10.10am	<p><i>Government Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2025-2026# • Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2025-2026# • Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2025-2026# • Translating and Interpreting Services Bill 2025 • Treasury Laws Amendment (Genetic Testing Protections in Life Insurance and Other Measures) Bill 2025#
12.15pm	Senators' statements
1.30pm	2 Minute Statements
2.00pm	<p>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</p> <p><i>Order of Business (continued)</i></p>
7.30pm	Adjournment (30 minutes)

Thursday, 26 March

9.00am	<p>Authorisations for committees to meet</p> <p><i>Consideration of Private Senators' Bills</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC [Opposition]
10.10am	<p><i>Government Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 1) Bill 2026[^] • National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Integrity and Safeguarding) Bill 2025[^] • Commonwealth Parole Board Bill 2025 • Commonwealth Parole Board (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2025 • Migration Amendment (Combatting Migrant Exploitation) Bill 2025
11.30am	<p>Petitions / Notices of motion / Placing of business / Discovery of formal business / Committee memberships / Messages from the House of Representatives</p> <p><i>Government Business</i></p>
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