

DRAFT LEGISLATION PROGRAM FOR THE SENATE
2026 SPRING SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT: WEEK 2 (17 – 20 AUGUST)

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

Monday 17 August

10.00am	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet <i>Government Business</i> - National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026 - Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2026 - Cash Distribution Framework Bill 2026# Cash Distribution Framework (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) 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, 18 August

12.00pm	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet <i>Government Business</i> - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill (No. 1) 2026 - Regulatory Reform Omnibus Bill 2026 - Major Sporting Events (Indicia and Images) Protection 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 / 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, 19 August

9.00am	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet <i>Consideration of Private Senators' Bills</i> To be confirmed [Opposition]
10.10am	<i>Government Business</i> - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Gambling Reform) Bill 2026#^ National Self-exclusion Register (Cost Recovery Levy) Amendment Bill 2026#^ - News Journalism Payments Bill 2026#* News Journalism Payments (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2026#* News Media Bargaining (Administration) Bill 2026#* News Media Bargaining Charge Bill 2026#* Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media Bargaining) (Consequential) Bill 2026#*

	Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Reform 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, 20 August

9.00am	Authorisations for committees to meet
	<i>Consideration of Private Senators' Bills</i> To be confirmed [Australian Greens]
10.10am	<i>Government Business</i> - Combating Illicit Tobacco Bill 2026# - Treasury Laws Amendment (Strengthening Accountability for Tax Adviser Misconduct and Other Measures) Bill 2026# - Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Amendment Bill 2026# - Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2025
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 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