**DRAFT LEGISLATION PROGRAM FOR THE SENATE**

**2025 SPRING SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT: WEEK 3 (25 – 28 AUGUST)**

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

Monday, 25 August

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| 10.00am | Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet    *Government Business*   * Defence Housing Australia Amendment Bill 2025 * Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Penalty and Overtime Rates) Bill 2025#^ * Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025^   Aged Care (Accommodation Payment Security) Levy Amendment Bill 2025^ |
| 1.30pm | 2 Minute Statements / 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 |
|  | *Order of Business (continued)* |
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| 5.00pm | *First speech—Senator Charlotte Walker (ALP, South Australia)* |
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| 8.00pm | Adjournment (30 minutes) |

Tuesday, 26 August

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| 12.00pm | Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet |
|  | *Government Business*   * Pacific Banking Guarantee Bill 2025^ * Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Energy Regulator Separation) Bill 2025^ |
| 1.30pm | 2 Minute Statements / 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 |
|  | *Order of Business (continued)* |
| 5.45pm | *First speech—Senator Richard Dowling (ALP, Tasmania)* |
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| 7.30pm | Adjournment (No time limit) |

Wednesday, 27 August

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| 9.00am | Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet |
|  | *Consideration of Private Senators’ Bills*   * [Australian Greens] |
| 10.10am | *Government Business*   * Health Insurance (Pathology) (Fees) (Repeal) Bill 2025 * Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2025# |
| 12.15pm | Senators’ statements |
| 1.30pm | 2 Minute Statements / 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 |
|  | *Order of Business (continued)* |
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| 7.30pm | Adjournment (30 minutes) |

Thursday, 28 August

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| 9.00am | Authorisations for committees to meet |
|  | *Consideration of Private Senators’ Bills*   * Members of Parliament (Staff) Amendment (Providing Certainty and Improving Integrity) Bill 2025# |
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| 10:10am | *Government Business*   * Treasury Laws Amendment (Payments System Modernisation) Bill 2025# * Address In Reply |
| 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 / 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*