

DRAFT LEGISLATION PROGRAM FOR THE SENATE
2026 SPRING SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT: WEEK 5 (12 – 15 OCTOBER)

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

Monday 12 October

10.00am	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet <i>Government Business</i> - Universities Accord (Opening the Doors of Opportunity) Bill 2026 - Health Insurance Amendment (Incentive Payments and Other Measures) Bill 2026 - Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Commissioner and Other Measures) 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, 13 October

12.00pm	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet <i>Government Business</i> - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2026 - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation) Bill 2026 - Telecommunications Amendment (Enhancing Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2025 - National Student Ombudsman Levy Bill 2026 - Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment (National Student Ombudsman Levy) Bill 2026
1.30pm	2 Minute Statements
2.00pm	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>
7.30pm	Adjournment (No time limit)

Wednesday, 14 October

9.00am	Documents presented / Authorisations for Committees to meet <i>Consideration of Private Senators' Bills</i> Defence Amendment (Sexual Assault Prevention, Intervention and Response Commission) Bill 2025
10.10am	<i>Government Business</i> - Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2026# - Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medicines Shortages and Other Measures) Bill 2026 - Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2026 - Administrative and Judicial Review Legislation Amendment 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, 15 October

9.00am	Authorisations for committees to meet <i>Consideration of Private Senators' Bills</i> - Crimes Amendment (Prohibiting Shackling During Childbirth) Bill 2026 - Crimes Amendment (Prohibiting the Strip-Searching of Children) Bill 2026
10.10am	<i>Government Business</i> - Secrecy Provisions Amendment (Repealing Offences) Bill 2026 - Sport Legislation Amendment (World Anti-Doping Code Implementation) Bill 2026# - Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Illicit Tobacco Enforcement Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2026#^
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