

DRAFT LEGISLATION PROGRAM FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2026 SPRING SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT: WEEK 2 (17-20 August)

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

Monday, 17 August

10.00 am	House meets Petitions, Committee & delegation business, private Members' business
12.00 noon	Resumption of debate: ○ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill# ○ Administrative and Judicial Review Amendment Bill# ○ Universities Accord (Opening the Doors of Opportunity) Bill
1.30 pm	90 second statements
2.00 pm	Questions / Statements Resumption of debate: ○ Universities Accord (Opening the Doors of Opportunity) Bill
4.30 pm	Adjournment (no debate)

Tuesday, 18 August

12.00 noon	House meets Resumption of debate: ○ Interactive Gambling Amendment (Gambling Reform) Bill ○ National Self-exclusion Register (Cost Recovery Levy) Amendment
1.30 pm	90 second statements
2.00 pm	Questions / Statements / MPI Resumption of debate: ○ Interactive Gambling Amendment (Gambling Reform) Bill ○ National Self-exclusion Register (Cost Recovery Levy) Amendment ○ 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
7.30 pm	Adjournment debate (1/2 hour)
8.00 pm	Resumption of debate: ○ 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
10.00 pm	House adjourns

Wednesday, 19 August

9.00 am	House meets Introduction of bills Resumption of debate ○ Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Amendment Bill# ○ Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill# ○ Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill# ○ 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 ○ Universities Accord (Opening the Doors of Opportunity) Bill
1.30 pm	90 second statements
2.00 pm	Questions / Statements / MPI Resumption of debate: ○ Treasury Laws Amendment (Strengthening Accountability for Tax Adviser Misconduct and Other Measures) Bill
7.30 pm	Adjournment debate (1/2 hour)

Thursday, 20 August

9.00 am	House meets Introduction of bills Resumption of debate: ○ Treasury Laws Amendment (Strengthening Accountability for Tax Adviser Misconduct and Other Measures) Bill ○ Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) (Extending Support and Strengthening Safety) Bill
1.30 pm	90 second statements
2.00 pm	Questions / Statements / MPI Resumption of debate: ○ Private Health Insurance Amendment (Modernising the Private Health Insurance Rebate) Bill
4.30 pm	Adjournment debate (1/2 hour)

FEDERATION CHAMBER (2R3)

Monday, 17 August

10.30 am	Federation Chamber meets Members' 3-minute constituency statements
11.00 am	Committee & delegation business, private Members' business
1.30 pm	Adjournment (no debate)

Tuesday, 18 August

12.30 pm	Federation Chamber meets Grievance Debate (1 hour)
1.30 pm	Suspension
4.00 pm	Members' 3-minute constituency statements
5.00 pm	Resumption of debate: ○ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill ○ Administrative and Judicial Review Amendment Bill
7.30 pm	Adjournment (no debate)

Wednesday, 19 August

9.30 am	Federation Chamber meets Members' 3-minute constituency statements
10.30 am	Resumption of debate: ○ Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Amendment Bill
1.30 pm	Suspension
4.00 pm	Resumption of debate: ○ Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill
7.30 pm	Adjournment (no debate)

Thursday, 20 August

9.30 am	Federation Chamber meets Members' 3-minute constituency statements
10.30 am	Resumption of debate: ○ Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill
1.00 pm	Adjournment debate (1/2 hour)

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