The week ahead...

14 to 17 September 2026

A summary of the Senate's planned business for the upcoming sitting week.

Senators

Wednesday, 16 September

- Senator Gatenby is expected to give his first speech

Bills

Government bills[1]

The Government has scheduled bills for debate this week as follows:

Monday, 14 September

- Regulatory Reform Omnibus Bill 2026
- Major Sporting Events (Indicia and Images) Protection Amendment Bill 2026
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- Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) (Extending Support and Strengthening Safety) Bill 2026
  More information
- Customs Amendment (Safeguard Inquiries) Bill 2026
  More information

Tuesday, 15 September

- Health Legislation Amendment (Improving Choice and Transparency for Private Health Consumers) Bill 2026
  More information
- Health Insurance Amendment (Incentive Payments and Other Measures) Bill 2026
  More information
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medicines Shortages and Other Measures) Bill 2026
  Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2026
  More information
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2026
  More information

Wednesday, 16 September

- Defence Legislation Amendment (RCDVS Implementation and Related Measures No. 2) Bill 2026
  More information
- Defence Force Discipline Amendment (RCDVS Implementation and Related Measures No. 1) Bill 2026
  More information
- Telecommunications Amendment (Enhancing Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2025
  More information
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation) Bill 2026
- Universities Accord (Opening the Doors of Opportunity) Bill 2026

Thursday, 17 September

- Knox Class Action (Facilitation) Bill 2026
- Administrative and Judicial Review Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
  More information
- Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Commissioner and Other Measures) Bill 2026
  More information

Private senators' bills

Wednesday, 16 September

- A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Amendment (No Jab No Pay Repeal) Bill 2025

Thursday, 17 September

- TBC – Jacqui Lambie Network

[1]Links to relevant Parliamentary Library Bills Digests are provided where available
Source: https://www.pmc.gov.au/resource-centre/government/draft-legislation-program-senate
* At the time of publication on 11 September 2026, amendments to the bill had been circulated.

Committees

Reports expected this week

Monday, 14 September

- Triple Zero service outage - Environment and Communications References Committee
- Financial support for state and territory infrastructure projects - Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Thursday, 17 September

- Epilepsy in Australia - Community Affairs References Committee
- MRH90 Taipan Helicopter incident - Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Scheduled hearings

See the list of upcoming public hearings

Documents

Orders for the production of documents

Monday, 14 September

- Documents relating to Services Australia contracts to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services, by no later than midday – agreed to on 8 September 2026
- Documents relating to the National Priority System waiting list for a Support at Home or Home Care package to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, by no later than midday – agreed to on 9 September 2026

Orders to comply

- The Minister representing the Minister for Defence, by no later midday, to comply with the order agreed to on 4 March 2026 relating to the Independent Audit of the Defence estate – agreed to on 10 September 2026

Tuesday, 15 September

- Documents relating to the annual limit on allied health services for veterans to be tabled by Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, by no later than midday – agreed to on 8 September 2026
- Documents relating to skilled migration programs to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, by no later than 5 pm – agreed to on 9 September 2026
- Documents relating to the publication of committee proceedings to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence, by no later than 9 am – agreed to on 9 September 2026
- Documents relating to the Secretaries Board in relation to the publication committee proceedings be tabled by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, by no later than 9 am – agreed to on 9 September 2026
- Documents relating to the Housing Australia Future Fund to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Housing, by no later than midday (orders no. 676 and no. 677) – agreed to on 9 September 2026
- Documents relating to housing to be tabled by the Minister representing the Treasurer and the Minister representing the Minister for Housing, by no later than midday – agreed to on 10 September 2026

Orders to comply

- The Minister representing the Minister for Housing, by no later midday, to comply with the order agreed to on 19 August 2026 relating to the 5% deposit scheme – agreed to on 10 September 2026

Attendance by minister

- Pursuant to orders agreed to on 24 June 2026, the Minister representing the Minister for Housing, to attend the Senate to provide an explanation regarding orders for the production of documents relating to the Home Guarantee Scheme (orders no. 27 and no. 119)

Wednesday, 16 September

- Documents relating to Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program to be tabled by the Minister representing the Prime Minister and the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, by no later than midday – agreed to on 9 September 2026

Thursday, 17 September

- Documents related to the Climate Change Authority, to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, by no later than midday (orders no. 658 and no. 659) – agreed to on 8 September 2026
- Government response to a report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on democracy and human rights in Myanmar to be tabled by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by no later than midday – agreed to on 9 September 2026

Other business

Delegated legislation – motion of disallowance to be considered

Monday, 14 September

- Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Full-time Public Office) Determination 2026 [F2026L00741] to be moved by Senator Lambie

Condolence

Monday, 14 September

- Kay Denman, former Senator for Tasmania

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