



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 11 February 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.56 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill introduced

Criminal Code Amendment (Animal Protection) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Amending Acts 1970 to 1979 Repeal Bill 2014 and the Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-bills agreed to without amendment [The bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Customs Amendment Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-bill agreed to without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was debated

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014-second reading commenced [[first speaker](#)]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)
[Committee reports](#)

Reports, and documents, tabled

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee-Corporations Legislation Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee-Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Direct Lending and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Committee-Delegated legislation [monitor no. 1 of 2015](#)

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—1st [report](#) of 2015 and [Alert digest](#) no. 1 of 2015
- Treaties Joint Committee—[146th report](#) – Treaty tabled on 30 September 2014 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries nos [3](#) and [18](#) refer]

Membership

The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the membership of committees

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to refer the following matters:

- Community Affairs References Committee—[Violence, abuse and neglect against people with disability](#)—to report by 24 June 2015
- Education and Employment References Committee—[Higher education](#)—to report by 17 March 2015
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—[Regional capitals in Australia](#)—to report 1 December 2015

Privileges Committee

Senator Gallacher [moved a motion](#), at the request of the chair of the Committee of Privileges (Senator Collins), to adopt recommendations contained in the 160th report of the Privileges Committee, and made by the committee relating to CCTV in Parliament House—matter adjourned to the next day of sitting

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- A [document](#) relating to homelessness and affordable housing commitments [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 10 February 2015]
- A [document](#) relating to the Mental Health review [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 9 February 2015]
- A [document](#) relating to the nationally consistent collection of data on students with disability [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 3 December 2014]
- A [document](#) relating to the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 10 February 2015]

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) that the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment comply with the existing order of the Senate of 11 December 2013 relating to free trade agreements—no later than 4 pm on 12 February 2015

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Employment portfolio was tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

[Letters of advice](#) for various portfolios were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency unanswered questions on notice—Estimates hearings

[Statements of compliance](#) for various portfolios were tabled [Letters of advice in relation to questions taken on notice are required to be tabled by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings]

Notice of motion

Senator McLucas gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Health to table documents concerning the Mental Health Review—no later than 3.30 pm on 12 February 2015

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) [tabled](#) a ministerial statement about ‘Closing the Gap’ [a motion to take note of the statement was agreed to - [first speaker](#)]

Documents tabled [Journals entries nos [2](#) and [27](#) refer; a [statement](#) was made in relation to the report of the Australian Human Rights Commission]

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time](#) -[first question](#)

[Senators’ statements](#)—[first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate](#)—[first speaker](#)

Matter of public importance discussed

Administration—[Abbott Government](#)—proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]

Motions agreed to

- Environment—[Western Australia—Shark catch and kill policy](#)—moved by Senator Siewert [statements were made – Journals entries [23](#) and [26](#) refer]
- Foreign affairs—Egypt—[Al Jazeera journalists](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- Health—[Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month](#)—moved by Senators Cash and Waters

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- Primary industries—[Kangaroo meat and hide industry](#)—moved by Senator O’Sullivan

Notices of motion

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