



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 2 March 2015

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.25 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- ❑ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition (Sunset Extension) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 February 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Broadcasting and Other Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 February 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill 2014 and the Enhancing Online Safety for Children (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 February 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 February 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 7) Bill 2014 and the Excess Exploration Credit Tax Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 February 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated and defeated

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)][—defeated](#) at second reading

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Corporations Legislation Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][—bill agreed to without amendments](#) [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][—4 Opposition amendments agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following bill was debated

Broadcasting and Other Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2015—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)]
—Australian Greens second reading amendment negatived; and committee of the whole to commence [amendments remain to be considered]

Private senators' bills to be debated

On 14 November 2013 the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 5 March 2015 the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014 is scheduled for debate

Messages reported

Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) Bill 2014; Crimes Legislation Amendment (Psychoactive Substances and Other Measures) Bill 2014; Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bills will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports presented and tabled

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Education and Employment References Committee—Operation, regulation and funding of private vocational education and training (VET) providers in Australia [[interim report](#)]
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]

Government response to parliamentary committee report

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement [response]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate [authorised](#) meetings of committees to be held while the Senate is sitting

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to refer a matter to the Economics References Committee relating to cooperatives and mutuals in the Australian economy—to report by 14 May 2015

Reporting dates extended

The Senate [extended](#) reporting dates for inquiries of various committees

Membership

- ❑ A [message](#) from the House of Representatives was reported advising changes in the membership of joint committees
- ❑ The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the membership of committees

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

[Clerk's documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion

Senator McLucas gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Health to table the preliminary, interim and final reports on the Mental Health Review—no later than 9.30 am on 4 March 2015

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

[Letters](#) of advice for various portfolios were 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 contracts published on the Internet

[Letters](#) of advice for various portfolios were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

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 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 [Journals entries nos [2](#) and [y](#) refer]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

[Statements](#) of compliance were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) [tabled](#) a statement relating to capability through diversity

[Documents](#) tabled

Auditor-General's reports, government documents and responses to Senate resolutions [and [considered](#)]

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time](#)—[first question](#)
[Adjournment debate](#)—[first speaker](#)

First speech

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) for Senator Muir to make his first speech on 5 March 2015

Motions agreed to

- ❑ Health—[Food labelling standards](#)—proposed by Senator Siewert [debated as a matter of urgency – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Mining—[Natural resource sector](#)—moved by Senator O'Sullivan

Motion negatived

Environment—Queensland—[Abbot Point](#)—moved Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]

Statement by President

The President [made](#) a statement relating to unparliamentary language

Censure motion

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) censuring the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals

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