



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 4 March 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.53 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- ❑ Australian River Co. Limited Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 4 March 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 4 March 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment (Designated Coastal Waters) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 March 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 March 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 March 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 March 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Enhancing Online Safety for Children (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-1 Senator Xenophon amendment negated-bill agreed to without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-2 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

- ❑ Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Direct Lending and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-bill agreed to without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were debated

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013-second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

[Notice of motion](#) to introduce a private senator's bill

International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015-notice given by Senator Rhiannon

Committees

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

Reports, and documents, tabled

- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Committee-Delegated legislation [monitor no. 2](#) of 2015
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee-2nd report of 2015 and Alert digest no. 2 of 2015

Membership

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

[New inquiry](#)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee-Indigenous access to legal assistance services-to report by 10 August 2015-moved by Senator McEwen

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Disallowance motions

Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) which would have disallowed the provisions of the Competition and Consumer (Industry Code—Port Terminal Access (Bulk Wheat)) Regulation 2014 [F2014L01250] [[first speaker](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

The Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash) [tabled](#) a document relating to the Mental Health review [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 3 March 2015] [A [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A [letter](#) of advice was 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]

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]

[Documents](#) tabled

Government documents, and a response to a Senate resolution [[and considered](#)]

Other business

[Senators' statements—first speaker](#)

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Matter of public importance discussed

Education—[Higher education reforms](#)—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- ❑ Economics—[Budget surpluses](#)—moved by Senators Leyonhjelm, Day and Madigan
- ❑ Employment—[Unemployment in regional New South Wales](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Immigration—[Detention centres—Allegations of abuse](#)—moved by the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus) and Senators Wang and Hanson-Young [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Industrial relations—[Minimum wage and penalty rates](#)—Productivity Commission inquiry—moved by Senators Rice and Cameron
- ❑ Primary industries—[Forestry Tasmania](#)—moved by Senator O'Sullivan

Motion negatived

Politics—[Political donations](#)—Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Fisheries Association—moved Senator Whish-Wilson [[statements](#) were made]

Notices of motion

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



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