



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 16 March 2015

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.29 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was exempted, debated and passed

National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][—bill](#) agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]

### Private senator's 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 19 March 2015 the Defence Amendment (Fair Pay for Members of the ADF) Bill 2014 is scheduled for debate

### Bills assented to

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

### **Notices of motion**

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration during this period of sittings] Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2014-2015 and 2 related bills; Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2015 and a related bill; Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2015; Australian River Co. Limited Bill 2015; Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2015 and a related bill; Succession to the Crown Bill 2015—notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)

To introduce a private senator's bill

Charter of Budget Honesty Amendment (Intergenerational Report) Bill 2015—notice given by Senator Milne

To recommit bills

Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 and the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014—notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)

## **Committees**

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### **Reports presented, and tabled**

- ❑ Australian Securities and Investments Commission Amendment (Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee Abolition) Bill 2014—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014—Education and Employment Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Tribunals Amalgamation Bill 2014—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

### **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 Environment and Communications References Committee relating to stormwater management—to report by 25 June 2015

### **Reporting date extended**

The Senate extended a [reporting date](#) for an inquiry of Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

**Notices of motion** to refer matters to committees

- ❑ Commonwealth Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by no later than 18 June 2015–notice given by Senator Siewert
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2015 and the Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 2015–to report by no later than 23 April 2015–Economics Legislation Committee–notice given by Senator Xenophon
- ❑ Aviation regulation–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by no later than 10 August 2015–notice given by Senator Xenophon

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## **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**

#### **Notices of motion**

The following notices of motion were given requiring Minister to table documents:

- ❑ The Attorney-General to table a document relating to the operation of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act–to table by no later than noon on 19 March 2015–notice given by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ The Minister representing the Minister for Industry and Science, and the Minister for Finance to table documents relating to the Automotive Transformation Scheme–to table by no later than 4 pm on 23 March 2015–notice given by Senator Xenophon, Carr, Madigan, Muir and Wright

### **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**

Auditor-General's reports, government documents, report on official visit by the President of the Senate to France, Germany and the United Kingdom and responses to Senate resolutions [and [considered](#)]

## Other business

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

### Matter of public importance discussed

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

### Motion agreed to

Health—[Food labelling standards](#)—moved by Senator O’Sullivan [a [statement](#) was made]

### Proposed suspension of standing orders

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Hanson-Young to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion relating to the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tibetan uprising [a [statement](#) was made; [first speaker](#) re motion to suspend standing orders]

### Routine of business—Variation

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the routine of business on 23 March 2015 to allow valedictory statements to be made relating to Senator Lundy

### Statement, by leave

Senator Lazarus [statement](#) relating to his resignation from the Palmer United Party

### [Notices of motion](#)

Further notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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