



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 19 March 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 8.15 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill introduced

Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims Amendment Bill 2015 [[passed by the House of Representatives](#) on 19 March 2015] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole [commenced](#) [further amendments [remain to be considered](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Australian River Co. Limited Bill 2015—agreed to without amendments [[first speaker](#) – second reading] [The bill will now be [assented to](#)]
- ❑ Defence Amendment (Fair Pay for Members of the ADF) Bill 2014—[agreed to](#) without amendments [[first speaker](#) – second reading] [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2015 and the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2015—agreed to without amendments [[first speaker](#) – second reading] [The bills will now be [assented to](#)]
- ❑ Succession to the Crown Bill 2015—agreed to without amendments [[first speaker](#) – second reading] [The bill will now be [assented to](#)]

Private senator's bill to be debated

On 14 November 2013 the Senate [agreed to](#) a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 26 March 2015 the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014 is scheduled for debate

[Notice of motion](#) to exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration during this period of sittings]—Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014—notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)

Committees

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

Reports and government response tabled

- 20th [report](#) of 44th Parliament—Human Rights Joint Committee
- Domestic violence in Australia—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—[Interim report](#) [[motion to take note](#)]
- National Broadband Network Select Committee—Second interim [report](#) [[motion to take note](#)]
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—Response to report—Same country: different world – The future of Norfolk Island
- Privatisation of state and territory assets and new infrastructure—Economics References Committee [[report](#)]
- Review of the declaration of al-Raqqa province, Syria—Intelligence and Security Joint Committee [[report](#)]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report no. 3 of 2015](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Omnibus Repeal Day (Autumn 2015) Bill 2015—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 15 June 2015
- Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Exit Arrangements) Bill 2015—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—to report by 8 May 2015

Other inquiry

[Indigenous Advancement Strategy](#) tendering processes—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 18 June 2015

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of committee to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries [3](#), [15](#) and [16](#) refer]

Membership

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

Variation of appointment

The Senate agreed to a motion to [vary the appointment](#) of the Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs Select Committee

Notices of motion to refer matters to committees

- Impact of Australia's temporary work visa programs on the Australian labour market—Education and Employment References Committee—to report by 22 June 2015—notice given by Senators Cameron and Rice
- Regulation of the fin-fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 10 August 2015—notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson

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

Orders with continuing effect

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](#) and [discussed](#)

- 2 petitioning documents [Journals entries [11](#) and [13](#) refer]
- Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed

Other business

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

Consideration of general business

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) relating to the consideration of the Freedom to Marry Bill 2014 on Thursday, 26 March 2015

Motions agreed to

- Environment—Climate change—[Extreme weather events](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [[statements](#) were made]
- Family and community services—[World Down Syndrome Day](#)—moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and Senators Moore and Siewert
- Primary industries—[Use of water from aquifers](#) for farmland—moved by Senator O'Sullivan
- Transport—Western Australia—[Perth light rail network](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

Motion debated

Mining—[Coal and coal seam gas mining](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne), at the request of Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Motion negated

Politics—[Political donations](#)—Mining and coal seam gas companies—moved by Senator Rhiannon

Notices of motion

- To vary the hours of meeting and routine of business on Tuesday, 24 March 2015
- Further notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection



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