



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 11 May 2015

The Senate met from 10 am until 4.09 pm

Senators

[Senator Jenny McAllister](#) was sworn in as a senator to fill a vacancy in the representation of New South Wales

The President announced the [resignation](#), on 15 April 2015, of Senator Brett Mason, a senator for the state of Queensland

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

Biosecurity Bill 2014 and 4 related bills—second reading debate continued
[\[first speaker\]](#)

The following bills were debated and passed

- Construction Industry Amendment (Protecting Witnesses) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]—bill agreed to without amendments [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]
- Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]—bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]
- Tribunals Amalgamation Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]—[bill agreed to with Government, Opposition and Australian Greens amendments](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports and government responses presented, and tabled

- Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs Select Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Examination of the 2013-14 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act [\[report\]](#)
- Economics Legislation Committee—
 - Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2015 and the Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 2015 [\[interim report\]](#) [\[final report\]](#)
 - Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013 [\[report\]](#)
- Economics References Committee—
 - Out of Reach? The Australian housing affordability challenge [\[interim report\]](#) [\[final report\]](#)
 - [Response to report](#)—Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry: Tender process for the navy’s new supply ships (part 1)
- Education and Employment Legislation Committee—
 - Additional estimates 2014-15 [\[report\]](#)
 - Construction Industry Amendment (Protecting Witnesses) Bill 2015 [\[report\]](#)
 - Fair Work Amendment (Bargaining Processes) Bill 2014 [\[report\]](#)
 - Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Exit Arrangements) Bill 2015 [\[report\]](#)
- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—Conduct of the 2013 election and matters related thereto [\[report\]](#)
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—
 - Additional estimates 2014-15 [\[interim report\]](#)
 - Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014 [\[report\]](#)
 - Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [\[interim report\]](#)
- Environment and Communications References Committee—Performance and management of electricity network companies [\[interim report\]](#) [\[second interim report\]](#)
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—
 - Department of Parliamentary Services [\[interim report\]](#)
 - Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 [\[report\]](#)
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—[Response to report](#)—Commonwealth procurement procedures
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Inquiry into the authorisation of access to telecommunications data to identify a journalist’s source [\[report\]](#)

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—
 - Additional estimates 2014-15 [[report](#)]
 - Australian Border Force Bill 2015 and the Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Border Force) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
 - International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community [[report](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Responses to reports—
 - Auditor-General’s reports on Tasmanian forestry grants programs [[response](#)]
 - Operational issues in export grain networks [[response](#)]

Notices of motion

To amend terms of reference

Wind Turbines Select Committee—reporting date

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—14 May, 18 June and 25 June 2015—public meetings
- Treaties Joint Committee—15 June and 22 June 2015—private meetings, followed by public meetings

To refer a matter to a committee

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015—to report by 17 June 2015

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

Document tabled

Industry—[Automotive Transformation Scheme](#) [the document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 17 March 2015]

Notices of motion

- Senator Siewert gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Health to table advice relating to the use of EXZACT Delete technology in crop development—to table no later than noon on 14 May 2015
- Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator Gallagher) gave a notice of motion to vary the Senate order for the production of documents relating to departmental and agency contracts

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency grants

A [letter of advice](#) was 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](#) 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]

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, and responses to Senate resolutions

Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question

Statement, by leave

Senator Di Natale made a [statement](#) relating to the party leadership and the appointment of officeholders, as a result of the resignation of Senator Milne as the Leader of the Australian Greens

Notices of motion

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

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