



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 12 May 2015

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.55 pm

Budget 2015-16

Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) [tabled](#) the Budget statement for the year 2015-16 and associated budget papers and ministerial statements

The Senate [referred](#) budget documents to legislation committees to enable them to consider estimates. Estimates hearings will take place from 25 May to 4 June 2015

The Opposition and other parties will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday, 14 May 2015

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

Biosecurity Bill 2014 and 4 related bills—second reading agreed to—[Australian Greens and Senator Xenophon second reading amendments negated—committee of the whole commenced](#) [further amendments remain to be considered]

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2015—[bill agreed to with Opposition and Senator Xenophon amendments](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 2015—[bill agreed to with Senator Xenophon amendments](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

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 14 May 2015 the Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015 is scheduled for debate

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

Freedom of Information Amendment (Requests and Reasons) Bill 2015—notice given by Senator Ludwig

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports, documents and government responses tabled

- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee—Conduct of the 2013 election and matters relating thereto—Corrigendum
- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Responses to reports—
 - Review of the listing of Boko Haram; Review of the re-listing of the Islamic State [[response](#)]
 - Review of the listing of Al-Murabitun [[response](#)]
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—78th annual report and 3rd report of 2015 [a [motion](#) to take note of the reports was agreed to]

Committee report considered

Economics References Committee—Out of reach? The Australian housing affordability challenge [a motion to take note of the interim and final reports was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Amendment to terms of reference

The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the resolution of appointment of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines to extend the committee's reporting date

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of various committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries [3](#), [17](#) and [18](#) refer]

New inquiry

The Senate [agreed](#) to refer the International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015 to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 17 June 2015

Reporting dates extended

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

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Any bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 14 May 2015 and up to and including 4 June 2015 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2015—Committees—to report by 15 June 2015—notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)
- ❑ Creation of a nationwide portable workplace entitlement scheme for long service leave—Education and Employment References Committee—to report by 10 August 2015—notice given by Senator Rice
- ❑ Food certification schemes and certifiers in Australia—Economics References Committee—to report by 30 November 2015—notice given by Senator Bernardi

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Health to table advice by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator relating to genetically-modified foods—to table by no later than noon on 14 May 2015

Orders with continuing effect

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]

Documents tabled, and considered

- ❑ [2 petitions](#)
- ❑ Government documents [tabled](#), and documents [considered](#)

Other business

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

Matter of public importance discussed

Administration—[Abbott Government](#)—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- ❑ Health—[Mental health sector reform](#)—moved by Senator Wright
- ❑ Primary industries—[Kangaroo meat export](#)—moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- ❑ Primary industries—[Shearing and wool industries](#)—moved by Senator Williams [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Taxation—[Fuel duty rates](#)—moved by Senator Leyonhjelm [a [statement](#) was made]

Death of former senator

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 10 April 2015, of the Honourable Peter Alexander Walsh, AO, a former minister and senator for the state of Western Australia from 1974 to 1993. A [motion](#) of condolence moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) was carried [[first speaker](#)]

Death of former member

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 9 May 2015, of the Honourable Michael John Randal MacKellar, AM, a former minister and member of the House of Representatives for the division of Warringah from 1969 to 1994. A [motion](#) of condolence moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) was carried [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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