

Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 23 June 2015

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 12.44 am, 24 June 2015

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2015-2016, Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2015-2016, Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015-2016, Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2014-2015 and Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2014-2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 22 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Defined Benefit Income Streams) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 23 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]

Bill exempted

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Defined Benefit Income Streams) Bill 2015—motion moved by leave, and agreed to [[statement of reasons](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated and passed

- Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2015-2016
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2015-2016
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015-2016—LDP amendment negated
Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2014-2015
Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2014-2015
[second reading - [first speaker](#)][—bills agreed to without amendments](#) [The bills will now be assented to]
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2015 [second reading - [first speaker](#)][—LDP committee amendments negated](#)—bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2015—[committee stage considered: Opposition, Australian Greens, Palmer United Party and Senators Lazarus and Xenophon amendments negated](#)—bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]



Message reported

The House of Representatives [agreed](#) to the amendment made by the Senate to the Excise Tariff Amendment (Ethanol and Biodiesel) Bill 2015

Bills assented to

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

Notices of motion to introduce private senator's bills

- Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015—notice given by Senators Xenophon, Waters, Lambie and Lazarus
- Higher Education Support Amendment (New Zealand Citizens) Bill 2015—notice given by Senator Carr
- Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Consumer Lease Exclusion) Bill 2015—notice given by Senator Cameron

Committees

Scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports and government responses tabled

- 2015-16 Budget estimates reports:
 - Community Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#) [a recommendation contained in the report of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee was [adopted](#)]
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Economics Legislation Committee—National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2015 [\[report\]](#)
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Correction to report—Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility and Other Measures) Bill 2015
- Environment and Communications References Committee—Australia's environment [\[report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Partnering for the greater good: The role of the private sector in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region [\[report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Human Rights Joint Committee—23rd [report](#) of 44th Parliament
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation [\[report\]](#)
- Procedure Committee—Second [report](#) of 2015 [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–[Response to report](#)–446th report: Review of the operations of the Parliamentary Budget Office [a motion to take note of the document was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Public Works Joint Committee–[Report](#) no. 5 of 2015

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](#), [15](#) and [16](#) refer]

Membership

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

New inquiry

[Building industry](#)–Economics References Committee–to report by 12 October 2015 [a statement was made]

Reporting date extended

The Senate [extended](#) the reporting date for an inquiry of the Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Notices of motion

[To establish select committees](#)

- Murray-Darling Basin Plan Select Committee–to report by 26 February 2016–notice given by Senators Day, Wang, Leyonhjelm, Heffernan, Lambie, Muir and Madigan
- Residential Fire Safety Select Committee–to report by 3 December 2015–notice given by Senator Lazarus

To refer matters to committees

- [Cash rates and credit card interest rates](#)–Economics References Committee–to report by 24 November 2015–notice given by the Chair of the Economics References Committee (Senator Dastyari) and Senators Madigan, Leyonhjelm, Lazarus, Lambie, Xenophon and Whish-Wilson
- Measures governing the activities of Australian corporations, entities, organisations, individuals, government and related parties with respect to [foreign bribery](#)–Economics References Committee–to report by 1 July 2016–notice given by Senator Xenophon

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]

Documents tabled

Government documents, parliamentary zone works proposal, [petitioning document](#) relating to a mammography facility in the Kimberley, report of an Australian parliamentary delegation and response to a Senate resolution

Other business

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

Matter of public importance discussed

Health–[Public hospital funding](#)–proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- Primary industries–[Horticultural exports–Benefits of free trade agreements](#)–moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- Sport–[Gender pay gap](#)–moved by Senators Moore and Waters
- Sport–Netball–[Trans-Tasman ANZ Netball Championships](#)–moved by Senators Moore, Lindgren and Waters

Motion negatived

Immigration–[Humanitarian program–Resettlement of Rohingyans](#)–moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Notices of motion

- Approval of capital works within the Parliamentary Zone concerning enhancements to the John Gorton building car park, and the construction of a memorial to the victims of the MH17 disaster
- Further notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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