

Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 25 June 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.40 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- Civil Law and Justice (Omnibus Amendments) Bill 2015 [[Senate bill](#)]
- Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 2] [passed by the House of Representatives 25 June 2015] [first reading – the second reading of the bill will take place on 11 August 2015]
- Migration Amendment (Regional Processing Arrangements) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 24 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 24 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bill exempted

Migration Amendment (Regional Processing Arrangements) Bill 2015—motion moved by leave and agreed to, subject to a [suspension of standing orders](#) [[statement of reasons](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated and passed without amendments

- Defence Legislation (Enhancement of Military Justice) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Export Charges (Imposition—General) Bill 2015, Export Charges (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2015, Export Charges (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2015 and Export Charges (Collection) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bills will now be assented to]
- Imported Food Charges (Imposition—General) Bill 2015, Imported Food Charges (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2015, Imported Food Charges (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2015 and Imported Food Charges (Collection) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bills will now be assented to]
- Migration Amendment (Regional Processing Arrangements) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]
—AG second reading amendment agreed to—AG and LDP committee amendments negated [The bill will now be assented to]

- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Employee Share Schemes) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

Message reported

The House of Representatives agreed to the Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 without amendment

Committees

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

Estimates

[Additional information](#) received relating to estimates hearings was tabled

Reports tabled

- Australia Fund Establishment Joint Select Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Joint Select Committee [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Education and Employment Legislation Committee–2015-16 Budget estimates [[report](#)]
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–
 - Department of the Parliamentary Services [[second interim report](#)]
 - Proposed Parliament House security upgrade works [[report](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Use of unmanned air, maritime and land platforms by the Australian Defence Force [[report](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Blind agreement: reforming Australia’s treaty-making process [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014 [[interim report](#)]
- Publications Committee –15th [report](#)
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Australia’s transport energy resilience and sustainability [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Senators’ Interests–Register of senators’ interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations lodged between 3 December 2014 and 24 June 2015

Establishment of a select committee

The Senate did not agree to a motion to establish the Families Select Committee [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Membership

- [Messages](#) were reported from the House of Representatives notifying changes in the appointment of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee, and the Intelligence and Security Joint Committee
- The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [Journals entries [8](#) and [32](#) refer]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report](#) no. 8 of 2015 of the Selection of Bills Committee, as amended, and made the following references:

- Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 8 September 2015
- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Amendment Bill 2015–Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 17 August 2015
- Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2015–Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 15 September 2015
- Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2015–Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 18 August 2015
- Shipping Legislation Amendment Bill 2015–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 12 October 2015
- Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 15 September 2015

Other references

- [Health legislation](#)–Economics References Committee—to report by 13 June 2016
- [Smoke alarms](#)–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 3 December 2015 [a [statement](#) was made]

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended the reporting dates for various inquiries of committees [Journals [3](#), [16](#) and [28](#) (re Legal and Constitutional Affairs) refer]

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]

Disallowance motion

Instrument disallowed

The Senate [disallowed](#) Schedule 2 of the Federal Courts Legislation Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 70, made under the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*, the *Family Law Act 1975* and the *Federal Circuit Court of Australia Act 1999*

Orders for the production of documents

[Document](#) tabled – proposed order

Health–Mental health–Headspace Governance Arrangements [the document was tabled in response to the proposed order of the Senate of 18 June 2015]

Notice of motion

Senator Ludlam gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development to table documents prepared by Infrastructure Australia concerning the Perth Freight Link project—to table by 11 August 2015

Documents tabled

Parliamentary delegation [report](#) and documents relating to the [building condition of Parliament House](#)

Other business

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

Dissent from ruling – [Statement](#) by President

Senator Macdonald objected to the ruling by the Deputy President during discovery of formal business [The motion to dissent from the ruling will be debated on 10 August 2015]

Motion agreed to

Parliamentary zone–[Capital works proposal–Approval](#)–moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)

Statement by leave

Senator McKenzie made a [statement](#) relating to possible disclosures of the draft report of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

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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