

Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 1 March 2016

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.04 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills assented to

[Assent to laws](#) were reported in the Senate

Bill considered

The following bill was debated

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016 –further debate occurred on the motion that the bill may proceed without formalities–[Opp amendment](#) to be determined [[first speaker](#)]

Bills exempted

Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Amendment Bill 2016, and the Trade Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2016–motion moved by leave and agreed to, subject to a suspension of standing orders [[first speaker](#)] [[statements of reasons](#)]

Bills introduced

- Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Amendment Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 29 February 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Restoring Territory Rights (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2016 [private senators' bill—[homepage](#)]
- Trade Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2016 passed by the House of Representatives 29 February 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Messages reported

- Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015–the House of Representatives [disagreed to the amendment](#) made by the Senate [consideration of the message in committee of the whole to take place on a future day]



- Corporations Amendment (Streamlining of Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2014, the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015, and the Tax Laws Amendment (Implementation of the Common Reporting Standard) Bill 2015—the House of Representatives [agreed to the amendments](#) made by the Senate

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016—notice given by Senator Rhiannon
- Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2016—notice given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis)

Committees

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

Estimates

- Additional information received relating to estimates hearings was tabled
- Legislation committees—2015-16 additional estimates:
 - Economics
 - Education and Employment
 - Finance and Public Administration
 - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Reports and documents tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015 [\[report\]](#)
- Economics Legislation Committee—Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015 [\[report\]](#)
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Australian grape and wine industry—Erratum
- Human Rights Joint Committee—35th [report](#) of 44th Parliament

Meetings during the sittings of the Senate

The Senate [authorised](#) meetings of committees to be held while the Senate is sitting

Membership

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

Reporting dates extended

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

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- Implications of financial advice reforms (additional terms to current inquiry)–Economics References Committee–notice given by Senator Williams
- Rehabilitation of mining and resources projects–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 15 June 2016–notice given by Senator Waters

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

Notice of motion

Senator Collins gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Finance and the Special Minister of State to table documents relating to communications with the Australian Electoral Commission concerning the proposed changes to the Senate voting system–no later than 9.30 am on 3 March 2016

Orders with continuing effect

Entity contracts

[Letters of advice](#) were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are required to be tabled 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget 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]

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) [tabled](#) a ministerial statement relating to the 25th anniversary of the First Gulf War [a motion to take note of the document was agreed to – first speaker]

Other business

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

Matter of public importance discussed

Senate–[Electoral law changes](#)–proposed by Senator Day [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- Health–[Hepatitis C](#)–moved by Senator Smith
- Industry–[South Australia–Automotive manufacturing](#)–moved by Senator Simms
- Politics–[Political donations–Reform](#)–moved by Senator Collins [a [statement](#) was made]

Motion denied formality

Foreign affairs–[Tibetan grasslands](#)–moved Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]

Motions negatived

- Defence–[Defence industry advertisements–Canberra Airport](#) [a [statement](#) was made]
- Mining–Queensland–[Sand mining on North Stradbroke Island](#)–moved by Senator Lindgren

Answer to questions–statement by leave

The Minister for Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) made a [statement](#) clarifying the answer to a question without notice on 25 February 2016 relating to the Renewable Energy Target. A motion moved by Senator McLucas to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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