

No. 17/2016

# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 16 March 2016

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 11.07 pm

## Senators

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Senator Paterson gave his [first speech](#)

## Legislation

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[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—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]  
—Opposition second reading [amendment](#) to be determined

### Bills introduced

- Biological Control Amendment Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 March 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 3 March 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory Local Court) Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 March 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 March 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Registration of Deaths Abroad Amendment Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 16 March 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 3 March 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 3 March 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

- Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 and Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 March 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 16 March 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Treasury Legislation Amendment (Repeal Day 2015) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 16 March 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

## Committees

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

### Membership

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

### New inquiry

[Australia's rail industry](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—for inquiry and report by 25 August 2016

### Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended the reporting dates for various inquiries of committees [Journals entries [13](#) and [22](#) refer]

### Notices of motion

To amend standing orders—temporary order

Amendment of standing order 24 in relation to the Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[notice](#) given by the Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Polley)

To refer matters to committees

- Fires in remote Tasmanian wilderness affecting the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area—Environment and Communications References Committee—for inquiry and report by 30 May 2016—[notice](#) given by Senator McKim
- [Sanctions against Iran](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—for inquiry and report by 11 May 2016—notice given by the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher)

## Documents

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### 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

### Notice of intention to withdraw

The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Williams) gave a [notice of intention](#) to withdraw various notices to disallow regulations

## Orders for the production of documents

### Motions agreed to

The Senate:

- [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science to table documents relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—no later than 9.30 am on 30 March 2016 [motion of Senator Waters]
- [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science to table documents relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—no later than 9.30 am on 30 March 2016 [motion of Senator Carr]
- [ordered](#) the Special Minister of State to table documents recording communications with the Australian Electoral Commission relating to proposed changes to the Senate voting system—no later than noon on 17 March 2016

### [Notices of motion](#)

- Senator Rhiannon gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources to table the proposed draft Australian national standard on egg labelling—no later than 17 March 2016
- Senator Xenophon gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Defence to table documents commissioned from Macroeconomics.com.au Pty Ltd relating to the submarines tender process—on the next day of sitting
- Senators Madigan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Wang, Lambie, Xenophon and Lazarus and Senator Muir gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment to table the government’s response to the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines—no later than 3.30 pm on 10 May 2016

## [Documents](#) tabled

[Petitions](#), and a [petitioning document](#)

## Other business

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Senators’ statements – [first speaker](#)

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

Adjournment debate – first speaker

## Matter of public importance discussed

Environment—[Climate change](#)—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

## Motions agreed to

- [Death of Sarah Tait](#)—moved by Senators Wang, Nash, Cash, Moore and Peris [a [statement](#) was made]
- Foreign affairs—[Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#)—moved by Senator Singh
- Foreign affairs—[Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#)—moved by Senator Back
- Social issues—[National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence](#)—moved by Senators Bilyk and Polley [a [statement](#) was made]

## Motion denied formality

Foreign affairs—[Syria—Humanitarian assistance](#)—moved Senator Hanson-Young [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

## Motions negated

- Environment—[Clean energy projects](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) [a [statement](#) was made]
- Family and community services—[Cashless welfare card trial](#)—moved by Senator Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]
- Law and justice—[Data retention—Repeal of laws](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [Proposed variation](#)—Hours of meeting and routine of business—moved by Senator Cameron [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- [Proposed variation](#)—hours of meeting and routine of business—moved by Senators Muir, Day, Wang, Lazarus, Lambie and Leyonhjelm

## Answer to question—statement by leave

The Cabinet Secretary (Senator Sinodinos) made a [statement](#) clarifying the answer to a question without notice on 15 March 2016 relating to CSIRO. A motion moved by Senator Carr to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

## Question on notice—Answer and explanation

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) [asked](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Health (Senator Nash) for an explanation of an answer not being provided to a question placed on notice relating to health programs. Senator Nash provided a [response](#). A motion moved by Senator Wong to take note of the response was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

## Notices of motion

A notice of motion was given relating to the hours of meeting and routine of business for the week commencing 10 May 2016 (Budget week)—notice given by the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)

Further notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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