

# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 18 April 2016

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 10.20 pm

## Opening of the second session of the 44th Parliament

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The Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove, AK MC (Retd), [opened](#) the second session of the 44th Parliament, and addressed the members of both houses in the Senate chamber

The Senate agreed that the speech will be debated and an address-in-reply agreed to. Debate commenced on the address-in-reply to the [Governor-General's opening speech](#) [[first speaker](#)]

## Senators

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The President [announced](#) the resignation, on 13 April 2016, of Senator Bullock, a senator for the state of Western Australia

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills assented to

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

### Bills considered

The following bills were defeated

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2] and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2]—second reading debate resumed [[first speaker](#)][—AG second reading amendment negated—negated at second reading](#)

The following bill was debated and passed

Road Safety Remuneration Repeal Bill 2016 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][—Opposition second reading amendment negated—bill agreed to without amendments](#) [bill was considered under a limitation of debate]



## Bill introduced

Road Safety Remuneration Repeal Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 April 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

## Notices of motion

- To consider a private senator's bill on Thursday, 21 April 2016
- To request that the House of Representatives resume consideration of a private senator's bill
- To restore private senators' bills to the Notice Paper (and setting reporting dates for various bills referred to committees in the last session of the Parliament)

## Committees

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

### Reports, government responses and documents tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 2015-16 [[report](#)]
- Economics References Committee—
  - Bauxite resources near Aurukun [[interim report](#)]
  - Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms—Corrigendum to report
  - Foreign investment review framework [[report](#)] [a motion was agreed to setting the reporting date for the second report to 28 April 2016]
- Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Environment and Communications References Committee—
  - Environmental, social and economic impacts of large-capacity fishing vessels commonly known as 'Supertrawlers' operating in Australia's Marine Jurisdiction [[interim report](#)]
  - Management of the Great Barrier Reef—[Response](#) to report
  - The threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia [[interim report](#)] [[second interim report](#)]
- 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—Response to report
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—2015-16 additional estimates [[report](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—
  - Capability of Defence's physical science and engineering workforce [[report](#)]
  - China-Australia Free Trade Agreement—[Response](#) to report
  - Inquiry into firefighting foam contamination: Part A – RAAF Base Williamstown—[Response](#) to report
- Murray-Darling Basin Plan Select Committee—Report—Refreshing the Plan—Corrigendum
- Northern Australia Joint Select Committee—Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Bill 2016 [[report](#)]

## 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 [Journals entries nos [19](#) and [20](#) refer]

## [Notices of motion](#)

- To schedule dates for the Budget estimates hearings, and varying the days of meeting for 2016
- To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting—Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—28 April, 3 May and 5 May 2016—private meetings
- To refer matters to committees:
  - Associated entities of political parties—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—for inquiry and report by 4 May 2016— notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
  - Outcomes of the 42nd meeting of the Council of Australian Governments— Finance and Public Administration References Committee—for inquiry and report by 4 May 2016—notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
  - Road Safety Remuneration Repeal Bill 2016—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—for inquiry and report by 28 April 2016—notice given by Senator Muir

## 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]

### Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

[Documents](#) relating to the restructure of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 16 March 2016]

## Notices of motion

The following notices of motion were given:

- Senator Carr requiring the Minister for Education and Training to table the report of the Research Infrastructure Review—no later than 20 April 2016
- Senator Hanson-Young requiring the Minister representing the Prime Minister to table documents relating to Wilson Security’s role on Nauru and Manus Island—no later than 9.30 am on 21 April 2016
- Senator Ludlam requiring the Minister for Finance to table documents relating to the Perth Freight Link tunnel—no later than 4 pm on 20 April 2016
- Senators Polley and Lambie requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care to table the Aged Care Roadmap—no later than 3.30 pm on 20 April 2016
- Senator Xenophon requiring the Minister for Defence to table documents commissioned from Macroeconomics relating to the submarine project—on the next day of sitting

Orders with continuing effect

### **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]

### Documents tabled [and considered]

## **Other business**

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

### **Estimates questions on notice—Answer and explanation**

Senator Carr [asked](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (Senator Sinodinos) for an explanation of answers not being provided to estimates questions placed on notice relating to CSIRO. Senator Sinodinos provided a [response](#). A motion moved by Senator Carr to take note of the Minister’s failure to provide either answers or an explanation was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

### **Days of meeting—2016**

The Senate [agreed](#) to the days of meeting for the remainder of 2016 [debate occurred – [first speaker](#)]

### **Matter of public importance discussed**

Taxation—[Tobacco](#)—proposed by Senator Leyonhjelm [[first speaker](#)]

### **Notices of motion**

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

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