

No. 21/2016

Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 19 April 2016

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.22 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill assented to

[Assent](#) to a law was reported in the Senate

Bills introduced

Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Bill 2016 and the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 April 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills restored to the Notice Paper

- Private senators' bills were restored to the Senate Notice Paper (consideration to be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the Parliament) [Journals entries nos [12](#), [15](#), [18](#), [32](#) and [40](#) refer; a [statement](#) was made in relation to entry no. 40]
- The Senate [did not agree](#) to restore the Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 to the Notice Paper, and give precedence to consideration of the bill [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

[Message reported](#)

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016—the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate

Request House to resume consideration of a bill

Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Consumer Lease Exclusion) Bill 2015

[Notices of motion](#)

To restore government bills, and a private senator's bill to the Notice Paper

Committees

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

Estimates

The Senate [agreed](#) to the hearing dates for the 2016-17 Budget estimates

Meetings during the sittings of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries [3](#) and [28](#) refer]

Membership

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

New inquiries

- [Commonwealth legislative provisions relating to oversight of associated entities of political parties](#)–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 4 May 2016 [a [statement](#) was made]
- [Outcomes of the 42nd meeting of the Council of Australian Governments held on 1 April 2016](#)–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 4 May 2016

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To refer matters to committees

- Australia’s participation in the international sports anti-doping framework–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 June 2016–notice given by Senator Madigan
- Impact of flying fox colonies on regional communities–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by the last sitting day in August 2016–notice given by Senator Urquhart

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 motions

Notices of motion to disallow given

- Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee gave notices of motion to disallow:
 - Complaints Principles 2015 [F2015L02125]
 - Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Dispensed Price for MRCA Pharmaceutical Benefits/Updating Incorporated Documents) Amendment Instrument 2015 [F2015L02137]
 - Veterans' Entitlements (Dispensed Price for Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits/Updating Incorporated Documents) Amendment Instrument 2015 [F2015L02130]
- Senator Carr gave a notice of motion to disallow the Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Regulation 2015 [F2015L01937]
- Senator Siewert gave a notice to disallow the Social Security (Administration) (Trial Area – East Kimberley) Determination 2016 [F2016L00307]

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate:

- ordered the Minister for Defence to table documents commissioned from Macroeconomics relating to the submarine project—on the next day of sitting [motion of Senator Xenophon]
- ordered the Minister for Education and Training to table the report of the Research Infrastructure Review—no later than 20 April 2016 [motion of Senator Carr]
- ordered the Minister for Finance to table documents relating to the Perth Freight Link tunnel—no later than 4 pm on 20 April 2016 [motion of Senator Ludlam]
- ordered 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 [motion of Senator Hanson-Young]

Notices of motion

- Senator Cameron gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources to table correspondence between the minister and the department—no later than 3.30 pm on 3 May 2016
- Senators Madigan, Leyonhjelm, Day, Lambie, Wang, Xenophon, Lazarus and Muir gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Sport to table documents relating to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority and the National Anti-Doping Framework—no later than 4 pm on 22 April 2016
- Senators Madigan, Xenophon, Leyonhjelm, Day, Muir, Lazarus, Lambie and Wang gave a notice 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

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

Document tabled

Other business

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

Address-in-reply

Debate continued on the address-in-reply to the Governor-General's speech [[first speaker](#)]

Days of meeting

- The Senate [agreed](#) that the Senate not meet on 5 May 2016
- Senator Moore made a [statement](#), by leave, relating to the next meeting of the Senate

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](#)]

Motions agreed to

- Family and community services—[World Down Syndrome Day](#)—moved by Senators Fifield, Moore and Siewert
- Finance—[Banking and financial services sector](#)—moved by Senator Whish-Wilson [a [statement](#) was made]
- Finance—[Banking and financial services sector](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) [a [statement](#) was made]
- Foreign affairs—[Myanmar](#)—moved by Senator Smith
- Indigenous Australians—[Incarceration rates—Justice targets](#)—moved by Senator Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]
- Indigenous Australians—[Kimberley roundtable report](#)—moved by Senators Lines, Sterle and Siewert
- Industry—[Australian steel industry](#)—moved by Senator Carr [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Primary industries—[Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority](#)—moved by Senator Cameron

Motions negated

- Administration–[National Anti-Corruption Commission](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
- Environment–Climate change–[Fossil fuel donations](#)–moved by Senator Waters
- Industry–[Australian steel industry](#)–moved by Senator Simms, Hanson-Young and Xenophon [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Industry–[Australian steel industry](#)–moved by Senators Lambie, Lazarus, Xenophon and Madigan [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Taxation–[Tobacco](#)–moved by Senator Leyonhjelm
- Transport–[Public transport funding](#)–moved by Senator Rice [a [statement](#) was made]

Suspension of standing orders—Variation—Hours of meeting and routine of business

The Senate agreed to enable debate on a [motion](#) to suspend standing orders to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for today—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) [[first speaker](#)]

Questions on notice

The Senate [agreed](#) to a motion relating to unanswered questions on notice

[Notices of motion](#)

- To vary the hours of meeting and routine of business on 3 May and 4 May 2016 (Budget week)—notice given by Senator Moore
- Further notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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