

Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 2 May 2016

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.26 pm

Senators

Senator Patrick Dodson was [sworn in](#) as a senator to fill a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia, and the certificate of the choice by the Parliament of Western Australia was tabled

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015–
[Minister moved second reading](#)

The following bills were debated and passed

- Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Bill 2016 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]–
[bill agreed to with Government amendments](#) [the House of Representatives will consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2016 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]–[bill agreed to without amendments](#)
- Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]–[bill agreed to without amendments](#)

Bills introduced, and exempted

- Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2016-2017, Supply Bill (No. 1) 2016-2017 and Supply Bill (No. 2) 2016-2017 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 May 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)] [[statement of reasons](#)]
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 May 2016] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)] [[statement of reasons](#)]

Bills restored to the Notice Paper

[Government bills](#) and a [private senator's bill](#) were restored to the Senate Notice Paper

Committees

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

Reports, government responses and documents tabled

- Economics References Committee–
 - ‘A husband is not a retirement plan’ – Achieving economic security for women in retirement [report]
 - Corporate tax avoidance–Part 2: Gaming the system [[report](#)] [reporting date extended]
 - Foreign investment review framework–[Supplementary report](#)
- Environment and Communications References Committee–
 - Game on: more than playing around – The future of Australia’s video game development industry [report]
 - Performance and management of electricity network companies–Response to report
 - Toxic tide: the threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia [[report](#)]
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Commonwealth legislative provisions relating to oversight of associated entities of political parties [interim report]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Operations of Defence Housing Australia [[interim report](#)]
- Health Select Committee–Black lung: ‘It has buggered my life’ [[fifth interim report](#)]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Use of smoke alarms to prevent smoke and fire related deaths [[report](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–
 - Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016 [[report](#)]
 - Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016 [[report](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Perth Freight Link [[interim report](#)]
- Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures Select Committee [second interim report]
- Treaties–Joint Committee–Treaty tabled on 17 June 2015–Response to report

Proposed reference

The Senate [did not agree](#) to refer a matter to the Community Affairs References Committee relating to the international sports anti-doping framework

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended the reporting dates for various inquiries of committees [Journals entries nos [17](#) and [19](#) 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

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 legislative instruments

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- [Document](#) relating to the Perth Freight Link [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 19 April 2016]
- [Document](#) relating to the Research Infrastructure Review [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 19 April 2016]
- [Document](#) relating to the submarines tender process [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 19 April 2016]
- [Document](#) relating to Wilson Security in relation to operations on Nauru and Manus Island [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 19 April 2016]

Motions agreed to

The Senate:

- [ordered](#) 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 [a [statement](#) was made]
- [ordered](#) 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 6 May 2016 [a [statement](#) was made]
- [ordered](#) 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 [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

The following [notices of motion](#) were given:

- Senator Gallagher requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Health to table any instrument relating to changes to diagnostic imaging and pathology services—no later than 9.30 am on 4 May 2016
- Senator Moore requiring the Minister for Indigenous Affairs to table reports relating to Indigenous rangers and Indigenous protected areas—no later than 9.30 am on 4 May 2016

- the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) requiring the Minister representing the Prime Minister to table documents relating to funding of hospitals in regional Victoria—no later than 3 pm on 4 May 2016
- the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) requiring the Leader of the Government in the Senate to table answers to all unanswered estimates questions on notice during consideration of the 2015-16 additional estimates—no later than 9.30 am on 4 May 2016

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

[Letters](#) of advice were tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are required to be tabled 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

[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]

Departmental and agency unanswered questions on notice—Estimates hearings

[Statements](#) were tabled [Letters of advice in relation to questions taken on notice are required to be tabled by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings]

Entity contracts

A [letter](#) of advice was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

[Documents](#) tabled [and considered – [first speaker](#)]

- Delegation reports [Journals entries nos [33](#) and [34](#) refer]
- [Petitions](#)

Other business

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

Death of former senator and member

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 18 March 2016, of Allan Charles Rocher, a senator for the state of Western Australia from 1978 to 1981, and a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Curtin from 1981 to 1998. A [motion](#) of condolence moved by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) was carried [[first speaker](#)]

Death of former minister and member

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 6 April 2016, of the Honourable Dr Rex Alan Patterson, a former minister and a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Dawson from 1966 to 1975. A [motion](#) of condolence moved by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) was carried [[first speaker](#)]

Death of former members

The President [informed](#) the Senate of the death:

- on the weekend of 16 and 17 April 2016, of Kenneth James Aldred, a member for the divisions of Henty, from 1975 to 1980, Bruce from 1983 to 1990, and Deakin from 1990 to 1996
- on 17 April 2016, of Robert (Bob) Edwin Charles, a member for the division of La Trobe from 1990 to 2004

Hours of meeting and routine of business–Variation

The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for this week

Motions agreed to

- Environment–[Coral bleaching](#)–proposed by Senator Siewert [debated as a matter of urgency – [first speaker](#)]
- Environment–[Marine protection](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Health–[Hospital funding](#) [a [statement](#) was made]
- Science and technology–[CSIRO](#) [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Motion negatived

Politics–[Political donations](#)–moved by Senator Rhiannon

Statements, by leave

Statements were made relating to ministerial arrangements for question time today [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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