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Section 1: Business conducted in the Senate

1.1 General statistics

	Autumn (2/2 – 17/3)	Winter (18/4 – 4/5)#	Total
Number of sittings days	14	5	19
Hours of sitting	164 hrs 13 mins	51 hrs 35 mins	215 hrs 48 mins
Average length of a sitting day	11 hrs 44 mins	10 hrs 08 mins	11 hrs 21 mins
Longest sitting day	28 hrs 56 mins (17 March)	11 hrs 26 mins (2 May)	n/a
Shortest sitting day	08 hrs 34 mins (1 March)	07 hrs 48 mins (3 May)	n/a
Questions placed on notice	108 (1/1-17/3)	528** (18/3-30/6)	636**
Questions without notice* Question time held on:	515 14 sitting days	174 5 sitting days	689 19 sitting days
Average daily number of questions without notice*	36.8	34.8	36.3
Petitions presented	10	3	13
Signatories to petitions	114 778	496	115 274
Delegated legislation— Notices of motion for disallowance:			
Given	4	5	9
Agreed to	1	0	1
Negatived	1	0	1
Withdrawn	6	3	9
Still before the Senate	1	2	n/a
Statements by the President, and Deputy President/Chair of Committees	3	3	6
Ministerial statements	6	1	7
Matters of public importance	8	2	10
Urgency motions	2	1	3
Principal motions agreed to	42	22	64
Condolence motions	2	2	4
Censure motions	0	0	0
Orders made for the production of documents	13	11	24
Government responses to committee reports tabled	16	12	28
Divisions	108	40	148

Commencement of the second session of the 44th Parliament (18 April 2016).

* Includes supplementary questions.

** Includes unanswered questions resubmitted from the first session of the Parliament.

1.2 Senate sittings 2016

A sitting period is defined as a period during which the Senate adjourns for not more than 20 days (standing order 111).

Number of sitting days:

Autumn sitting period—2 February to 17 March	14
Winter sitting period—18 April to 4 May	5
Total	19

January							February							March						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29							28	29	30	31			

April							May							June						
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				1	2	3							1			1	2	3	4	5
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30			
							30	31												

Notes:

- 15 April 2016—prorogation of the first session of the 44th Parliament
- 18 April 2016—commencement of the second session of the 44th Parliament
- 9 May 2016—dissolution of both Houses

1.3 Business conducted in the Senate

This section contains graphs showing a breakdown of how the Senate spent its time in 2016, as well as comparisons with previous years. For this purpose, business has been broken down into the following categories:

Business of the Senate includes disallowance motions, motions to refer matters to standing committees and motions concerning the qualification of a senator. It has precedence over government business and general business for the day on which it is listed, except on Monday between 10 am and 2 pm, Tuesday between 12.30 pm and 2 pm, Wednesday between 9.30 am and 12.45 pm, and for a period of 2 hours 20 minutes on Thursday mornings.

Government business is business initiated by a minister and includes all debate on government bills. Government business takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2 hours 20 minutes on Thursday mornings and 2 hours 30 minutes on Thursday afternoons.

General business is initiated by senators who are not ministers. It includes motions to take note of answers, most notices of motion, consideration of committee reports and government responses and senators' statements. General business takes precedence over government business on Thursdays as described above.

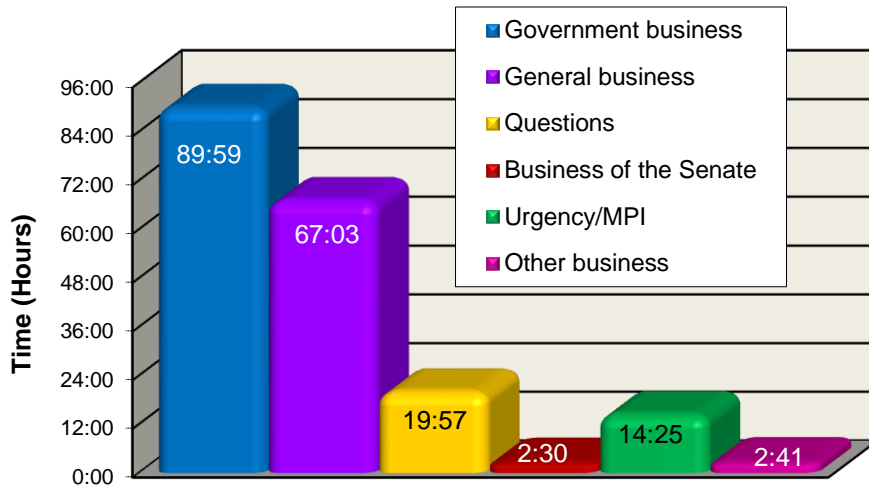
Questions include question time and additional answers given by ministers at the end of question time.

Urgency motions and matters of public importance (MPIs) may be proposed by senators on any sitting day, except Thursday, pursuant to standing order 75. At the conclusion of the debate there is no vote taken on the substantive issue of the matter or motion. However, in the case of urgency motions, a procedural vote is taken as to whether the matter is considered urgent or not.

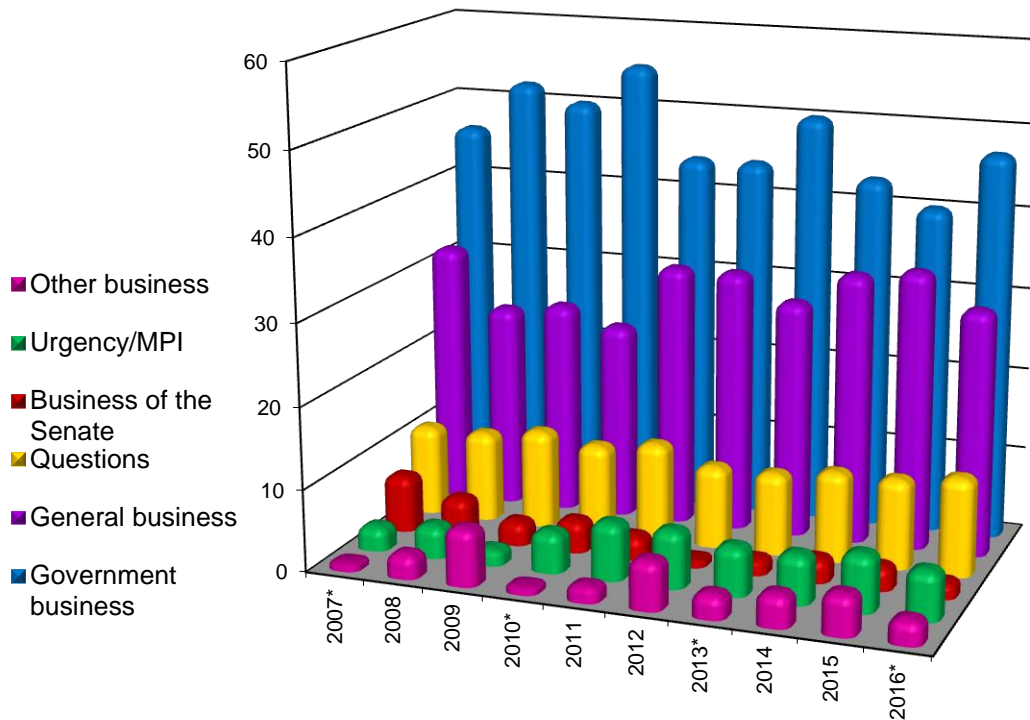
Other business includes prayers, petitions, postponements and ceremonial business.

Adjournment: Note that the time for the adjournment debate is not included in the figures shown.

**Total time, by type of business:
1 January to 30 June 2016**

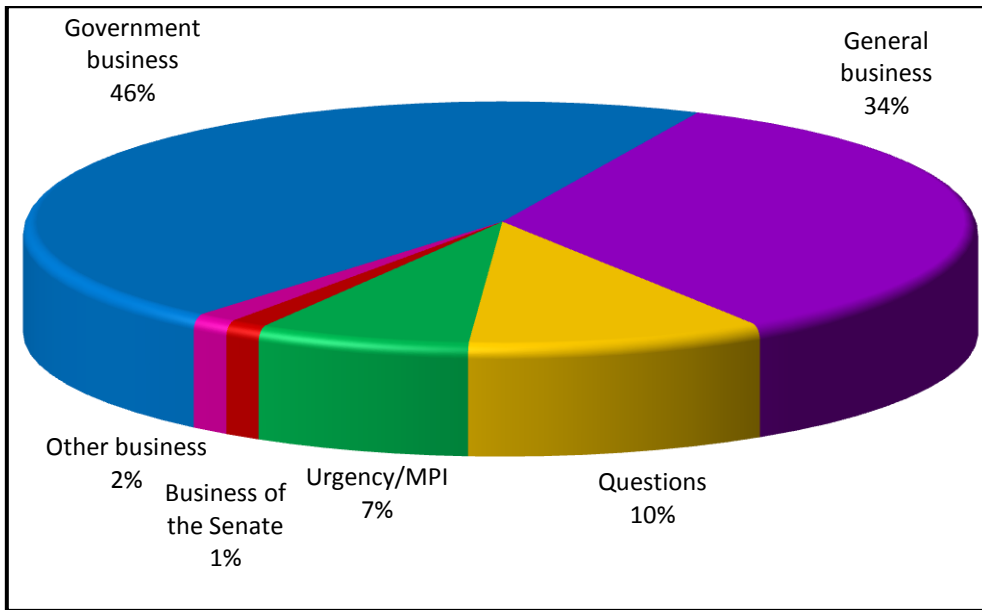


**Proportion of time spent according to the type of
business: 2007 to 30 June 2016**

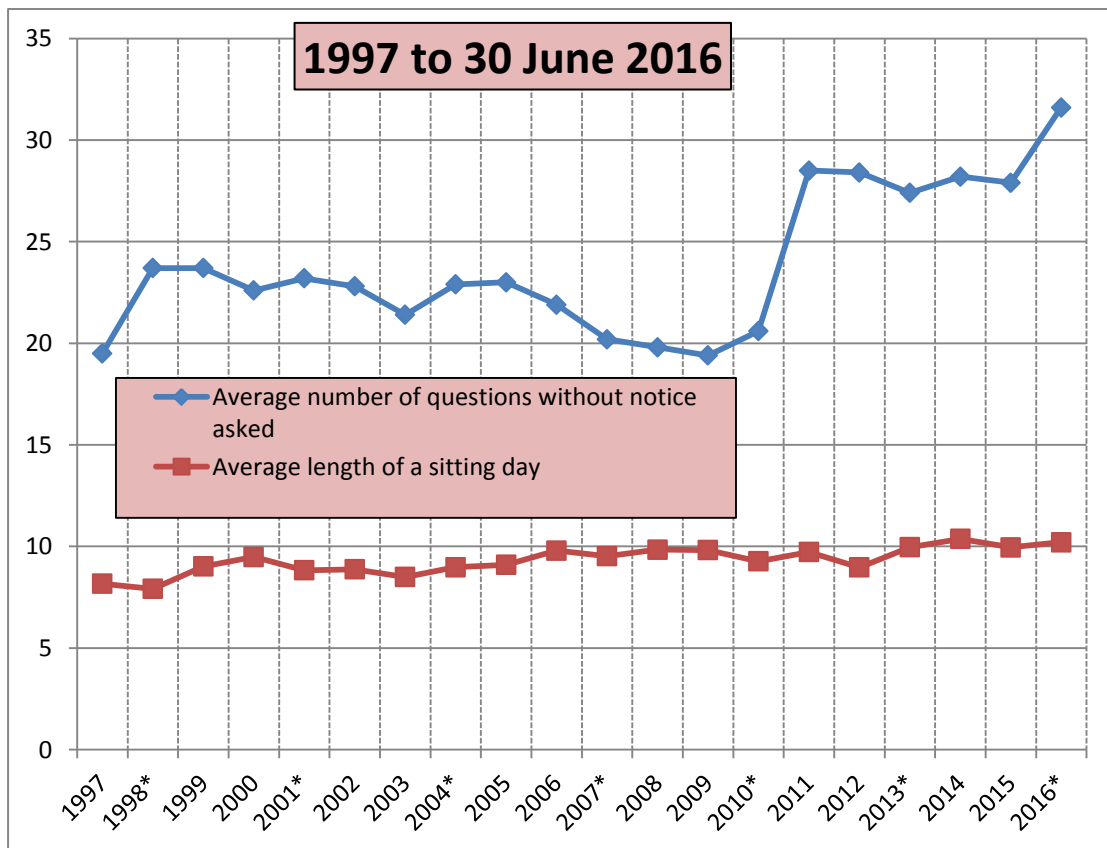


* indicates an election year

Percentage of time, by type of business: 1 January to 30 June 2016
(including a breakdown of government business)



[government legislation 43%, other government business 3%]



* indicates an election year

(on 24 November 2008 the format of question time was changed to allow 2 supplementaries per question)

Section 2: Legislation

2.1 Legislation statistics

Bills considered by the Senate in the period 1 January to 30 June 2016

Origin

Government bills received from the House of Representatives		67
Introduced in the Senate:		
Private senators' bills	5	
Senate government bills	1	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	6
Senate requested House to resume consideration of a private senator's bill		1
On Senate <i>Notice Paper</i> as at 1 January 2016—		
Government bills (originating 2014 and 2015):		
House of Representatives	7	
Senate	3	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	10
Private senators' bills (originating 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015)		56
TOTAL		140

Outcome

Bills still before the Senate—		
Government bills:		
lapsed due to dissolution	1	
lapsed due to prorogation	14	
lapsed due to prorogation; Senate resumed consideration; lapsed due to dissolution	4	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	19
Private senators' bills (lapsed due to prorogation; restored to the <i>Notice Paper</i> ; lapsed due to dissolution)		60
Senate bills (lapsed due to prorogation; restored to the <i>Notice Paper</i> ; lapsed due to dissolution)		3
Bill lapsed before House considered Senate message to resume consideration		1
Government bills negatived at second reading		2
Government bills passed by both Houses		54
Private senator's bill lapsed (due to prorogation)		1
TOTAL		140

Notes:

- Bills still before the House of Representatives at the end of the first and second sessions of the 44th Parliament lapsed at prorogation. Bills still before the Senate at the end of the first session of the 44th Parliament lapsed immediately before the commencement of the second session of the 44th Parliament.
- Bills still before the Senate at the end of the second session of the 44th Parliament lapsed at the dissolution of the Parliament.

Number of bills on which there was disagreement between the Houses	2
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Number of bills to which amendments were moved during 2016

Bills to which second reading amendments were moved	5
Bills to which second reading amendments were agreed	1
Bills to which second reading amendments were negated	5
Bills to which amendments were moved in committee of the whole	14
Bills to which amendments were agreed to in committee of the whole	8
Bills to which amendments were negated in committee of the whole	8
Bills in which provisions were opposed but agreed to in committee of the whole	5
Bills in which provisions were opposed and negated in committee of the whole	2

Amendments moved in committee of the whole

Moved by	Agreed to	Negated
Australian Greens	6	50
Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party	0	29
Family First Party	0	20
Government	21	0
Liberal Democratic Party	0	4
Opposition	9	5
Palmer United Party	0	1
Total	36	109

These figures do not include amendments moved to amendments.

These figures are broken down in detail on pages 17 to 19.

Total number of amendments moved:	145
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Bills considered by the Senate during the period 1 January to 30 June 2016 can be found in the [Senate Bills List](#).

2.2 Bills still before the Senate

Number of bills still before the Senate:

at the end of the first session of the 44th Parliament:

Government bills	64
Private senators' bills	78

at the end of the second session of the 44th Parliament:

Government bills	8
Private senators' bills	60

Details of which bills were still before the Senate at the end of each session can be found in the Appendix, see page 71.

2.3 Second reading—Amendments moved

The second reading debate is a policy debate relating to the principles of a particular bill. A senator may speak for up to 20 minutes and make a further contribution if a second reading amendment is moved. For government bills, the second reading debate is opened by a minister who outlines the policies of the bill, and is usually closed by a minister who may respond to issues raised during the debate. The debate culminates in a vote signifying that the bill is agreed to, or rejected, in principle.

Second reading amendments do not affect the text of a bill. The amendment is moved to the motion for the second reading (“That this bill be now read a second time”), and is generally used to express an opinion about the bill or related policy issues; to propose the reference of the bill or related matters to a committee; or to delay further consideration of the bill. In some circumstances the effect of the amendment, if agreed to, is to defeat the bill.

For more information on the legislative process see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation*.

First session of the 44th Parliament:

Number of bills, or packages of bills, to which second reading amendments were moved 3

Number of second reading amendments moved:

Second reading amendments agreed to 1

Second reading amendments negated 4

Bill short title	Moved by	Outcome
Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2015-2016	1 LDP	Negated
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016	1 Opp 2 Opp	Agreed to Negated
Dairy Produce Amendment (Dairy Service Levy Poll) Bill 2016	1 LDP	Negated

Second session of the 44th Parliament:

Number of bills, or packages of bills, to which second reading amendments were moved 2

Number of second reading amendments moved:

Second reading amendments negated 2

Bill short title	Moved by	Outcome
Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	1 AG	Negated
Road Safety Remuneration Repeal Bill 2016	1 Opp	Negated

KEY

AG Australian Greens Opp Opposition (Australian Labor Party)
LDP Liberal Democratic Party

2.4 Committee of the whole—Consideration

The committee of the whole process provides an opportunity for senators to consider bills in detail. Amendments moved in committee of the whole seek to change, delete or add words in the bill that may affect the final content of the law. Under section 53 of the Constitution the Senate cannot amend a bill imposing taxation, or a bill appropriating money for the ordinary annual services of government (an appropriation bill). It also may not amend a bill in a way which will increase any proposed charge or burden. If the Senate wishes to make such amendments, it must *request* the House of Representatives to amend the bill on its behalf.

For more information on the legislative process see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation*.

Number of bills—first session of the 44th Parliament:

to which amendments were moved in committee of the whole	8
to which requests were moved in committee of the whole	0
in which items (etc.) were opposed in committee of the whole	3
Number of amendments moved:	91
Number of amendments agreed to	27
Number of amendments negatived	64
Number of amendments withdrawn	0
Number of amendments pending	0
Number of requests moved:	0
Number of requests agreed to	0
Number of requests negatived	0
Number of requests withdrawn	0
Number of requests pending	0
Number of amendments moved to amendments	2
Number of items (etc) opposed and negatived	1
Number of items (etc) opposed but agreed to	24

Bill short title	Outcome
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016	12 amendments agreed to (9 Govt; 3 AG) 43 amendments negated (5 Opp; 6 FFP; 1 PUP; 4 LDP; 27 AMEP) Opposed/agreed to (14 items FFP; 2 items AMEP) <i>Amendments moved to amendments: 2 negated (AMEP to AG)</i>
Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015*	1 amendment agreed to (Opp)
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Payment Surcharges) Bill 2015	17 amendments negated (AG)
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015	2 amendments negated (AG) Opposed/agreed to (4 subsections AG)
Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment (Forum on Food Regulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015	3 amendments agreed to (2 Govt; 1 Opp) 2 amendments negated (2 AG) Opposed/agreed to (4 items AG) Opposed/negated (1 Schedule Opp)
Omnibus Repeal Day (Autumn 2015) Bill 2015	2 amendments agreed to (AG)
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015	1 amendment agreed to (Govt)
Tax Laws Amendment (Implementation of the Common Reporting Standard) Bill 2015	8 amendments agreed to (2 Govt; 6 Opp)

KEY			
AG	Australian Greens	LDP	Liberal Democratic Party
AMEP	Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party	Opp	Opposition
FFP	Family First Party	PUP	Palmer United Party
Govt	Government		

[* See also chapter relating to Amendments and requests—Disagreements, page 23]

Number of bills—second session of the 44th Parliament:

to which amendments were moved in committee of the whole	5
to which requests were moved in committee of the whole	0
in which items (etc.) were opposed in committee of the whole	2
Number of amendments moved:	25
Number of amendments agreed to	7
Number of amendments negatived	18
Number of amendments withdrawn	0
Number of requests moved:	0
Number of requests agreed to	0
Number of requests negatived	0
Number of requests withdrawn	0
Number of amendments moved to amendments	0
Number of items (etc) opposed and negatived	1
Number of items (etc) opposed but agreed to	3

Bill short title	Outcome
Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Bill 2016 *	3 amendments agreed to (Govt) 6 amendments negatived (AG)
Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2016	1 amendment negatived (AG)
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015	Opposed/agreed to (1 Schedule AG) Opposed/negatived (1 Schedule AG)
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016	4 amendments agreed to (Govt)
Tax Laws Amendment (Tax Incentives for Innovation) Bill 2016	2 amendments negatived (AG)
Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015	9 amendments negatived (AG) Opposed/agreed to (2 items AG)

KEY

AG Australian Greens Govt Government

[* See also chapter relating to Amendments and requests—Disagreements, page 23]

2.5 Bills negatived or discharged from *Notice Paper*

The Senate often indicates its disagreement with a bill by rejecting the motion for the second or third reading, and that action is taken to be a rejection of the bill.

A senator may also move that an order of the day (a matter which the Senate has ordered to be considered on a particular day) relating to a bill be discharged from the *Notice Paper*, pursuant to standing order 97(4).

When the two Houses do not initially agree on the contents of a bill, it is usual for negotiations to continue. Amendments to amendments may be made or alternative amendments proposed until an acceptable compromise is reached. Occasionally, the impasse cannot be broken and a bill is laid aside and not proceeded with.

For more information on the legislative process, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation*.

Number of bills discharged or negatived:

first session of the 44th Parliament 0

second session of the 44th Parliament:

negatived at second reading 2

Bill short title	Origin
Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2] <u>and</u> the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived at second reading 18 April 2016)	House of Representatives

2.6 Amendments and requests—Disagreements

Before it can become a law, a bill must be agreed to by both the Senate and the House of Representatives in precisely the same form. If there is a disagreement over amendments or requests, a bill may be transmitted between the two Houses a number of times until the Houses finally agree to it in the same form or it is abandoned. These negotiations on amendments and requests are conducted by the consideration of *messages* between the Houses.

For more information on the legislative process, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation* and *No. 18 – Communication Between the Houses – Dealing with Messages*.

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses:

first session of the 44th Parliament	1
second session of the 44th Parliament ~	1

Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015

The Senate made an amendment to the bill (22 February 2016).

The House disagreed to the amendment made by the Senate (25 February 2016).

The Senate reported the message from the House (1 March 2016).

Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Bill 2016 ~

The Senate made 3 amendments to the bill (2 May 2016).

The House disagreed to the amendments but made identical amendments in their place (3 May 2016).

The Senate agreed to the amendments made by the House (3 May 2016).

Bill passed both Houses.

2.7 Bills, or provisions of bills, referred to committees

Bills may be referred to committees at any stage for inquiry and report. The *provisions* of many bills are referred before the bill is received from the House of Representatives to maximise the time available for the committee inquiry.

Committees may table reports on any sitting day, or may present them when the Senate is not sitting.

For more information refer to *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation* and *No. 13 – Referring Matters to Committees*.

Number of bills referred to committees:

Referred in 2016, in the first session of the 44th Parliament	22
Referred in 2016, in the second session of the 44th Parliament	0
Referred in 2015, and tabled or due to be tabled in 2016	20

Bill short title	Committee		
<i>Where the bill is a private senator's bill or a private member's bill the name of the senator or member who introduced it is shown</i>			
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015 (<i>Senator McKenzie</i>)	EC	Referred	03/12/15
		Interim reported presented	05/05/16
		Report due	20/06/16
Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information) Bill 2015	LCA	Referred	04/02/16
		Presented	10/03/16
Australian Crime Commission (National Policing Information Charges) Bill 2015	LCA	Referred	04/02/16
		Presented	10/03/16
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016	EC	Referred	03/03/16
		Presented	05/05/16
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EE	Referred	04/02/16
		Presented	11/03/16
Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EE	Referred	04/02/16
		Presented	11/03/16

Bill short title	Committee		
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016	FPA	Referred Report due	03/03/16 17/06/16
Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015 (<i>Senator Wang</i>)	FPA	Referred Tabled	12/11/15 17/03/16
Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015	Eco	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 01/03/16
Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015	LCA	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 02/02/16
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015	LCA	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 03/02/16
Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015	LCA	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 02/02/16
Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016	Eco	Referred Tabled	25/02/16 15/03/16
Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016	LCA	Referred Report due	17/03/16 20/06/16
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015 (<i>Senator Rhiannon</i>)	EC	Referred Tabled	15/10/15 15/03/16
Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015 (<i>Senator Waters</i>)	EE	Referred Report due	15/10/15 12/05/16
Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016 (<i>Senator Cameron</i>)	EE	Referred Report due	17/03/16 10/05/16
Fair Work Amendment (Remaining 2014 Measures) Bill 2015	EE	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 04/02/16
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015	EE	Referred Presented	03/12/15 04/04/16

Bill short title	Committee		
Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015	LCA	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 24/02/16
Income Tax (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts—Offsets) Bill 2015	Eco	Referred Presented	04/02/16 10/03/16
Income Tax Rates Amendment (Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015	Eco	Referred Presented	04/02/16 10/03/16
Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015 (<i>Senator Xenophon</i>)	EC	Referred Report due	26/11/15 20/06/16
Medicare Levy Amendment (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015	Eco	Referred Presented	04/02/16 10/03/16
Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016	LCA	Referred Tabled	25/02/16 17/03/16
Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015	LCA	Referred Presented	15/10/15 18/02/16
Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016	LCA	Referred Report due	17/03/16 10/05/16
Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015	LCA	Referred Tabled	12/11/15 25/02/16
Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2015) Bill 2015	FPA	Referred Tabled	26/11/15 03/02/16
Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016	RRAT	Referred Presented	17/03/16 22/04/16
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015	FPA	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 02/03/16
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015	CA	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 04/02/16
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity) Bill 2016	CA	Referred Report due	03/03/16 20/06/16

Bill short title	Committee		
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015	CA	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 22/02/16
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015	CA	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 01/03/16
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Interest Charge) Bill 2016	CA	Referred Report due	03/03/16 20/06/16
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015	CA	Referred Presented	04/02/16 10/03/16
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016	Eco	Referred Presented	25/02/16 10/03/16
Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015	Eco	Referred Presented	04/02/16 10/03/16
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2015	EC	Referred Tabled	03/12/15 22/02/16
Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016	RRAT	Referred Presented	25/02/16 22/04/16
Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015	RRAT	Referred Presented	04/02/16 10/03/16

Abbreviations

CA	Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Eco	Economics Legislation Committee
EC	Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
EE	Education and Employment Legislation Committee
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
FPA	Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
LCA	Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Section 3: Other business

3.1 Notices of motion for disallowance

Many Acts of Parliament delegate to the executive government the power to make detailed rules and regulations (*legislative instruments*). Instruments made in this way are subject to the power of either House to veto or *disallow* them.

In most cases, within 15 sitting days after tabling a senator may give notice of a motion to disallow the legislative instrument. If the motion is agreed to, the instrument is disallowed and ceases to have effect. If a notice of motion to disallow a legislative instrument has not been resolved or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after having been given, the instrument is *deemed* to have been disallowed and automatically ceases to have effect.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 19 – Disallowance*.

First session of the 44th Parliament

Disallowance motions moved:

Moved and agreed to	1
Moved and negatived	1

Notices of motion for disallowance:

Given and subsequently withdrawn	6
Still before the Senate at the end of the session	1

Notice of motion moved and agreed to:

Customs Act 1901—Customs (Anti-Dumping Review Panel Fee) Instrument 2015, made under subsections 269ZZE(3) and 269ZZQ(2)

Notice given 2 February 2016 (Senator Carr)

Moved and agreed to 2 March 2016

Notice of motion moved and negatived:

Social Security (Administration) Act 1999—Social Security (Administration) (Trial Area — Ceduna and Surrounding Region) Determination 2015

Notice given 3 February 2016 (Senator Siewert)

Moved, debated and negatived (division) 23 February 2016

Notices of motion for disallowance given and subsequently withdrawn:

Charter of the United Nations Act 1945—Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions—Iraq) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. 161

Notice given 3 December 2015 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)

Withdrawn 25 February 2016

Charter of the United Nations Act 1945—Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions—Syria) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. 162

Notice given 3 December 2015 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)

Withdrawn 25 February 2016

International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1963—International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities—Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 172

Notice given 22 February 2016 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)

Withdrawn 25 February 2016

Removal of Prisoners (Territories) Act 1923—Removal of Prisoners (Territories) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. 165

Notice given 3 December 2015 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)

Withdrawn 4 February 2016

Utilities and Services Ordinance 1996—Christmas Island Marine Traffic and Harbour Facilities Determination 2015, made under section 4

Notice given 3 December 2015 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)

Withdrawn 17 March 2016

Utilities and Services Ordinance 1996—Cocos (Keeling) Islands Marine Traffic and Harbour Facilities Determination 2015, made under section 4

Notice given 3 December 2015 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)

Withdrawn 17 March 2016

Notice of motion for disallowance still before the Senate at the end of the session:

Migration Act 1958—Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 211

Notice given 17 March 2016 (Senator Carr)

Second session of the 44th Parliament

Disallowance motions moved:

Moved and agreed to	0
Moved and negatived	0

Notices of motion for disallowance:

Given and subsequently withdrawn	3
Still before the Senate at the end of the session	2

Notices of motion for disallowance given and subsequently withdrawn:

Aged Care Act 1997 and Aged Care Amendment (Independent Complaints Arrangements) Act 2015—Complaints Principles 2015

Notice given 19 April 2016 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)

Withdrawn 3 May 2016

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004—Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Dispensed Price for MRCA Pharmaceutical Benefits/Updating Incorporating Documents) Amendment Instrument 2015

Notice given 19 April 2016 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)

Withdrawn 3 May 2016

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986—Veterans' Entitlements (Dispensed Price for Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits/Updating Incorporating Documents) Amendment Instrument 2015

Notice given 19 April 2016 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)

Withdrawn 3 May 2016

Notices of motion for disallowance still before the Senate at the end of the session:

Migration Act 1958—Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 211

Notice given 19 April 2016 (Senator Carr)

Social Security (Administration) Act 1999—Social Security (Administration) (Trial Area – East Kimberley) Determination 2016

Notice given 19 April 2016 (Senator Siewert)

Moved and debated 3 and 4 May 2016

3.2 Statements by the President

During the course of a sitting day, the President may inform the chamber of a decision or address concerns raised in previous debates.

The Chair of Committees may make a statement during the committee of the whole debate on a bill relating to orders of the Senate concerning the passage of legislation. These statements are often to advise of the outcome of certain divisions where the votes are equally divided.

Number of statements made:

first session of the 44th Parliament:

The President of the Senate **3**

second session of the 44th Parliament [^]

The President of the Senate **1**

The Chair of Committees **2**

Statement	Date	Journals page
Legislation—Amendments and requests ^{^*}	02/05/16	4183
Legislation—Amendments and requests ^{^*}	03/05/16	4214
Proposed matter of privileges [^]	03/05/16	4209
Question time	02/02/16	3654
Senate—Photography	17/03/16	3986
Senate—Unparliamentary language—Quotations	29/02/16	3831

* Statements by the Chair of Committees

3.3 Ministerial statements

A ministerial statement is used to inform the Senate of policy or other issues or decisions relating to the minister's portfolio, or to portfolios the minister represents in the Senate.

Number of ministerial statements:

first session of the 44th Parliament	6
second session of the 44th Parliament [‡]	1

Statement	Date
Defence—	
<p>Defence White Paper 2016 Senator Cormann (for the Minister for Defence)</p>	29/02/16
Foreign affairs—	
<p>Statement to mark the second anniversary of the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 Senator Fifield (for the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)</p>	17/03/16
Historical events—	
<p>25th anniversary of the First Gulf War Senator Cormann (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs)</p>	01/03/16
<p>Anzac Day commemorations [‡] Senator Ruston (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs)</p>	03/05/16
Indigenous Australians—	
<p>Prime Minister's 2016 closing the gap statement Senator Scullion (for the Prime Minister)</p>	22/02/16
Industrial relations—	
<p>Tabling of the report of inquiry into complaints about the Honourable Vice President Michael Lawler of the Fair Work Commission and related matters Senator Cash (Minister for Employment)</p>	15/03/16
Trade—	
<p>Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement Senator Ruston (for the Minister for Trade and Investment)</p>	22/02/16

3.4 Matters of public importance

A matter of public importance (or urgency motion) may be proposed by a senator for consideration on any sitting day, except Thursday, and must have the support of four other senators before the matter can be considered. Notice is not required so that newly emerging matters can be considered by the Senate. There is no question before the chair during debate on matters of public importance so no vote is taken at the end of the discussion.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 9 – Matters of Public Importance and Urgency Debates*.

Number of matters of public importance discussed:

first session of the 44th Parliament	7
second session of the 44th Parliament [‡]	3

Matter	Date	Journals page
Administration—Turnbull Government Senator Moore	02/02/16	3672
Administration—Turnbull Government Senator Siewert	03/02/16	3700
Budget 2016-17 [‡] Senator Moore	04/05/16	4237
Education—Schools funding [‡] Senator Moore	03/05/16	4210
Senate—Electoral law changes Senator Day	23/02/16	3779
Senate—Electoral law changes Senator Day	01/03/16	3862
Taxation—Tax policy Senator Moore	22/02/16	3754
Taxation—Tax policy Senator Moore	29/02/16	3845
Taxation—Tax policy Senator Moore	15/03/16	3946
Taxation—Tobacco [‡] Senator Leyonhjelm	18/04/16	4115

3.5 Urgency motions

An urgency motion (or matter of public importance) may be moved on any sitting day, except Thursday, and must have the support of four other senators before the matter can be debated. Notice is not required so that newly emerging matters can be considered by the Senate. The urgency motion is debated and at the conclusion of the debate a vote is taken as to whether the matter is considered urgent or not.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 9 – Matters of Public Importance and Urgency Debates*.

Number of urgency motions:

first session of the 44th Parliament	2
second session of the 44th Parliament ^ψ	1

Matter of urgency	Date	Journals page
Environment—Coral bleaching ^ψ Senator Siewert Debated and agreed to	02/05/16	4179
Politics—Political donations reform Senator Siewert Debated and agreed to	24/02/16	3801
Politics—Political donations reform Senator Moore Debated and agreed to	02/03/16	3890

3.6 Motions agreed to

All decisions of the Senate begin as motions moved by senators. The first step is usually for a senator to give notice of his or her intention to move a motion. A notice of motion therefore signals a potential decision of the Senate. Notices of motion may seek the Senate's endorsement on an issue of domestic or foreign policy or recognition of a particular achievement or event. Others relate to the machinery of Senate business and include notices for the introduction of bills or extensions of time for committees to report, among other things.

Most notices of motion fall into one of three main categories. Business of the Senate, Government Business or General Business. Many notices of motion are dealt with by the Senate during discovery of formal business. Other notices are dealt with when the time for considering Business of the Senate or Government Business is reached in the program.

This table shows only substantive resolutions relating to public affairs agreed to by the Senate. Routine and procedural motions are not listed.

Number of principal motions agreed to:

first session of the 44th Parliament	42
second session of the 44th Parliament €	22

Subject	Notice given	Agreed to	Journals page
Administration—			
2016 Australia Day award recipients (Senators Lazarus, Moore and Waters)	03/02/16	22/02/16*	3751
2016 Federal election—Use of Australian paper (Senators Xenophon, Madigan, Muir, Lambie and Lazarus) €	03/05/16	04/05/16	4234
Order of Australia recipients (Senators Smith, Reynolds, Johnston, Cormann, Back and Cash)	02/02/16	03/02/16	3696
Children—			
Child poverty (Senator Siewert)	25/02/16	29/02/16	3841
Culture and the arts—			
Bondi Pavilion (Senators Rhiannon and Dastyari) €	03/05/16	04/05/16	4232
Death of Mr Xulhaz Mannan (Senators Simms and Smith) €	02/05/16	03/05/16	4204
Death of Sarah Tait (Senators Wang, Nash, Cash, Moore and Peris)	15/03/16	16/03/16	3968

Subject	Notice given	Agreed to	Journals page
Defence—			
Barracuda-class submarines (Senator Whish-Wilson) €	03/05/16	04/05/16	4236
Vietnam Veterans Day (Senators Lindgren and Reynolds)	02/03/16	03/03/16	3905
Economics References Committee—			
Housing affordability—Implementation of recommendations (Senator Ludlam)	02/12/15	02/02/16*	3665
Environment—			
Marine protection (Senator Siewert) €	19/04/16	02/05/16	4173
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area—Impact of fires (Senators McKim and Singh)	03/02/16	22/02/16*	3752
Family and community services—			
Centrelink (Senators Siewert and Cameron)	02/02/16	03/02/16	3697
Income support for students (Senator Siewert) €	03/05/16	04/05/16	4236
International Day of People with Disability (Senators Lines, Urquhart and Brown)	02/12/15	02/02/16	3665
International Day of People with Disability (Senators Siewert, Moore and Lindgren)	02/12/15	02/02/16	3666
National Volunteer Week (Senators Moore, Brown and Bilyk) €	03/05/16	04/05/16	4230
Poker machine licensing (Senator Lambie)	02/02/16	23/02/16	3776
World Down Syndrome Day (Senators Fifield, Moore and Siewert) €	18/04/16	19/04/16	4145
Finance—			
Banking and financial services sector (Senator Whish-Wilson) €	18/04/16	19/04/16	4148
Banking and financial services sector (Senator Wong) €	18/04/16	19/04/16	4135
Foreign affairs—			
Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (Senator Smith)	02/12/15	02/02/16	3667
Global Polio Eradication Initiative (Senator Back)	15/03/16	16/03/16*	3971
Global Polio Eradication Initiative (Senator Singh)	15/03/16	16/03/16	3967
Myanmar (Senator Smith) €	18/04/16	19/04/16	4137

Subject	Notice given	Agreed to	Journals page
Health—			
Child Dental Benefits Scheme (Senator Di Natale) €	02/05/16	03/05/16	4204
Hepatitis C (Senator Smith)	29/02/16	01/03/16	3860
Hospital funding (Senator Di Natale) €	19/04/16	02/05/16	4176
National Breastfeeding Hotline (Senators Moore and Siewert)	24/02/16	29/02/16	3839
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (Senators Polley and Bilyk)	02/02/16	03/02/16	3693
Remote area nurses (Senator Xenophon) €	02/05/16	03/05/16	4205
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II—90th birthday (Senator Smith) €	03/05/16	04/05/16	4237
Historical events—			
Australian participation in the Battle of Pozières—Centenary (Senator McEwen)	16/03/16	17/03/16	3991
Vietnam War (Senators Lindgren, Reynolds and Smith) €	02/05/16	03/05/16*	4206
Indigenous Australians—			
Children in out-of-home care (Senator Siewert)	04/02/16	22/02/16	3752
Incarceration rates—Justice targets (Senator Siewert) €	18/04/16	19/04/16	4134
Kimberley Roundtable Report (Senators Lines, Sterle and Siewert) €	18/04/16	19/04/16*	4139
Renal health—Dialysis services (Senator Siewert)	03/03/16	15/03/16	3945
Industry—			
Australian steel industry (Senator Carr) €	18/04/16	19/04/16	4144
Australian steel industry (Senators Xenophon, Carr, Lazarus, Madigan and Muir)	23/02/16	24/02/16	3792
South Australia—Automotive manufacturing (Senator Simms)	29/02/16	01/03/16*	3859
Law and justice—			
Abuse of children in institutional care—National Redress Scheme (Senators Moore and McLucas) €	03/05/16	04/05/16	4235
Data retention—Data breach notification laws (Senator Ludlam)	02/12/15	02/02/16*	3667
Family law (Senators Madigan, Day, Muir, Wang, Lazarus, Leyonhjelm and Lambie)	02/12/15	02/02/16	3666

Subject	Notice given	Agreed to	Journals page
Western Australia—Anti-protest laws (Senator Siewert)	23/02/16	24/02/16	3794
Politics—			
Political donations—Reform (Senator Collins)	29/02/16	01/03/16	3861
Primary industries—			
Agricultural export subsidies (Senator Williams)	25/02/16	29/02/16	3840
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (Senator Cameron) [€]	18/04/16	19/04/16	4138
Queensland meat industry (Senator Lazarus)	22/02/16	23/02/16	3777
Regional Australia—			
South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia—Bushfires (Senators Back, Reynolds and Smith)	02/02/16	03/02/16	3693
Tambo Teddies (Senators Moore and Macdonald)	02/12/15	02/02/16	3665
Tasmania—Bushfires (Senator Bilyk)	22/02/16	23/02/16*	3776
Western Australia—Bushfires (Senators Wang, Cash, Bullock, Sterle, Siewert, Lines, Ludlam, Cormann, Smith and Back)	02/02/16	03/02/16	3694
Wet tropics—Yellow crazy ants (Senator Lazarus)	16/03/16	17/03/16	3992
Science and technology—			
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) (Senators Wong and Carr) [€]	19/04/16	02/05/16*	4173
Social issues—			
Homelessness (Senator Lines)	02/03/16	03/03/16	3904
National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (Senators Bilyk and Polley)	15/03/16	16/03/16	3968
Sport—			
Football Federation Australia—Crowd control (Senators Leyonhjelm and Dastyari)	02/12/15	02/02/16	3668
Taxation—			
Impact of tax policy on house prices (Senator Ludlam)	25/02/16	29/02/16	3842
Transport—			
Funding of infrastructure projects (Senators Ludlam and Sterle)	02/02/16	03/02/16	3697

Subject	Notice given	Agreed to	Journals page
Trucking industry—Safety (Senators Williams and Sterle)	02/12/15	02/02/16	3664
Women—			
International Women’s Day (Senators Moore, Cash and Waters)	02/03/16	03/03/16	3905
International Women’s Day (Senators Moore, Gallagher and Waters)	01/03/16	02/03/16	3887
Sex Discrimination Commissioner—Appointment (Senators Waters and Moore)	02/02/16	03/02/16	3695

* Moved or agreed to in an amended form

3.7 Condolence motions

Condolence motions are moved as a mark of respect on the death of current or former senators and members, and soldiers who lose their lives in the service of Australia. They are also moved on the occasion of significant events involving the loss of Australian lives, such as the Bali terrorist attacks in 2002.

Number of condolence motions passed:

first session of the 44th Parliament	2
second session of the 44th Parliament †	2

2 February 2016	The Honourable James (Jim) Joseph Carlton, AO Former Member and Minister Moved by Senator Brandis
22 February 2016	The Honourable Robert (Bob) George Halverson, OBE Former Member and Speaker of the House of Representatives Moved by Senator Brandis
2 May 2016	Allan Charles Rocher † Former Senator and Member Moved by Senator Scullion
2 May 2016	The Honourable Dr Rex Alan Patterson † Former Member and Minister Moved by Senator Scullion

3.8 Orders for the production of documents

The power to require the production of information is one of the most significant powers available to a legislature to enable it to carry out its functions of scrutinising legislation and the performance of the executive arm of government.

Orders for the production of documents most frequently require the tabling of documents in the possession of ministers, government departments and agencies, although occasionally an order may require the creation of a document. The order will generally describe the documents sought and specify a date for their tabling.

For more information, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 12 – Orders for Production of Documents*.

Number of orders for the production of documents agreed to:

first session of the 44th Parliament	13
second session of the 44th Parliament *	11

Orders for the production of documents:

Additional estimates 2015-16—Unanswered questions on notice *

Answers to all unanswered questions for all portfolios, that were placed on notice during the consideration of the 2015-16 additional estimates.

Order made: 3 May 2016 (Senator Wong)

For tabling: 4 May 2016

Document tabled: 4 May 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Infrastructure Investment Program—Communications campaign

Documents in respect of the \$18 million ‘communications campaign’ funded from within the Infrastructure Investment program, as referred to in the 2015-16 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook released in December 2015.

Order made: 29 February 2016 (Senator Conroy)

For tabling: 15 March 2016

Documents tabled: 17 March 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Outsourcing of work to foreign businesses

Documents relevant to the outsourcing of work by government departments and associated agencies to foreign businesses.

Order made: 24 February 2016 (Senator Lazarus)

For tabling: 12 May 2016

Documents tabled: 29 February 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Defence—Defence Housing Australia—Scoping study

A copy of the Lazard Scoping Study.

Order made: 2 February 2016 (Senator Lambie)

For tabling: 22 February 2016

Document tabled: 22 February 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Defence—Defence White Paper

A copy of the Defence White Paper 2015.

Order made: 2 February 2016 (Senator Lambie)

For tabling: 22 February 2016

Documents tabled: 22 and 29 February 2016

Defence—Submarines tender process *

Documents commissioned from Macroeconomics.com.au Pty Ltd, including economic modelling and other examination of the potential economic impact of the SEA1000 submarine project on the Australian economy, among other subjects.

Order made: 19 April 2016 (Senator Xenophon)

For tabling: next day of sitting

Document presented: 21 April 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Defence—Submarines tender process—Legal advice

The independent legal advice which grounds the Minister's public interest immunity claim made in the Senate on 23 February 2016 in relation to the Senate resolution agreed to on 17 November 2014 [Legal advice in relation to Defence submarines tender process].

Order made: 3 March 2016 (Senators McEwen and Xenophon)

For tabling: 15 March 2016

Document tabled: 17 March 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Education—Research Infrastructure Review *

A copy of the report of the Research Infrastructure Review.

Order made: 19 April 2016 (Senator Carr)

For tabling: 20 April 2016

Document presented: 20 April 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Education—School funding—Indexation

Documents prepared since 15 September 2015 in relation to the indexation of total school funding (2014-15 Budget measure ‘Students First’ – indexation of school funding from 2018).

Order made: 3 March 2016 (Senator Dastyari)

For tabling: 15 March 2016

Documents tabled: 17 March 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Health—Bulk-billing incentives—Diagnostic imaging and pathology services *

Any instrument that would give effect to changes to diagnostic imaging and pathology services bulk-billing incentives.

Order made: 3 May 2016 (Senator Gallagher)

For tabling: 4 May 2016

Document tabled: 4 May 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Health—Victoria—Regional hospitals funding *

Documents created between October 2013 and May 2016 relating to funding of hospitals in regional Victoria.

Order made: 3 May 2016 (Senator Di Natale)

For tabling: 4 May 2016

Document tabled: 4 May 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Immigration—Asylum seekers—Wilson Security *

Documents in relation to any contracts between Broadspectrum (formerly known as Transfield Services) and its subcontractor Wilson Security in relation to operations on Nauru and Manus Island.

Order made: 19 April 2016 (Senator Hanson-Young)

For tabling: 21 April 2016

Document tabled: 2 May 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Indigenous Australians—Social Ventures Australia—Reports *

Reports from Social Ventures Australia in relation to the Indigenous Advancement – Jobs, Land and Economy Programme and funding for Indigenous rangers and Indigenous Protected Areas.

Order made: 3 May 2016 (Senator Moore)

For tabling: 4 May 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Primary industries—Department of Agriculture—Former Secretary *

Correspondence between the former Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Dr Paul Grimes, and the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, ordered to be provided in relation to various Acting Australian Information Commissioner's decisions.

Order made: 2 May 2016 (Senator Cameron)

For tabling: 3 May 2016

Document tabled: 3 May 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Science and technology—CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—Restructure

Documents in relation to the restructuring of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Oceans and Atmosphere division reported on 4 February 2016.

Order made: 24 February 2016 (Senator Waters)

For tabling: 3 March 2016

Documents tabled: 3 March 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Science and technology—CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—Restructure

Documents held by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), or the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division.

Order made: 29 February 2016 (Senator Waters)

For tabling: 3 March 2016

Documents tabled: 3 March 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Science and technology—CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—Restructure

All documents, briefings or correspondence between CSIRO and the Minister or Department of Industry, Innovation and Science relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division.

Order made: 16 March 2016 (Senator Carr)

For tabling: 30 March 2016

Documents presented: 31 March 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Science and technology—CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—Restructure

Documents assembled by Dr Alex Wonhas and now held by the CSIRO or the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division.

Order made: 16 March 2016 (Senator Waters)

For tabling: 30 March 2016

Documents presented: 31 March 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Senate—Electoral law changes

Documents recording the agreement between the Government and the Australian Greens relating to changes to Senate voting.

Order made: 3 March 2016 (Senator Collins)

For tabling: 3 March 2016

Documents tabled: 3 March 2016

Senate—Electoral law changes—Communications

All documents recording communications with the Australian Electoral Commission and the Minister for Finance, the Acting Special Minister of State, the Special Minister of State and the Department of Finance relating to proposed changes to the Senate voting system since 1 September 2016.

Order made: 16 March 2016 (Senator Collins)

For tabling: 17 March 2016

Document tabled: 17 March 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Senate—Electoral law changes—Communications and minutes

Documents recording all communications, and ‘round table’ meeting minutes in relation to Senate electoral law changes.

Order made: 2 March 2016 (Senator Collins)

For tabling: 3 March 2016

Documents tabled: 3 March 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Sport—Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority—National Anti-Doping Framework *

Various documents relating to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) and the National Anti-Doping Framework concerning the AFL and Operation Cobia.

Order made: 2 May 2016 (Senators Madigan, Leyonhjelm, Day, Lambie, Wang, Xenophon, Lazarus and Muir)

For tabling: 6 May 2016

Document presented: 6 May 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Transport—Western Australia—Perth Freight Link *

Correspondence between government officials on the business case and cost-benefit analysis for the Perth Freight Link Tunnel.

Order made: 19 April 2016 (Senator Ludlam)

For tabling: 20 April 2016

Document presented: 21 April 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Wind Turbines—Select Committee—Government's response *

A copy of the government's response to the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines.

Order made: 2 May 2016 (Senators Madigan, Xenophon, Leyonhjelm, Day, Muir, Lazarus, Lambie and Wang)

For tabling: 10 May 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Documents tabled pursuant to existing orders:

Administration—Australian Public Service—Training for estimates hearings

All documents held by the Government in relation to any training since 1 January 2013 undertaken by public servants as preparation to appear before Senate estimates committees.

Order made: 30 November 2015 (Senator Rhiannon)

For tabling: 3 February 2016

Document tabled: 3 February 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Gosford waterfront—Building contracts

Any documents recording contacts between the Commonwealth and the New South Wales State Government, Gosford City Council, the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation, the Doma Group and other tenderers in relation to the proposed Australian Taxation Office building development in Gosford.

Order made: 26 November 2015 (Senator O'Neill)

For tabling: 30 November 2015

Documents presented: 4 December 2015, tabled 2 February 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Family and community services—Childcare Assistance Package

Documents relating to the Childcare Assistance Package and childcare reform package.

Order made: 2 December 2015 (Senator Xenophon)

For tabling: 8 December 2015

Document presented: 8 December 2015, tabled 2 February 2016

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Documents tabled pursuant to orders with continuing effect:

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A list of all appointments made by the Government and existing vacancies to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies.

Order made: 24 June 2008 (Senator Minchin) (varied 12 May 2009)

For tabling: By not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings

Documents tabled: 2, 3, 4 and 22 February, and 2, 3 and 4 May 2016

Order remains current

Departmental and agency grants

A list of all grants approved in each portfolio or agency, including the value of the grant, recipient of the grant and the program from which the grant was made.

Order made: 24 June 2008 (Senator Minchin)

For tabling: By not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings

Documents tabled: 2, 3, 4 and 22 February, and 2, 3 and 4 May 2016

Order remains current

Entity contracts

List of entity contracts.

Order made: 20 June 2001 (varied 27 September 2001, 18 and 26 June, 4 December 2003 and 14 May 2015)

For tabling: not later than 30 September each year

Documents tabled: 22, 23, 24 and 29 February, 1, 2, 3, 15 and 17 March and 2 May 2016

Documents presented: 5 and 6 May 2016

Order remains current

Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice

A statement in relation to questions taken on notice during the previous round of estimates hearings.

Order made: 25 June 2014 (Senator Wong)

For tabling: by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings

Documents tabled: 2, 3, 4 and 22 February, and 2 and 3 May 2016

Documents presented: 5 May 2016

Order remains current

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files

Indexed lists of files of government departments and agencies.

Order made: 30 May 1996 (varied 3 December 1998)

For tabling: by the tenth day of the autumn and spring sittings each year or statements of compliance that such indexed lists of files have been placed on the Internet

Documents tabled: 22, 23, 25 and 29 February, 1, 2, 3 and 15 March, and 18 and 19 April 2016

Order remains current

3.9 Government responses to committee reports

Governments give careful consideration to Senate committee reports and may act on their recommendations. Successive governments have undertaken to inform the Senate of their responses to committee reports within a particular period.

The President reports to the Senate twice a year on those responses which are outstanding.

For more information on the role of committees see *Senate Briefs No. 4 – Senate Committees*.

Number of government responses to committee reports tabled:

first session of the 44th Parliament **11**

second session of the 44th Parliament † **9**

Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts—Select Committee

Interim report—Report presented 4 February 2015

Response tabled 4 February 2016

Community Affairs References Committee

Grandparents who take primary responsibility for raising their grandchildren—
Report tabled 29 October 2014

Response presented 15 January 2016

Impact on service quality, efficiency and sustainability of recent Commonwealth
community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services—
Interim report tabled 13 May 2015; report tabled 16 September 2015

Response presented 15 January 2016

Palliative care in Australia—Report tabled 10 October 2012

Response presented 6 May 2016 †

Economics References Committee

Digital currency – game changer or bit player—Report presented 4 August 2015

Response presented 5 May 2016 †

Interest rates and informed choice in the Australian credit card market—
Report presented 6 December 2015

Response presented 6 May 2016 †

Need for a national approach to retail leasing arrangements—Report tabled
18 March 2015

Response tabled 24 February 2016

Environment and Communications References Committee

Management of the Great Barrier Reef—Report tabled 3 September 2014
Response presented 14 April 2016

Performance and management of electricity network companies—Report presented 5 June 2015

Response presented 27 April 2016 †

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Reports on annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 1 of 2015—
Report tabled 17 March 2015

Response tabled 4 February 2016

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

Partnering for the greater good: The role of the private sector in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region—Report tabled 23 June 2015

Response presented 31 March 2016

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Australia's future activities and responsibilities in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic waters—Report tabled 29 October 2014

Response tabled 4 February 2016

Blind agreement: reforming Australia's treaty-making process—Report tabled 25 June 2015

Response tabled 2 February 2016

China-Australia Free Trade Agreement—Report presented 6 November 2015

Response presented 8 April 2016

Inquiry into firefighting foam contamination: Part A – RAAF Base Williamtown—
Report tabled 4 February 2016

Response presented 15 April 2016

Use of unmanned air, maritime and land platforms by the Australian Defence Force—Report tabled 25 June 2015

Response tabled 3 March 2016

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

Review of the re-listing of Al-Shabaab, Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Palestinian Islamic Jihad as terrorist organisations—Report tabled 12 October 2015

Response tabled 3 May 2016 †

Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee

Examination of the annual report of the Australian Federal Police 2013-14—
Report tabled 15 September 2015

Response tabled 23 February 2016

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Work undertaken by the Australian Federal Police's Oil for Food Taskforce—
Report tabled 24 March 2015
Response tabled 3 February 2016

Impact of the 2014 and 2015 Commonwealth Budget decisions on the Arts—
Report tabled 2 December 2015
Response tabled 4 May 2016 †

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee

Implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme—
Progress report tabled 12 November 2015
Response tabled 17 March 2016

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

449th report—Regional Development Australia Fund, military equipment disposal
and tariff concessions: Review of Auditor-General's reports nos 1 to 23
(2014-15)—Report tabled 12 August 2015
Response tabled 23 February 2016

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—Select Committee

First interim report—Report presented 12 June 2015
Response presented 15 January 2016

Taking responsibility: conditions and circumstances at Australia's regional
processing centre in Nauru—Report presented 31 August 2015
Response presented 15 January 2016

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015—Report
tabled 15 October 2015
Response presented 5 May 2016 †

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Industry structures and systems governing the imposition and disbursement of
marketing and research and development (R&D) levies in the agriculture sector—
Report presented 30 June 2015
Response presented 5 May 2016 †

Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Select Committee

Inquiry into business utilisation of Australia's free trade agreements—
Report tabled 15 October 2015
Response tabled 17 March 2016

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

154th report—Treaty tabled on 17 June 2015—Report tabled 10 November 2015
Response presented 21 April 2016 †

3.10 Petitions

Individuals and organisations may seek to have petitions presented to the Parliament. Petitions generally express views on matters of public policy and ask the Senate or the Parliament to take - or, in some cases, *not* to take - a particular course of action.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 7 – Petitions*.

First session of the 44th Parliament

number of petitions	10
number of signatories	114 778

Subject	Petitions	Signatories
Animal Welfare—Criminal Code Amendment (Animal Protection) Bill 2015	1	5 005
Animal Welfare—Live export of breeder animals	1	6 475
Defence—Deployment of US marines to Darwin	2	1 089
Education—Safe Schools Programme	1	9 499
Environment—Proposed amendments to environmental laws	1	88 968
Environment—Radioactive waste management sites	1	2 779
Immigration—Visa application of Ms Ping Hu	1	88
Law and Justice—Redress for victims of institutional child sexual abuse	1	1
Social Issues—Restore the right of territories and states to pass laws on the issue of euthanasia	1	874

Second session of the 44th Parliament

number of petitions	3
number of signatories	496

Subject	Petitions	Signatories
Regional Australia—Funding of the Wangaratta Aquatics Plan for the Future	2	314
Transport—Road Safety Remuneration Repeal Bill 2016	1	182

3.11 Questions

Questions without notice

Questions asked of ministers in the Senate at question time are asked *without notice*, although a senator may informally advise a minister of the subject of a proposed question.

	2014	2015	2016 (to 30 June)
Australian Greens	261	261	81
Australian Labor Party	792	765	264
Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party	6	24	9
Coalition (Liberal Party and The Nationals)	762	777	285
Family First Party	15	21	8
Glenn Lazarus Team ¹ (formerly Palmer United Party, and Independent)	—	21	6
Independent ² (Senator Lambie) (formerly Palmer United Party)	3	21	9
Independent ³ (Senator Madigan) (formerly Democratic Labour Party)	30	24	6
Independent (Senator Xenophon)	30	21	6
Liberal Democratic Party	15	24	6
Palmer United Party	48	24	9
Total	1962	1983	689

Notes:

1. Senator Lazarus resigned from the Palmer United Party on 15 March 2015; and appointed as Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team on 4 February 2016.
2. Senator Lambie resigned from the Palmer United Party on 24 November 2014.
3. Senator Madigan resigned from the Democratic Labour Party on 4 September 2014.

Questions on notice

Where a senator seeks a detailed response, particularly where statistical information is sought, that question is more appropriately submitted in written form and placed *on notice*. A senator who places a question on notice and does not receive a reply within 30 days may seek from the relevant minister in the Senate an explanation as to why an answer has not been provided. There is no limit to the number of questions a senator may place on notice.

	2014	2015	2016 (to 30 June)
Australian Greens	140	90	80
Australian Labor Party	1344	988	532
Coalition	11	21	2
Independent (Senator Lambie) (formerly Palmer United Party)	29	103	4
Independent (Senator Xenophon)	—	81	18
Total	1524	1283	636

Note: Senator Lambie resigned from the Palmer United Party on 24 November 2014.

For further information about questions, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 6 – Questions* and *Senate Brief No. 12 – Questions*. Further statistics about questions on notice are available in the [Questions on Notice Summary](#)

3.12 Attendance of senators

This table lists the attendance of senators in the Senate chamber on sitting days in 2016. Under section 20 of the Constitution, senators can lose their places if they fail to attend the Senate for two consecutive months without permission. A senator can be granted leave of absence with the consent of the chamber. Senators who are absent without the Senate's approval are shown as "Absent without leave".

Period: 1 January to 30 June 2016

Sitting days: 19

Senator	Days present	Absent without leave	Absent with leave	Senator	Days present	Absent without leave	Absent with leave
Abetz	15	0	4	Madigan	19	0	0
Back	19	0	0	Marshall	19	0	0
Bernardi	19	0	0	McAllister	19	0	0
Bilyk	18	0	1	McEwen	19	0	0
Birmingham	18	0	1	McGrath	19	0	0
Brandis	19	0	0	McKenzie	19	0	0
Brown	19	0	0	McKim	18	0	1
Bullock ¹	14	0	0	McLucas	19	0	0
Bushby	19	0	0	Moore	19	0	0
Cameron	19	0	0	Muir	19	0	0
Canavan	19	0	0	Nash	19	0	0
Carr	17	0	2	O'Neill	19	0	0
Cash	19	0	0	O'Sullivan	19	0	0
Colbeck	15	0	4	Parry	19	0	0
Collins	19	0	0	Paterson ³	8	0	0
Conroy	19	0	0	Payne	19	0	0
Cormann	19	0	0	Peris	15	0	4
Dastyari	19	0	0	Polley	19	0	0
Day	18	0	1	Reynolds	19	0	0
Di Natale	19	0	0	Rhiannon	19	0	0
Dodson ²	3	0	0	Rice	19	0	0
Edwards	19	0	0	Ronaldson ⁴	3	1	3
Fawcett	19	0	0	Ruston	18	0	1
Fierravanti-Wells	13	0	6	Ryan	19	0	0
Fifield	19	0	0	Scullion	19	0	0
Gallacher	19	0	0	Seselja	19	0	0
Gallagher	19	0	0	Siewert	19	0	0
Hanson-Young	19	0	0	Simms	19	0	0
Heffernan	15	0	4	Singh	17	0	2
Johnston	19	0	0	Sinodinos	19	0	0
Ketter	19	0	0	Smith	19	0	0
Lambie	18	1	0	Sterle	17	0	2
Lazarus	19	0	0	Urquhart	19	0	0
Leyonhjelm	18	1	0	Wang	19	0	0
Lindgren	19	0	0	Waters	19	0	0
Lines	19	0	0	Whish-Wilson	19	0	0
Ludlam	19	0	0	Williams	19	0	0
Ludwig	19	0	0	Wong	19	0	0
Macdonald	19	0	0	Xenophon	18	0	1

Notes:

- 1 Bullock resigned 13 April 2016.
- 2 Dodson (vice Bullock)—term commenced 28 April 2016; sworn in 2 May 2016.
- 3 Paterson (vice Ronaldson)—term commenced 9 March 2016; sworn in 15 March 2016.
- 4 Ronaldson resigned 28 February 2016.

3.13 Attendance of senators in divisions

The voting statistics do not reflect absences as a result of pairing arrangements or leave. Pairing is an unofficial arrangement between the parties, details of which are indicated in the *Hansard*, adjacent to the relevant division.

Divisions:

Divisions in the Senate	111
Divisions in committee of the whole	37
Total	148

Senator	Senate	Committee		Senator	Senate	Committee
Abetz	60	6		Madigan	84	22
Back	102	36		Marshall	74	29
Bernardi	78	7		McAllister	87	30
Bilyk	55	7		McEwen	106	29
Birmingham	71	27		McGrath	96	26
Brandis	48	18		McKenzie	98	35
Brown	58	25		McKim	93	12
Bullock ¹	75	30		McLucas	93	29
Bushby	111	35		Moore	108	37
Cameron	102	29		Muir	95	31
Canavan	88	32		Nash	73	27
Carr	48	15		O'Neill	99	29
Cash	62	28		O'Sullivan	106	35
Colbeck	86	26		Parry	85	26
Collins	62	27		Paterson ³	60	29
Conroy	56	16		Payne	53	2
Cormann	59	26		Peris	74	31
Dastyari	99	23		Polley	71	31
Day	59	24		Reynolds	107	36
Di Natale	108	35		Rhiannon	108	37
Dodson ²	6	2		Rice	111	37
Edwards	104	33		Ronaldson ⁴	10	4
Fawcett	98	35		Ruston	83	25
Fierravanti-Wells	63	1		Ryan	105	24
Fifield	88	27		Scullion	70	28
Gallacher	106	35		Seselja	76	24
Gallagher	88	29		Siewert	111	37
Hanson-Young	111	37		Simms	110	37
Heffernan	65	4		Singh	77	11
Johnston	89	26		Sinodinos	47	27
Ketter	105	26		Smith	99	37
Lambie	90	8		Sterle	71	30
Lazarus	107	13		Urquhart	86	31
Leyonhjelm	91	26		Wang	87	30
Lindgren	106	37		Waters	111	37
Lines	97	11		Whish-Wilson	111	37
Ludlam	109	37		Williams	95	19
Ludwig	103	11		Wong	56	12
Macdonald	105	27		Xenophon	65	24

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Bills still before the Senate

Government bills—at the end of the first session of the 44th Parliament

Bill short title	Origin
Australian Citizenship and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Australian Crime Commission (National Policing Information Charges) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Australian Securities and Investments Commission Amendment (Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee Abolition) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	House of Representatives
Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	House of Representatives
Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	House of Representatives
Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015	Senate
Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015	House of Representatives

Bill short title	Origin
Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Fair Work Amendment (Bargaining Processes) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015	Senate
Freedom of Information Amendment (New Arrangements) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Higher Education Support Amendment (Savings and Other Measures) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Income Tax (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts—Offsets) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Income Tax Rates Amendment (Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Medicare Levy Amendment (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Repeal Bill 2014	House of Representatives
National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2015) Bill 2015	House of Representatives

Bill short title	Origin
Paid Parental Leave Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Registration of Deaths Abroad Amendment Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Improving the Comcare Scheme) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015	Senate
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 4) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Student Measures) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Social Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity) Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015	House of Representatives
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Interest Charge) Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015	House of Representatives

Bill short title	Origin
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Governance) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 3) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Textile, Clothing and Footwear Investment and Innovation Programs Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Treasury Legislation Amendment (Repeal Day 2015) Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Single Appeal Path) Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015	House of Representatives

Government bills—at the end of the second session of the 44th Parliament

Bill short title	Origin
Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015	House of Representatives
Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015	Senate
National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Registration of Deaths Abroad Amendment Bill 2016	House of Representatives
Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2016	Senate

Bill short title	Origin
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015	Senate

**Private senators' bills—at the end of the first session
of the 44th Parliament**

Bill short title	Origin
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Adelaide Airport Curfew Amendment (Protecting Residents' Amenity) Bill 2014	Wright (AG)
Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014	Xenophon (Ind)
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015	McKenzie (Nats)
Australian Centre for Social Cohesion Bill 2015	Milne (AG)
Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015	Xenophon (Ind), Waters (AG), Lambie (Ind) and Lazarus (GLT)
Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment (Securing the Automotive Component Industry) Bill 2015	Rice (AG) and Simms (AG)
Charter of Budget Honesty Amendment (Intergenerational Report) Bill 2015	Milne (AG)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donations Reform) Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016	Rhiannon (AG)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Reducing Barriers for Minor Parties) Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015	Wang (PUP)

Bill short title	Origin
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015	Milne (AG) and Xenophon (Ind)
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014	Xenophon (Ind)
Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014	Whish-Wilson (AG)
Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014	Milne (AG)
Criminal Code Amendment (Animal Protection) Bill 2015	Back (LP)
Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015	Ludlam (AG)
Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013	Farrell (ALP)
End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Alpine Grazing) Bill 2014	Di Natale (AG)
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014	Ludwig (ALP)
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015	Rhiannon (AG)
Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013	Madigan (Ind)
Fair Trade (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013	Madigan (Ind)
Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015	Waters (AG)
Fair Work Amendment (Penalty Rates Exemption for Small Businesses) Bill 2015	Leyonhjelm (LDP) and Day (FFP)
Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016	Cameron (ALP)
Flags Amendment Bill 2014	Madigan (Ind) and Xenophon (Ind)

Bill short title	Origin
Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind) and Milne (AG)
Freedom of Information Amendment (Requests and Reasons) Bill 2015	Ludwig (ALP)
Freedom to Marry Bill 2014	Leyonhjelm (LDP)
Great Barrier Reef Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	Waters (AG)
Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013	Madigan (Ind)
Higher Education Support Amendment (New Zealand Citizens) Bill 2015	Carr (ALP)
Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (Improved Oversight and Resourcing) Bill 2014	Wright (AG)
Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015	Xenophon (Ind)
Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015	Rhiannon (AG)
Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015	Waters (AG)
Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013	Hanson-Young (AG)
Marriage Equality Plebiscite Bill 2015	Rice (AG), Lazarus (GLT), Leyonhjelm (LDP), Lambie (Ind), Muir (AMEP) and Xenophon (Ind)
Migration Amendment (Free the Children) Bill 2016	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Humanitarian Visa Intake) Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Visa Maximum Numbers Determinations) Bill 2013	Hanson-Young (AG)

Bill short title	Origin
Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014	Milne (AG)
Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014	Milne (AG)
National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014	Urquhart (ALP)
National Integrity Commission Bill 2013	Milne (AG)
Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015	Xenophon (Ind)
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2015	Wong (ALP)
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Poker Machine Harm Reduction (\$1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]	Di Natale (AG), Madigan (Ind) and Xenophon (Ind)
Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014	Singh (ALP)
Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014	Di Natale (AG)
Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014	Day (FFP), Bernardi (LP), Leyonhjelm (LDP) and Smith (LP)
Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014	Di Natale (AG), Macdonald (LP), Leyonhjelm (LDP) and Urquhart (ALP)
Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind) and Madigan (Ind)
Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015	Leyonhjelm (LDP)
Restoring Territory Rights (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2016	Di Natale (AG) and Gallagher (ALP)

Bill short title	Origin
Save Our Sharks Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Social Security Amendment (Diabetes Support) Bill 2016	Muir (AMEP)
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Stop Dumping on the Great Barrier Reef Bill 2014	Waters (AG)
Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014	Whish-Wilson (AG)
Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Expanded Gold Card Access) Bill 2015	Lambie (Ind)
Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015	Rhiannon (AG)

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Bill short title	Origin
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014	Xenophon (Ind)
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015	McKenzie (Nats)
Australian Centre for Social Cohesion Bill 2015	Milne (AG)
Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015	Xenophon (Ind), Waters (AG), Lambie (Ind) and Lazarus (GLT)
Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment (Securing the Automotive Component Industry) Bill 2015	Rice (AG) and Simms (AG)
Charter of Budget Honesty Amendment (Intergenerational Report) Bill 2015	Milne (AG)

Bill short title	Origin
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donations Reform) Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016	Rhiannon (AG)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Reducing Barriers for Minor Parties) Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015	Wang (PUP)
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015	Xenophon (Ind)
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014	Xenophon (Ind)
Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014	Milne (AG)
Criminal Code Amendment (Animal Protection) Bill 2015	Back (LP)
Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015	Ludlam (AG)
End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Alpine Grazing) Bill 2014	Di Natale (AG)
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015	Rhiannon (AG)
Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015	Waters (AG)
Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016	Cameron (ALP)
Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Freedom of Information Amendment (Requests and Reasons) Bill 2015	Ludwig (ALP)
Great Barrier Reef Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	Waters (AG)

Bill short title	Origin
Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015	Xenophon (Ind)
Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015	Rhiannon (AG)
Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015	Waters (AG)
Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Free the Children) Bill 2016	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Humanitarian Visa Intake) Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Visa Maximum Numbers Determinations) Bill 2013	Hanson-Young (AG)
Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014	Milne (AG)
Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014	Milne (AG)
National Integrity Commission Bill 2013	Milne (AG)
Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015	Xenophon (Ind)
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2015	Wong (ALP)
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Poker Machine Harm Reduction (\$1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind), Madigan (Ind) and Di Natale (AG)
Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014	Singh (ALP)
Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014	Di Natale (AG)

Bill short title	Origin
Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014	Day (FFP), Bernardi (LP), Leyonhjelm (LDP) and Smith (LP)
Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind) and Madigan (Ind)
Restoring Territory Rights (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2016	Di Natale (AG) and Gallagher (ALP)
Save Our Sharks Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Social Security Amendment (Diabetes Support) Bill 2016	Muir (AMEP)
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Stop Dumping on the Great Barrier Reef Bill 2014	Waters (AG)
Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014	Whish-Wilson (AG)
Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Expanded Gold Card Access) Bill 2015	Lambie (Ind)
Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015	Rhiannon (AG)

KEY			
AG	Australian Greens	Ind	Independent
ALP	Australian Labor Party	LDP	Liberal Democratic Party
AMEP	Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party	LP	Liberal Party of Australia
FFP	Family First Party	Nats	The Nationals
GLT	Glenn Lazarus Team	PUP	Palmer United Party