The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.59 pm

Legislation

Bill introduced

Succession to the Crown Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 March 2015] [Minister’s second reading speech]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated and passed

Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading – first speaker]—bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were introduced, debated and read a second time

Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2015 and the Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading – first speaker]—Senator Xenophon second reading amendment agreed to—bills referred to the Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 5 May 2015

The following bills were debated

Biosecurity Bill 2014 and 4 related bills [second reading – first speaker]—Australian Greens (Senator Siewert) second reading amendment to be determined

Notice of motion to exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration during this period of sittings]—Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015—notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)
Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Reports, and documents, tabled

- Economics References Committee–Need for a national approach to retail leasing arrangements [report]
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation monitor no. 3 of 2015
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–3rd report of 2015 and Alert digest no. 3 of 2015

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised a meeting of a committee to be held while the Senate is sitting

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for various inquiries of committees

New inquiry

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Meat processing sector–to report by 12 August 2015

Notices of motion

To amend a resolution of appointment

Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs Select Committee–notice given by Senator Lazarus

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee–private meetings
- Law Enforcement Joint Committee–private meetings

Documents

Delegated legislation

See Disallowance Alert for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

A Clerk’s document was tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Disallowance motion

Instrument disallowed

The Senate disallowed the Part 145 Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2014 (No. 1) [F2014L01316] [first speaker]
Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development to table documents relating to the WestConnex road project in New South Wales—to table by no later than 4 pm on 25 March 2015 [a statement was made]

Documents tabled

- 1 petition
- Government documents [and considered]

Other business

Senators’ statements–first speaker

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time –first question

Adjournment debate–first speaker

Matter of public importance discussed

Social issues–Superannuation inequality and housing affordability–proposed by Senator Siewert [first speaker]

Motions agreed to

- Environment–Climate change–Extreme weather events–moved by Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a statement was made]
- Health–Melanoma–moved by Senators O’Neill, Di Natale, Xenophon and Seselja [a statement was made]
- Health–Mental health services–Funding–moved by Senators Wright and McLucas [a statement was made]
- Law and justice–Marriage equality legislation–moved by Senator Hanson-Young [statements were made – first speaker]
- Primary industries–Live export trade–moved by Senators O’Sullivan and Back [statements were made – first speaker]
- Science and technology–Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission–moved by Senator Day [statements were made – first speaker]

Motions negatived

- Family and community services–Housing affordability–moved by Senators Day, Leyonhjelm and Lambie [a statement was made]
- Transport–New South Wales–White Bay cruise ship terminal–moved by Senator Rhiannon [statements were made – first speaker]

Personal explanation

Senator Cameron made a statement relating to comments made by the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) during question time on 17 March 2015 concerning Fair Work Building and Construction
Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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