



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 9 February 2015

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.26 pm

Senators

The President announced the [resignation](#), on 6 February 2015, of Senator John Faulkner, a senator for the state of New South Wales

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill introduced

Australian Centre for Social Cohesion Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] Australian Greens second reading amendment negated [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Psychoactive Substances and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-2 Opposition amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-Australian Greens committee amendments negated [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was debated

Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013-second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole [commenced](#) [amendments remain to be considered]

Private senators' bills to be debated

On 14 November 2013 the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 12 February 2015 the Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014 and the Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014 are scheduled for debate

[Notice of motion](#) to introduce a bill

Criminal Code Amendment (Animal Protection) Bill 2015—notice given by Senator Back

[Message](#) reported

Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports presented out of sitting, and tabled

- Abbott Government's Budget Cuts Select Committee [[first interim report](#)]
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Proposals to lift the professional, ethical and education standards in the financial services industry [[report](#)]
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—
 - Broadcasting and Other Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
 - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014 and the Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Amendment Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—
 - Annual reports of committee activities [2012-13](#) and [2013-14](#)
 - Review of the listing of Al-Murabitun [[report](#)]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014 [[interim report](#)] and [[final](#)]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Incident at Manus Island Detention Centre from 16 February to 18 February 2014—[[interim report](#)] and [[final report](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [[dissenting report](#) from ALP senators]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Reports—
 - Current requirements for labelling of seafood and seafood products [[report](#)]
 - Role of public transport in delivering productivity outcomes [[report](#)]

- Senators' Interests Committee—Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 1 September and 2 December 2014

Government response to parliamentary committee report

Environment and Communications References Committee—The koala – saving our national icon [[response](#)]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries [4](#) and [23](#) refer]

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) to refer a matter to the Community Affairs References Committee concerning Australia's bid to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup

Reporting date extended

The Senate [extended the reporting date](#) for the following inquiry:

Community Affairs References Committee—Availability of cancer drugs in Australia—to report by 22 May 2015

[Notices of motion](#)

Setting hearing and reporting dates for the 2014-15 additional and 2015-16 Budget estimates

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—12 February, 5 March, 18 March and 26 March 2015—private meetings

To refer matters to committees

- Community Affairs References Committee—Community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Security—to report by 26 March 2015—notice given by Senator Siewert
- Economics References Committee—Operations of co-operatives and mutuals in the Australian economy—to report by 14 May 2015—notice given by Senators Xenophon and McKenzie
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Re-referral of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014 and the Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Amendment Bill 2014—to report by 1 May 2015—notice given by Senator Conroy
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia—to report by 30 June 2016—notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

[Clerk's documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Disallowance motions

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Xenophon gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow the Part 145 Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2014 (No. 1), made under regulation 145.015 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 [[F2014L01316](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- A [document](#) relating to child care and early childhood learning [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 3 December 2014]
- A [document](#) relating to the Air Warfare Destroyer program [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 2 December 2014]
- A [document](#) relating to the cost of the Government's data retention legislation [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 3 December 2014]

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) that the Minister representing the Minister for Health table documents relating to mental health review—no later than 3.30 pm on 11 February 2015

Motion not agreed to

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment to table documents concerning the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

Notices of motion

The following [notices of motion](#) were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- The Minister representing the Treasurer to table the Intergenerational Report—no later than 2 pm on 11 February 2015—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- The Minister assisting the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection to table a document relating to a review into recent allegations relating to conditions and circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—no later than 3 pm on 11 February 2015—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young
- The Minister for Employment to table documents relating to unanswered estimates questions on notice—no later than the end of question time on 12 February 2015—notice given by Senator Cameron
- The Minister representing the Minister for Social Services to table documents relating to the Government's commitment to homelessness and affordable housing—no later than noon on 10 February 2015—notice given by Senator Ludlam

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency unanswered questions on notice—Estimates hearings

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

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Environment portfolio was tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Ministerial statement

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) [tabled](#) a statement relating to achievements in schools and cross-border education

[Documents](#) tabled

Auditor-General's reports, Business of the Senate for 2014, government documents and responses to Senate resolutions

Other business

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

Matter of public importance discussed

Administration—[Abbott Government](#)—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- Defence—[ASC Pty Ltd](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
- Indigenous Australians—[Partnerships with resource companies](#)—moved by Senator O'Sullivan
- Taxation—[Corporate tax avoidance](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Motions denied formality

- Foreign affairs—[Recognition of Palestine](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- Politics—[Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign](#)—moved by Senator McKenzie

Death of former members

The President informed the Senate of the deaths of former members:

- on 8 January 2015, of the Honourable Keppel Earl Enderby, QC, a former minister and member of the House of Representatives for the divisions of the Australian Capital Territory and Canberra from 1970 to 1975 [[motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) – [first speaker](#)]
- on 13 January 2015 of Keith Webb Wright, a member for the division of Capricornia from 1984 to 1993
- on 24 January 2015 of Eric John Fitzgibbon, a member for the division of Hunter from 1984 to 1996
- on 26 January 2015, of the Honourable Thomas Uren, AC, a former minister and member of the House of Representatives for the division of Reid from 1958 to 1990 [[motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) – [first speaker](#)]

Statements – Martin Place siege

Statements were made relating to the Martin Place siege which occurred on 15 and 16 December 2014 [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals

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