



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 18 March 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.59 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### 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

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### Reports, and documents, tabled

- Economics References Committee–Need for a national approach to retail leasing arrangements [[report](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–Third progress [report](#)–Implementation of the *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012*
- 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

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### 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

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[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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