



# Senate Daily Summary

## Thursday, 26 March 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.39 pm

### Senators

- Senator Mason gave a [valedictory speech](#)
- Senator Katy Gallagher was [sworn](#) in as a senator to fill a vacancy in the representation of the Australian Capital Territory

### Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

#### Bills introduced

- Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015 [[homepage](#)] [[Second reading speech](#)]
- Judiciary Amendment Bill 2015 [[homepage](#)] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- Private Health Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2014 [[homepage](#)] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

#### Bills considered

The following bills were debated and passed without amendments

- Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014 [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#) – second reading] [The bill will now be [assented to](#)]
- Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015 [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#) – second reading] [The bill will now be [assented to](#)]
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014 [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#) – in committee] [The bill will now be [assented to](#)]

#### Messages Reported

From the House of Representatives:

- [Informing](#) the Senate that the House agreed to amendments made by the Senate to the Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014
- Returning the Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2014) Bill 2014 [[homepage](#)], and [informing](#) the Senate that the House disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate—consideration of the message in committee of the whole made an order of the day for the next day of sitting

[Notice of motion](#) to disallow the amendment to List of CITES Species, Declaration of a stricter domestic measure, made under subsection 303CB(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* [F2015L00277]—notice given by Senator Leyonhjelm

## Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### Reports and information tabled and [considered](#)

- [Additional estimates](#) information
- Joint Standing Committee on Treaties—[147th report](#) [[motion to take note](#)][[tabling statement](#)]

### New inquiries

#### Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report no. 4 of 2015](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Social Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2015—to report by 15 June 2015
- Economics Legislation Committee—Competition and Consumer Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2015—to report by 13 May 2015
- Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Construction Industry Amendment (Protecting Witnesses) Bill 2015—to report by 8 May 2015
- Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Improving the Comcare Scheme) Bill 2015—to report by 16 June 2015
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility and Other Measures) Bill 2015—to report by 8 May 2015
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Legislation Amendment Bill 2015—to report by 7 May 2015
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2015—to report by 13 May 2015
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2015—to report by 13 May 2015
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015—to report by 17 June 2015
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015—to report by 12 May 2015

#### Other inquiry

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Parliament House [security upgrade works](#)—to report by 13 May 2015

Inquiry negatived

Environment and Communications References Committee–Proposed reference–[Future of Australian forest management](#)–moved by Senator Rice [a [statement](#) was made]

### **New Committee**

[Appointment](#) of a Select Committee on the Recent Allegations Relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru to inquire into and report by 15 June 2015 [statements were made – [first speech](#)]

### **Meetings during the sitting of the Senate**

The Senate authorised a number of meetings of various committees while the Senate is sitting [See *Senate Journal* of 26 March 2015 entries [3](#), [18](#) and [19](#)] [statements were made – [first speech](#)]

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [See *Senate Journal* of 26 March 2015 entries [36](#) and [53](#)]

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate [extended](#) reporting dates for various inquiries of committees

[Notice of motion](#) to refer a matter:

Environment and Communications References Committee–Threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia and Australian waters–to report by 8 April 2016–notice given by Senator Wish-Wilson

## **Documents**

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### **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]

### **Orders for the production of documents**

Orders with continuing effect

*Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

[Statements of compliance](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Other orders

That the Minister for Finance (Senator Corman) [table](#) the correspondence requested in the Order for Production of Documents agreed to by the Senate on 17 March 2015, by 3:30 pm on 12 May 2015

## Documents tabled

- 2 petitions [[first petition](#)] [Journals entry [7](#)]
- Committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were [considered](#)
- Original [certificate](#) of the choice by the Australian Capital Territory Assembly of Senator Katy Gallagher and [certificate](#) of eligibility to be a senator
- Ministerial [statement](#) on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, dated 26 March 2015
- [Report](#) on parliamentary field visit to Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon

## Other business

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

### Motions agreed to

- Communications—National indigenous [television channel](#)—moved by Senator Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]
- Education—[Research and science funding](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon [a [statement](#) was made]
- Environment—Queensland—[Great Barrier Reef](#)—moved by Senators O'Sullivan and Canavan
- Health—[Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement](#)—moved by Senator Di Natale
- Historical events—[ANZAC centenary](#)—moved by the Assistant Minister of Social Services (Senator Fifield)
- Parliamentary zone—[Capital works proposal](#)—Approval—moved by the President (Senator Parry)
- Senate—[Casual vacancies](#)—New South Wales—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
- Sport—Victoria—[Duck hunting](#)—moved by Senators Leyonhjelm, Muir and McKenzie
- Trade—[Trans-Pacific Partnership](#) Agreement—moved by Senator Whish-Wilson [a [statement](#) was made]

### Motion negatived

Law and Justice—[Legal assistance sector](#)—Government funding—moved by Senator Wright [a [statement](#) was made]

Mining—[Coal seam, shale and tight gas mining](#)—moved by Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]

### [Notices of motion](#)

Further notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

## Statistics

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Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection



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