



# Senate Daily Summary

## Wednesday, 13 May 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.55 pm

### Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

#### Bills introduced

- Freedom of Information Amendment (Requests and Reasons) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]
  - Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
  - Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
  - Norfolk Island Legislation Amendment Bill 2015
    - Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Norfolk Island Reforms) Bill 2015
    - A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Amendment Bill 2015
    - Health and Other Services (Compensation) Care Charges Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
    - Health Insurance (Approved Pathology Specimen Collection Centres) Tax Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
    - Health Insurance (Pathology) (Fees) Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
    - Aged Care (Accommodation Payment Security) Levy Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
    - Private Health Insurance (Risk Equalisation Levy) Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
- [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 May 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

## Bills considered

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Biosecurity Bill 2014—[bill agreed to with Government amendments](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Biosecurity (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014—bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014 [second reading – first speaker]—[bill agreed to with Government amendments](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]
- ❑ Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2014—bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2014—bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Quarantine Charges (Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2014—bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]—[bill agreed to with Government amendments](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following bill was introduced and debated

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Exit Arrangements) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

## Bills assented to

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

## [Messages](#) reported

Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2015 and the Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 2015—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bills will now be assented to]

## Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

## Reports, and documents, tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Private Health Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2014 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—Impact on service quality, efficiency and sustainability of recent Commonwealth community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services [[interim report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—Competition and Consumer Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014–Additional information
- Environment and Communications References Committee–
  - Environmental biosecurity [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
  - National Landcare Program–Additional information
- Migration Joint Committee–Inquiry into the Business Innovation and Investment Programme– Corrigendum
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Draft estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office for 2015-16 [[statement](#)]
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation monitor [no. 5 of 2015](#)
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[5th report of 2015](#) and [Alert digest no. 5 of 2015](#)
- Treaties Joint Committee–[148th report](#): Treaties tabled on 10 February 2015

### Membership

The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the membership of committees

### New inquiries

- [Food certification schemes](#)–Economics References Committee–to report by 30 November 2015
- [Time critical bills](#)–Any bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 14 May 2015 and up to and including 4 June 2015 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2015–Committees–to report by 15 June 2015

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

Iron ore sector–Economics References Committee–to report by 12 November 2015–notice given by Senator Xenophon

## 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

*Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies*

[Letters](#) of advice were 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]

*Departmental and agency grants*

[Letters](#) of advice were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are required to be tabled 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

*Departmental and agency unanswered questions on notice–Estimates hearings*

[Statements](#) 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]

**Ministerial statement**

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) tabled a [statement](#) relating to the centenary of ANZAC [a motion to take note of the document was debated – [first speaker](#)]

**Documents tabled**

[Government documents](#)

**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](#)

**First speech**

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) for Senator Gallagher to make her first speech on 17 June 2015

**Matter of public importance discussed**

[Budget 2015-16](#)–proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

**Motion agreed to**

Family and community services–[Housing affordability–Land supply](#)–moved by Senators Day, Leyonhjelm, Back, Canavan, Williams, Bernardi, Madigan, O'Sullivan and McKenzie [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

**Motion negated**

Transport–New South Wales–[WestConnex motorway project](#)–moved by Senator Rhiannon [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

**Notices of motion**

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



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