

Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 16 June 2015

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.32 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill introduced

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Labor 2013-14 Budget Savings (Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Amendment Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Private Health Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Bill 2015, Private Health Insurance (Prudential Supervision) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2015, Private Health Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Bill 2015, Private Health Insurance (Risk Equalisation Levy) Amendment Bill 2015, Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Insurer Levy) Amendment Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 June 2015] [Minister's second reading speech]
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (No. 2) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility and Other Measures) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014—a [message](#) was reported advising that the House had made the amendments requested by the Senate and the third reading of the bill was agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]



Committees

Scheduled [public committee hearings](#)
[Committee reports](#)

Reports and government responses tabled

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee—Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2013-14 [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Economics Legislation Committee—Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Employee Share Schemes) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Improving the Comcare Scheme) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—[Response to report](#)—Review of the Defence annual report 2012-13
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—[Response to report](#)—Processes to support victims of abuse in Defence
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—
 - Review of the declaration of Mosul district, Ninewa province, Iraq [[report](#)]
 - Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Lashkar-e Jhangvi and Jaish-e-Mohammad [[report](#)]
- Law Enforcement Joint Committee—Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2013-14 [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—
 - Appointment of a new Auditor-General [[statement](#)]
 - [Report no. 448](#): Review of the 2013-14 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects report [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Public Works Joint Committee—[Report no. 4](#) of 2015: Referrals made December 2014 and March 2015 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Criminal Code Amendment (Animal Protection) Bill 2015—Dissenting report by Opposition senators

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of various committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries [3](#) and [11](#) refer]

Membership

A [message](#) from the House of Representatives was reported advising the appointment of a member to the Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report](#) no. 6 of 2015 of the Selection of Bills Committee, as amended, and made the following references:

- Medical Research Future Fund Bill 2015 and the Medical Research Future Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2015–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 10 August 2015
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 23 June 2015
- Water Amendment Bill 2015–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 8 September 2015

Other references

- Arts funding–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 15 September 2015 [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Correspondence from Mr Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 25 June 2015 [a [statement](#) was made]

Proposed reference

The Senate [did not agree](#) to refer the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2015 to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Reporting date extended

The Senate [extended](#) the reporting date for an inquiry of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Notices of motion to refer matters to committees

- Australian fossil fuel industry–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 22 February 2016–notice given by Senator Waters
- Students with disability in the school system–Education and Employment References Committee–to report by 3 November 2015–notice given by Senators Carr and Lazarus

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 motion

Instrument disallowed

The Senate [disallowed](#) the Instrument as contained in the Specification of Income Threshold and Annual Earnings 2015 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* and the Migration Regulations 1994 [[F2015L00569](#)] [[first speaker](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection to table documents pertaining to the payment of money to people on board a vessel en route to Australia or New Zealand in May 2015—to table by no later than 3 pm on 17 June 2015

Notices of motion

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

- The Minister for Finance and the Minister representing the Minister for Communications to table documents relating to the NBN Co—no later than 3.30 pm on 18 June 2015—notice given by Senator McAllister
- The Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture to table a market research report relating to the kangaroo management—no later than 18 June 2015—notice given by Senator Rhiannon
- The Minister representing the Minister for the Environment to table documents relating to the issuing of exploration licences in marine reserves—no later than 3.30 pm on 24 June 2015—notice given by Senator Lazarus

Documents tabled

[Government documents](#), and petitioning documents relating to [child abuse](#) and [detention centres](#)

Other business

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 Lindgren to make her first speech on 11 August 2015

Matter of public importance discussed

Family and community services—[Housing affordability](#)—proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- Environment—South Australia—[Renewable energy in Port Augusta](#)—moved by Senators Wright and Xenophon [[a statement was made](#)]

- Health–Food labelling standards–[Country of origin labelling rules](#)–moved by Senators O’Sullivan, Canavan and Williams [a [statement](#) was made]

Motion negatived

Law and justice–[Electronic surveillance programs](#)–moved by Senator Ludlam

Notices of motion

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

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