

# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 17 June 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.54 pm

## Senators

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Senator Gallagher [gave](#) her first speech

## Legislation

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### [Bills and related documents](#)

#### Bills introduced

- Airports Amendment Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 16 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Bill 2015 and Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 17 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Customs Amendment (Australian Trusted Trader Programme) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 16 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Ethanol and Biodiesel) Bill 2015 and Energy Grants and Other Legislation Amendment (Ethanol and Biodiesel) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 16 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Export Charges (Imposition—General) Bill 2015, Export Charges (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2015, Export Charges (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2015, and Export Charges (Collection) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 17 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 1) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 16 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

#### Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2015—second reading debate continued—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and [committee of the whole commenced](#) [amendments remain to be considered]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Labor 2013-14 Budget Savings (Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]~~—~~agreed to without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]



- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 1) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]~~–1 AG amendment negatived~~–agreed to without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

## **Messages reported**

The House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 and the Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

## **Notice of motion to introduce a private senator’s bill**

Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015–notice given by Senator Rhiannon

# **Committees**

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Scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

## **Reports, committee documents and government responses tabled**

- Community Affairs References Committee–[Response to reports](#)–Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of people with disabilities in Australia; and Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of intersex people in Australia [a motion to take note of the document was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- Economics Legislation Committee–Private Health Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Bill 2015 and related bills [[report](#)]
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Additional information–Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014, and Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility and Other Measures) Bill 2015
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (Improved Oversight and Resourcing) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–[Delegated legislation monitor](#) no. 6 of 2015
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–6th [report](#) of 2015 and [Alert digest](#) no. 6 of 2015
- Treaties Joint Committee–
  - [149th report](#): Treaty tabled on 10 February 2015
  - [150th report](#): Treaties tabled on 3 March, 5 March and 12 May 2015

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

The Senate [authorised](#) meetings of various committees to be held while the Senate is sitting

## **New inquiry**

[Students with disability](#)–Education and Employment References Committee–to report by 3 November 2015

## Proposed references

- The Senate [did not agree](#) to refer a matter to the Environment and Communications References Committee (fossil fuel industry)
- The Senate [did not agree](#) to refer the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2015 and the circulated amendments to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

## Reporting date extended

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

## Notices of motion

### To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee–13 August, 10 September, 15 October, 12 November and 26 November 2015–private meetings
- Law Enforcement Joint Committee–12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November and 25 November 2015–private meetings
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–13 August, 20 August, 10 September, 17 September, 15 October, 12 November, 26 November and 3 December 2015–private meetings, followed by public meetings

### To refer matters to committees

- Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by the first sitting day of 2016–notice given by Senators Sterle and Rice
- Non-conforming building products–Economics References Committee–to report by 17 September 2015–notice given by Senators Xenophon, Madigan and Lambie

### To vary a reporting date

Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Social Services Legislation Amendment (Fair and Sustainable Pensions) Bill 2015–to report by 22 June 2015–notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)

## 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

#### Documents tabled

Immigration–[Asylum seekers–Payments from Commonwealth officers](#) [the document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to 16 June 2015]

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- 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
- The Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture to table a market research report relating to [kangaroo management](#)—no later than 18 June 2015
- 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 [a [statement](#) was made]

## Notice of motion

Senator Wright gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Health to table a report relating to the governance arrangements of Headspace—to table by 3.30 pm on 25 June 2015

## Ministerial statement

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Ryan) tabled a [statement](#) relating to the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement

## 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](#)

## Motions agreed to

- [Death of Mr Phillip Toyne](#)—moved by Senators Milne and Siewert, the Assistant Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) and Senator Singh
- Environment—Queensland—[Great Barrier Reef](#)—moved by Senator O'Sullivan

## Motions negated

- Family and community services—[Housing affordability](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon [a [statement](#) was made]
- Taxation—[Lowering of taxes](#)—moved by Senators Leyonhjelm, Day and Wang [a [statement](#) was made]

## Notices of motion

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

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