

# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 18 June 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.41 pm

## Legislation

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

#### Bills introduced

- Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 16 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Imported Food Charges (Imposition—General) Bill 2015, Imported Food Charges (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2015, Imported Food Charges (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2015, Imported Food 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. 3) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 17 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

#### Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- Defence Legislation (Enhancement of Military Justice) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- Freedom of Information Amendment (Requests and Reasons) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed without amendments

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Customs Amendment (Australian Trusted Trader Programme) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Personal Property Securities Amendment (Deregulatory Measures) Bill 2014 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]



- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

### Private senator’s bill to be debated

On 14 November 2013 the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators’ bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 25 June 2015 the [Freedom of Information Amendment \(Requests and Reasons\) Bill 2015](#) is scheduled for debate

### Bills assented to

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

## Committees

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

### Reports tabled

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (Powers) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Wind Turbines Select Committee–[Interim report](#) [a motion was moved to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

### Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of various committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries nos [20](#), [21](#) and [22](#) refer]

### Membership

The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the membership of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

### New inquiries

#### Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report](#) no. 7 of 2015 of the Selection of Bills Committee, as amended, and made the following reference:

Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Bill 2015 and the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2015–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 11 August 2015

#### Other references

- [Marine plastic pollution](#)–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 8 April 2016
- [Shipping](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by the first sitting day of 2016

## Reporting date extended

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

## Reporting date varied

The Senate [varied](#) the reporting date for an inquiry of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee [a [statement](#) was made]

## Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- Future of Australia's video game development industry—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 1 April 2016—notice given by Senator Ludlam
- Payment of bribes by Australian officials in exchange for the turn back of asylum seeker boats—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 18 August 2015—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

## 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

- Communications—[NBN—Corporate plans and strategic review](#) [the document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to 17 June 2015]
- Primary Industries—Rural Industries Development Corporation—[Kangaroo management](#) [the document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 17 June 2015]

Proposed order

The Senate [did not agree to a motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Health to table documents relating to governance arrangements of Headspace

## Other business

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

### Motions agreed to

- Foreign affairs–Egypt–[Mr Peter Greste](#)–moved by Senators Milne, Back and Xenophon and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
- Law and justice–[New South Wales Aboriginal Legal Service–Phone hotline](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]
- Law and justice–[Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service–Funding](#)–moved by Senator Whish-Wilson [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Mining–Queensland–[Curtis Island Liquefied Natural Gas Plant project](#)–moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- Primary industries–[Egg labelling](#)–moved by Senators Williams, O’Sullivan and Canavan
- Transport–[Motorcycle safety](#)–moved by Senators Leyonhjelm, Wang and Day [a [statement](#) was made]

### Motion debated

Social issues–Marriage laws–moved by Senator Rice, at the request of Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

### Motions negated

- Education–[Higher education](#)–Competition–moved by Senators Wang, Day and Leyonhjelm [a [statement](#) was made]
- Foreign affairs–[Greece](#)–Austerity measures–moved by Senators Ludlam and Rhiannon [a [statement](#) was made]
- Transport–Western Australia–[Perth Freight Link](#)–moved by Senator Ludlam [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

### Notices of motion

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

## Statistics

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