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Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 24 June 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 8 pm

Senators

Senator McAllister [gave](#) her first speech

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 23 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 23 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 23 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 23 June 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Higher Education Support Amendment (New Zealand Citizens) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Consumer Lease Exclusion) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]

Bills exempted

Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2015 and 3 related bills—motion moved by leave, and agreed to [[statement of reasons](#)]

Bills considered

The following bill was defeated

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

The following bill was debated

Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)][—AG second reading amendment](#) to be determined

The following bills were debated and passed

- Airports Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][–AG committee amendment negatived](#)-bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2015, Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2015, Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2015 and Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-bills agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Defined Benefit Income Streams) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion to introduce bills

- Civil Law and Justice (Omnibus Amendments) Bill 2015–notice given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis)
- Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2015–notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)

Committees

Scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports, committee documents and government responses tabled and considered

- Community Affairs References Committee–Adequacy of existing residential care arrangements available for young people with severe physical, mental or intellectual disabilities in Australia [\[report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Additional information–Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility and Other Measures) Bill 2015
- Government [response](#) to the President’s report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports
- Health Select Committee–[Second interim report](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Human Rights Joint Committee–24th [report](#) of 44th Parliament
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–Governance in the Indian Ocean Territories: Economic development [interim report] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- President’s [report](#) on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports
- Procedure Committee–Consideration of second [report](#) of 2015–Recommendations [adopted and standing orders amended](#)
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation [monitor](#) no. 7 of 2015

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Current and future arrangements for the marketing of Australian sugar [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]

Establishment of a select committee

Murray-Darling Basin Plan Select Committee—to report by 26 February 2016 [a [statement](#) was made]

Membership

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

New inquiries

- [Asylum seeker boats](#)—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 15 September 2015 [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- [Credit card interest rates](#)—Economics References Committee—to report by 24 November 2015
- [Foreign bribery](#)—Economics References Committee—to report by 1 July 2016 [a [statement](#) was made]

Reporting dates extended

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

Notices of motion

To authorise a meeting and extend a reporting deadline

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—from 3 pm on 25 June 2015—private meeting to elect a chair; to report on the handling of the ‘Monis’ letter by 12 August 2015

To establish a select committee

Families Select Committee—to report by 13 October 2015—notice given by Senator Gallagher

To refer matters to a committee

- Economic and social impact of legislation, policies and guidelines for measures which restrict personal choice ‘for the individual’s own good’—Economics References Committee—to report by 13 June 2016—notice given by Senator Leyonhjelm
- Smoke alarms—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 3 December 2015—[notice](#) given by Senator 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 motions

Notice of intention to withdraw

Senator Wright gave a [notice of intention to withdraw](#) a notice to disallow the Federal Courts Legislation Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 70, made under the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*, the *Family Law Act 1975* and the *Federal Circuit Court of Australia Act 1999* [[F2015L00780](#)]

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Wright gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow Schedule 2 of the Federal Courts Legislation Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 70, made under the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*, the *Family Law Act 1975* and the *Federal Circuit Court of Australia Act 1999* [[F2015L00780](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

Environment–[Marine reserves](#) [the documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to 17 June 2015]

Notice of motion

Senator Wish-Wilson gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Treasurer to table documents relating to corporate tax avoidance—to table by 10 August 2015

Documents tabled

1 [petition, government document and a response to a Senate resolution](#)

Other business

Senators' statements – [first speaker](#)

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- Administration–[Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission](#)–moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) and Senators Xenophon, Muir and Siewert
- [Death of Mr James Ackerman](#)–moved by Senator Lazarus [a statement was made]
- Health–[Hepatitis C](#)–moved by Senators Smith and Singh
- Primary industries–[Contribution of the agricultural sector](#)–moved by Senator O'Sullivan

Motions negated

- Employment–[Apprenticeship support](#)–moved by Senator Rhiannon [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Finance–[Financial services sector](#)–moved by Senator Whish-Wilson [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

- The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) gave [a notice of motion](#) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for Thursday, 25 June 2015
- Further [notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals

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