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Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 18 August 2015

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.35 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill introduced

Treasury Legislation Amendment (Small Business and Unfair Contract Terms) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 18 August 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2015—second reading continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][—FFP amendment was not agreed to](#)—bill agreed to without amendment
- Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Bill 2015 and Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][—bills agreed to without amendments](#)

[Notice of motion](#) to introduce a private senator's bill

Marriage Equality Plebiscite Bill 2015—notice given by Senators Rice, Lazarus, Leyonhjelm, Lambie, Muir and Xenophon

Committees

Scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports and government responses tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2015 [[report](#)]



- Community Affairs References Committee—Corrigendum to report—Residential care arrangements for young people with severe disabilities
- Economics References Committee—Corporate tax avoidance: You cannot tax what you cannot see (part 1) [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—[Responses to progress reports nos 2 and 3](#)—Implementation of the *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012*
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Bill 2015 and a related bill [[report](#)]
- Public Works Joint Committee—6th report [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Joint select committee—Variation of appointment

Trade and Investment Growth Joint Select Committee—[Message](#) reported to vary the resolution of appointment—to present final report and recommendations on or before 15 October 2015 [motion agreed to]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

Reporting dates extended

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

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]

Orders for the production of documents

[Document](#) tabled

Transport—Western Australia—Roe 8 Extension and Perth Freight Link [the document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 11 August 2015]

Notice of motion

Senator Moore gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Attorney-General to table documents concerning the proposed attendance of Commissioner Dyson Heydon at a Liberal Party function—to table by no later than noon on 20 August 2015

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency unanswered questions on notice—Estimates hearings

A [statement](#) was 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]

Documents tabled

1 [petition](#); a [petitioning document](#)

Other business

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

Matter of public importance discussed

Law and justice—[Royal Commissions—Impartiality of commissioners](#)—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- Defence—[Post-traumatic stress disorder](#)—moved by Senator Wang
- Defence—[William Kibby VC Veterans' Shed](#)—moved by Senators Wright and Xenophon
- Industrial relations—[Workers' rights](#)—moved by Senator O'Sullivan [a [statement](#) was made]
- Industry—New South Wales—[Port Kembla steelworks](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon [a [statement](#) was made]
- Industry—[Pacific Patrol Boats tender](#)—moved by Senator Brown [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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