

Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 19 August 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.57 pm

Senators

Senator Wright gave a valedictory [statement](#), and a series of speeches were given recognising her contribution to Parliament [[first speaker](#)]

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 18 August 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Australian Defence Force Superannuation Bill 2015, Australian Defence Force Cover Bill 2015 and Defence Legislation Amendment (Superannuation and ADF Cover) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 19 August 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Marriage Equality Plebiscite Bill 2015 [[private senators' bill](#)]
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 2) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 19 August 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-bill agreed to without amendment
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-bill passed with 2 AG amendments (Journals entries [7](#) and [27](#) refer) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Message from the House of Representatives

Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2014) Bill 2014—consideration of message in committee of the whole—Message reporting that the House of Representatives had not agreed to amendments made by the Senate, and the [amendments were considered in committee of the whole](#) [The Senate insisted on its amendments (nos 1 to 6), and made an amendment in place of amendment no. 7). [The House of Representatives will now further consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Bill assented to

[Assent](#) to a law was reported in the Senate

Committees

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

Reports tabled and considered

- Community Affairs References Committee—Out of home care [\[report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Economics References Committee—
 - Future of Australia’s automotive industry [\[interim report\]](#)
 - Australia’s innovation system [\[interim report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Human Rights Joint Committee—26th [report](#) of 44th Parliament [\[statement\]](#)
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Australian Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015 [\[oral report–statement\]](#)
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Delegated legislation [monitor](#) no. 9 of 2015
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—8th [report](#) and [alert digest](#) no. 8 of 2015
- Treaties Joint Committee—152nd [report](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Meetings during the sittings of the Senate

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

Reporting date extended

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

[Notices of motion to refer matters to committees](#)

- Australia’s relationship with Mexico—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 3 December 2015—notice given by the Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Back)

- Capability of Defence’s physical science and engineering workforce—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2016—notice given by the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher)
- National registration system for Australian paramedics—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in June 2016—notice given by the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Lazarus)
- Plebiscite or referendum on the matter of marriage in Australia—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 16 September 2015—notice given by Senator Rice

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

A [Clerk’s document](#) was tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents

[Document](#) tabled

The Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) tabled a document relating to higher education reforms [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 12 August 2015]

Notice of motion

Senator Carr gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Industry and Science to table a ministerial statement on science and innovation—to table by no later than 3.30 pm on 20 August 2015

Proposed order

The Senate [did not agree](#) to a motion requiring the Attorney-General to table documents relating to a Liberal Party function—moved by Senator Moore

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A [statement](#) of compliance was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) tabled a [statement](#) relating to science and innovation

Document tabled

1 [petition](#); [government documents](#)

Other business

Senators' statements – [first speaker](#)

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- Health–[Food labelling standards–Seafood](#)–moved by Senators Xenophon, Sterle, Whish-Wilson, Madigan, Lambie, Lazarus and Wang [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Primary industries–[Australian sugar industry](#)–moved by Senator Lazarus [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Primary industries–[Grass-fed cattle levies](#)–moved by Senator Whish-Wilson [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to remarks made, and the conduct of senators, during question time on 18 August 2015

Notices of motion

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

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