

# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 20 August 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.58 pm

## Senators

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Senator Nicholas McKim was [sworn](#) in as a senator to fill a vacancy in the representation of Tasmania, and the original certificate of the choice by the Parliament of Tasmania was [tabled](#)

## Legislation

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

#### Bills introduced

- Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 19 August 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Passports Legislation Amendment (Integrity) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 19 August 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2015 Budget Measures) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 20 August 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

#### Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Consumer Lease Exclusion) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed without amendments

- Australian Defence Force Superannuation Bill 2015, Australian Defence Force Cover Bill 2015 and Defence Legislation Amendment (Superannuation and ADF Cover) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bills will now be assented to]
- Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Passports Legislation Amendment (Integrity) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]



# Committees

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

## Estimates

[Additional information](#) received relating to estimates hearings was tabled

## Reports and government response tabled

- Economics Committee—Parliamentary delegation to Singapore and Canada [\[statement\]](#)
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Domestic violence in Australia [\[report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Publications Committee—16th [report](#)
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—[Response to report](#)—Fresh pineapple imports, fresh ginger import risk analysis, New Zealand potatoes import risk analysis

## Membership

- A [message](#) was reported from the House of Representatives notifying changes in the appointment of the National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee
- The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [Journals entries [22](#) and [31](#) refer]

## New inquiries

### Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate [adopted](#) report no. 10 of 2015 of the Selection of Bills Committee, as amended, and made the following references:

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2015—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 15 September 2015
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 12 October 2015
- Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Legislation Amendment Bill 2015, Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Bill 2015 and Register of Foreign Ownership of Agricultural Land Bill 2015—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 12 October 2015
- Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 28 October 2015
- Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by the last sitting day in the first sitting week in February 2016
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 12 October 2015

## Other references

- [Australia's relationship with Mexico](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 3 December 2015
- [Capability of Defence's physical science and engineering \(PSE\) workforce](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2016 [a [statement](#) was made]
- [National registration system for Australian paramedics](#)—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in June 2016
- [Plebiscite on marriage in Australia](#), and the provisions of the Marriage Equality Plebiscite Bill 2015—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 16 September 2015

## Reporting dates extended

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

## Document tabled

[Petitioning document](#)

## [Notice of motion](#) to refer matters to a committee

Environmental, social and economic impacts of 'supertrawlers'—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 30 April 2016—notice given by the Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Urquhart) and Senator Brown

# 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]

## Disallowance motions

### [Notices of motion](#) to disallow given

The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Williams) gave notices of motion to disallow:

- the Jervis Bay Territory Emergency Management Ordinance 2015, Ordinance No. 1 of 2015 made under the *Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act 1915* [[F2015L00774](#)]
- the Private Health Insurance (Registration) Amendment Rules 2015 (No. 1), made under item 7 of the table in section 333-20 of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007* [[F2015L00765](#)]
- the Social Security (Administration) (Income Management – Crediting of Accounts) Rules 2015, made under section 123WN of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* [[F2015L00781](#)]

## Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

### Departmental and agency entity contracts

A [letter](#) of advice was tabled [Lists of all grants approved are required to be tabled 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

### 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 Assistant Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) [tabled](#) a statement on the Export Market Development Grants Scheme

## Documents discussed

Committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were [discussed](#)

## 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–[Afghanistan](#)–Support association for the women of Afghanistan–moved by Senator Wright
- Health–[Lyme Disease Association of Australia](#)–moved by Senator Moore
- Health–[Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus](#)–moved by Senator Muir
- Sport–[Netball World Cup](#)–moved by Senators McKenzie and McAllister and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) and the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash)

### Motions negatived

- Administration–New South Wales–[Local council amalgamations](#)–moved by Senator Rhiannon [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Mining–Queensland–[Galilee Basin and Abbot Point](#)–moved by Senator O'Sullivan
- Trade–[China-Australia Free Trade Agreement](#)–moved by Senators Madigan and Xenophon

### Motion denied formality

Environment–[Montara oil spill](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

## Motion debated

Science and technology—[National Science Week 2015](#)—moved by Senator Carr, at the request of Senator Moore [\[first speaker\]](#)

## Notices of motion

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

## Statistics

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Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the Statistical Summary, which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection

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