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# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 7 September 2015

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.19 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to laws were reported in the Senate

### Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014–second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2015 Budget Measures) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][–Government second reading amendment agreed to](#) [further consideration of the bill will take place on a future day]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Social Services Legislation Amendment (No. 2) Bill 2015 [second reading - [first speaker](#)][–bill passed with Government and Opposition amendments](#) [the House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 2) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][–bill agreed to without amendments](#) [the bill will now be assented to]

### Bill introduced

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 7 September 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

### Private senator's bill to be debated

On Thursday, 10 September 2015, the Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Consumer Lease Exclusion) Bill 2015 [[homepage](#)] is scheduled for debate



## Notice of motion

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration during this period of sittings]—Aged Care Amendment (Independent Complaints Arrangements) Bill 2015, Banking Laws Amendment (Unclaimed Money) Bill 2015 and Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Primary Television Broadcasting Service) Bill 2015 [[statements of reasons](#)]  
—notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)

## Committees

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Scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### Reports and a government response tabled

- Economics References Committee—
  - Corrigendum to report—Corporate tax avoidance – Part 1: You cannot tax what you cannot see
  - Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry [[interim report](#)]
  - [Response to report](#)—Privatisation of state and territory assets and new infrastructure
- Environment and Communications References Committee—Regulation of the fin-fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania [[report](#)]
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Australian Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru Select Committee—Taking responsibility: conditions and circumstances at Australia’s Regional Processing Centre in Nauru [[final report](#)]

### Meetings during the sittings of the Senate

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

### Membership

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

### New inquiries

- [Schedule 2 of the Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment \(2015 Budget Measures\) Bill 2015](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 25 September 2015
- [Super trawlers](#)—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 30 April 2016 [a [statement](#) was made]

### Reporting dates extended

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

## Notice of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting—Murray-Darling Basin Plan Select Committee—10 September 2015, 17 September 2015, 15 October 2015, 12 November 2015, 26 November 2015 and 3 December 2015—private meetings

## 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

#### Notice of intention to withdraw

Senators Leyonhjelm and Muir gave a notice of intention to withdraw a notice to disallow the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Firearms and Firearm Magazines) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 133 and made under the *Customs Act 1901* [[F2015L01233](#)]

### Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

#### Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

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

#### Departmental and agency entity contracts

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

#### Departmental and agency unanswered questions on notice—Estimates hearings

[Statements](#) were 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]

#### Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

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

### Documents tabled and considered

[Government documents](#) [and [considered](#)], and a [response to a Senate resolution](#)

## Other business

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

### First speech

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) for Senator McKim to make his first speech on 9 September 2015

### Matter of public importance discussed

Immigration–[Refugee intake from Syria](#)–proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

### Motion agreed to

Indigenous Australians–[Constitutional recognition](#)–moved by Senator Siewert

### Notices of motion

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

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