

Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 10 September 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.16 pm

Senators

The President [announced](#) the resignation, on 10 September 2015, of Senator Wright, a senator for the state of South Australia

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Water Amendment Bill 2015—second reading agreed to [\[first speaker\]](#)—[Australian Greens second reading amendment agreed to—committee of the whole commenced—LDP amendments to be determined](#)

The following bills were debated and passed

- Aged Care Amendment (Independent Complaints Arrangements) Bill 2015 [second reading - [first speaker](#)][—bill agreed to without amendments](#) [the bill will now be assented to]
- Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Consumer Lease Exclusion) Bill 2015 [second reading - [first speaker](#)][—bill agreed to without amendments](#) [the bill will now be considered by the House of Representatives]

Private senators' bills to be debated

On Thursday, 17 September 2015, the Higher Education Support Amendment (New Zealand Citizens) Bill 2015 [\[homepage\]](#) and the Fair Work Amendment (Penalty Rates Exemption for Small Businesses) Bill 2015 [\[homepage\]](#) are scheduled for debate

Committees

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

Estimates

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



Report tabled

Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation [monitor](#) no. 10 of 2015

Membership

- A [message](#) was reported from the House of Representatives notifying the appointment of a member to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the membership of committees

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate [adopted](#) report no. 11 of 2015 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Social Services Legislation Amendment (More Generous Means Testing for Youth Payments) Bill 2015–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 9 November 2015
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Better Targeting the Income Tax Transparency Laws) Bill 2015–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 12 October 2015

Reporting date extended

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

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

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 Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash) [tabled](#) a statement on the global outlook and the Australian economy

Documents discussed

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

Other business

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- Administration–[Climate Change Authority](#)–moved by Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]
- Health–[World Suicide Prevention Day and RU OK Day](#)–moved by Senator McLucas [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Health–[World Suicide Prevention Day](#)–moved by Senator Lazarus [a [statement](#) was made]
- Indigenous Australians–[Nindji Nindji Aboriginal arts and music festival](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]
- Industry–[Australian steel industry](#)–moved by Senators Rhiannon, Madigan, Carr and Xenophon [a [statement](#) was made]
- Transport–[Qantas Group](#)–moved by Senator Back [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Motion negatived

Immigration–[Temporary work visas](#)–moved by Senator O'Sullivan [a [statement](#) was made]

Motion denied formality

Environment–[Climate change–Pacific Island countries](#)–moved by Senator Waters

Motion debated

Defence–[Involvement of Australian forces in Syria–Parliamentary approval](#)–moved by Senator Ludlam, at the request of Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

A [notice of motion](#) given today is available in the Senate Journals

Statistics

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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