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# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 14 September 2015

The Senate met from 10 am until 9.05 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

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014–second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 3) Bill 2015–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Civil Law and Justice (Omnibus Amendments) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][–bill agreed to without amendments](#) [the House of Representatives will now consider the bill]
- Treasury Legislation Amendment (Small Business and Unfair Contract Terms) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][–bill passed with AG and LDP amendments; FFP amendments were not agreed to](#) [the House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- Water Amendment Bill 2015 [committee stage continued][–LDP amendments were not agreed to–bill passed without amendments](#) [the bill will now be assented to]

### Bills introduced

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 10 September 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 4) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 14 September 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]



## **Notice of motion**

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration during this period of sittings]—Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2015 and the Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 4) 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](#)

### **Report tabled**

Economics Legislation Committee—Treasury Legislation Amendment (Small Business and Unfair Contract Terms) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]

### **Meetings during the sittings of the Senate**

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

## **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**

### **Orders for the production of documents**

[Document](#) tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Ryan) tabled a document relating to Centrepay Policy and Terms [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 9 September 2015]

### **Notice of motion**

Senator Conroy gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development to table documents concerning North Star Cruises—to table by no later than noon on 17 September 2015

### **Orders with continuing effect**

### **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

- 1 [petition](#)
- [Government documents](#), and Senate Department [travel expenditure reports](#)

## Other business

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

## Matter of public importance discussed

Administration-[Abbott Government](#)—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

## Motion agreed to

[Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Speech pathology services—Government’s response](#)—moved by Senators Siewert, Moore and Brown

## Personal explanation

Senator Lambie made a [statement](#) relating to a family matter

## Notices of motion

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

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