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Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 17 September 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.25 pm

Legislation

[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 (Penalty Rates Exemption for Small Businesses) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- Higher Education Support Amendment (New Zealand Citizens) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

Bills introduced

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015 [[homepage](#)]
- Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015 [[homepage](#)]
- 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 [passed by the House of Representatives 17 September 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Committees

Scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

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



Reports tabled

- Community Affairs References Committee–Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Department of Parliamentary Services [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015 [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Health Select Committee [third [interim report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Publications Committee–17th report
- Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru Select Committee–Additional information [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation [monitor](#) no. 11 of 2015 [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]

Membership

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

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate [adopted](#) report no. 12 of 2015 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Customs Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report on the next working day after the tabling of the report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on the proposed China-Australia Free Trade Agreement
- Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 10 November 2015
- Migration and Maritime Powers Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 10 November 2015
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015–Education and Employment Legislation Committee–to report by 24 November 2015
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Jab, No Pay) Bill 2015–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 9 November 2015
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Governance) Bill 2015–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 9 November 2015
- Tax Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2015–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 9 November 2015

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

Documents tabled

- The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) [tabled](#) documents relating to North Star Cruises [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 15 September 2015]
- The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) [tabled](#) documents relating to Centrepay Policy and Terms [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 9 September 2015]
- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) [tabled](#) a document relating to the Coalition Agreement [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to earlier today – see below]

Motions agreed to

- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to table documents relating to the 2014 Client Services Survey for the Department of Veterans' Affairs—no later than 3.30 pm on 12 October 2015 [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Communications and/or the Minister for Finance to table documents relating to NBN Co Limited—to table by no later than 3.30 pm on 12 October 2015
- The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Prime Minister to table documents relating to the Coalition Agreement—no later than 3.30 pm on 17 September 2015 [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Notice of motion

Senator Dastyari gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Treasurer to table a document relating to corporate tax entities—no later than 3.30 pm on 14 October 2015

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency unanswered questions on notice—Estimates hearings

A [statement](#) was 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]

Ministerial statements

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) tabled statements relating to [operations in the Middle East](#), and [Australia's response to the Syrian humanitarian crisis](#) [a motion to take note of the statements was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Documents tabled

2 [petitions](#)

Documents discussed

Committee reports were [discussed](#)

Other business

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- Defence–[Australia's Future Submarine Program](#)–moved by Senators Xenophon, Conroy, Lambie, Lazarus, Madigan and Muir [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Environment–[National Bilby Day](#)–moved by Senator Moore [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Law and justice–[Crystal methamphetamine](#)–moved by Senators Canavan and Williams [a [statement](#) was made]
- Regional Australia–Wet Tropics–[Yellow crazy ants](#)–moved by Senator Macdonald
- Sport–[Motorsport in Australia](#)–moved by Senator Muir [the motion was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Sport–[Women's cricket](#)–moved by Senators Moore, Peris, McKenzie and Waters
- Women–[Domestic violence](#)–Affordable housing–moved by Senator Lines [a [statement](#) was made]

Notices of motion

[Further notices 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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