

Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 13 October 2015

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.44 pm

Senators

Senator Simms [gave](#) his first speech

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- Australian Immunisation Register Bill 2015 and the Australian Immunisation Register (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 12 October 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated and passed

Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014—[bill agreed to with amendments](#) [the House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following bill was debated

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015-second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

[Notice of motion](#) to introduce a bill

Defence Legislation Amendment (First Principles) Bill 2015—notice given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis)



Committees

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

Reports and documents tabled, and considered

- Economics Legislation Committee–Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2015–Additional information
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Human Rights Joint Committee–28th [report](#) of 44th Parliament
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation [monitor no. 13](#) of 2015
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Shipping Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 [[Opposition dissenting report](#)] and [[AG dissenting report](#) – a [motion](#) to take of the report was agreed to]

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 committees

Reporting dates extended

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

Variation of appointment–Joint select committee

Trade and Investment Growth Joint Select Committee–[Message](#) reported to vary the resolution of appointment–to present first report and recommendations on or before 15 October 2015, and to continue its work until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time [[motion](#) agreed to]

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]

Disallowance motions

The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Williams) gave a [notice of intention to withdraw](#) a notice to disallow the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (2015 Measures No. 3) Regulation 2015 [[F2015L00572](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion denied formality—proposed suspension of standing orders

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by Senator Carr to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a [motion](#) ordering the Minister for Education and Training to table documents relating to the Nous Group contract [[first speaker](#) re motion to suspend standing orders]

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

[Letters of advice](#) were 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 grants

[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]

Documents tabled

- 2 [petitions](#)
- [Government documents](#)

Other business

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

Government Deputy Whip, and shadow ministry appointments

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis) made a [statement](#) relating to the appointment of Government Deputy Whip in the Senate, and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) made a [statement](#) and tabled a document relating to the Opposition shadow ministry

Motions agreed to

- Family and community services—[National Carers Week](#)—moved by Senators Moore and Siewert
- Foreign affairs—[Sustainable Development Goals](#)—moved by Senators Rhiannon and Bilyk
- Health—[Royal Queensland Bush Children’s Health Scheme](#)—moved by Senator Moore
- Primary industries—Queensland—[Port Alma live cattle export facility](#)—moved by Senator Canavan [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

- Sport–Rugby league–[North Queensland Cowboys](#)–moved by Senator Lazarus [a [statement](#) was made]
- Sport–Rugby league–[North Queensland Cowboys](#)–moved by Senators Macdonald and McLucas
- Trade–[Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement](#)–moved by Senators Xenophon, Lazarus, Muir, Whish-Wilson and Wang [a [statement](#) was made]
- Transport–[Taxi and ride-sharing services](#)–moved by Senator Lazarus [a [statement](#) was made]
- Women–[Day of the Girl](#)–moved by Senator Moore

Motion negatived

Transport–Victoria–[East West Link](#)–moved by Senator Rice [a [statement](#) was made]

Notices of motion

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

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