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Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 12 November 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.16 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills assented to

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

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Job, No Pay) Bill 2015–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][–bill agreed to without amendments](#) [the House of Representatives will now consider the bill]
- Health Legislation Amendment (eHealth) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][–bill agreed to without amendments](#) [the bill will now be assented to]
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (More Generous Means Testing for Youth Payments) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][–AG second reading amendment agreed to–bill agreed to without amendments](#) [the bill will now be assented to]

Bills introduced

- Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015 [Senate bill] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 November 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]



Messages reported

- The House of Representatives [agreed](#) to the amendments made by the Senate to the Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014
- The House of Representatives [disagreed](#) to the amendments made by the Senate to the Tax Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2015—consideration of the message in committee of the whole made an order of the day for the next day of sitting

Committees

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

Estimates

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

Reports and documents tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Jab, No Pay) Bill 2015—[Additional information](#)
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Review of administration and expenditure no. 11 and no. 12 – Australian intelligence agencies [[response to report](#)]
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Joint Committee—Implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme [[progress report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Publications Committee-19th [report](#)

Committee reports were discussed [[first speaker](#)]

Establishment of select committee

[Unconventional Gas Mining Select Committee](#)—to report by 30 June 2016 [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Membership

- A [message](#) was reported from the House of Representatives notifying the appointment of members to joint committees
- The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [Journals entries [32](#) and [40](#) refer]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate [adopted](#) report no. 14 of 2015 of the Selection of Bills Committee, as amended, and made the following references:

- Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2015—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 26 November 2015

- Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 16 March 2016
- Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015–Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 23 November 2015
- Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015–Education and Employment Legislation Committee—to report by 30 November 2015
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 25 February 2016
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2015–Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 30 November 2015

Other references

- [Lyme-like illness in Australia](#)–Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 20 June 2016
- [Revenge pornography](#)–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 25 February 2016

Reporting dates

- The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) to extend the reporting date for an inquiry of the Education and Employment Legislation Committee
- The Senate [extended](#) the reporting dates for inquiries of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

[Notice of motion to refer a matter to a committee](#)

Penalties for white collar crime–Economics References Committee—to report by 27 July 2016–notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development to table documents relating to the Perth Freight Link project – no later than 5 pm on 23 November 2015

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Defence (Senator Payne) tabled a [statement](#) on a new regulatory reform agenda

Documents tabled

[Petitioning document](#)

Other business

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- Indigenous Australians–[Engagement with the criminal justice system](#)–moved by Senator Lines [a [statement](#) was made]
- [Indigenous Australians–Eye health](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Social issues–[National Adoption Awareness Week](#)–moved by Senators Seselja, Lindgren, Abetz, Edwards, Bernardi, McKenzie, Bushby, Heffernan, Johnston, Reynolds, Fawcett, Macdonald, Canavan, Williams, Back, Day, Lambie, Lazarus, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Xenophon, Wang, Bullock and Collins
- Transport–Victoria–[Port Rail Shuttle project](#)–moved by Senator Rice [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Motion debated

Employment–[Job losses](#) [[first speaker](#)]

Motions denied formality

- Foreign affairs–[Bombing of Médecins Sans Frontières hospital](#)–moved by Senators Ludlam and Singh [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Social issues–[Australian Catholic Bishops Conference booklet](#)–moved by Senators Abetz, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan and Wang [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Motion negatived

Environment–[Subsidies for coal-fired power stations](#)–moved by Senator Waters [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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