

Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 1 December 2015

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 11.52 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Amendment Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 30 November 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Export Control Amendment (Quotas) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 30 November 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)] [[statement of reasons](#) re bill exemption]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]~~–[Xenophon second reading amendment withdrawn](#)–[committee of the whole commenced](#)~~ [amendments remain to be considered]
- Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]~~–[Opposition second reading amendment to be determined](#)~~

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To discharge a government bill

Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 3) Bill 2015–notice given by Senator McKim

To introduce bills

- Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015–notice given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis)
- Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015–notice given by Senator Leyonhjelm
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015–notice given by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion)

Committees

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

Reports tabled

- Economics References Committee:
 - Future of Australia's automotive industry: Driving jobs and investment [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
 - Third party certification of food [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee:
 - Principles and practice – Australian defence industry and exports [report]
 - Review of the Defence annual report 2013-14 [report]
- Public Works Joint Committee–10th report of 2015

Meetings during the sittings of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries nos [3](#) and [15](#) refer]

Membership

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

New inquiry

[Future of Australia's aged care sector workforce](#)–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 June 2016

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To refer matters to committees

- Australian children accessing online pornography–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by the first sitting day in December 2016–notice given by Senators Bullock and Back
- Detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment in Australia–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 July 2016–notice given by the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert)
- Defence Housing Australia–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 30 April 2016–notice given by Senator Conroy

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]

Ministerial statements

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) tabled statements relating to the:

- [annual ministerial infrastructure statement](#) [a motion to take note of the document was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- [Centenary of Anzac national program](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]

Documents tabled

- [Auditor-General's report, government documents, parliamentary delegation report and the Government's response to the schedule of government responses outstanding](#)
- [Petitioning documents](#) relating to medicinal cannabis

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- Family and community services–[Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day](#)–moved by Senators Polley and Bilyk
- Health–[World AIDS Day](#)–moved by Senators Smith, McAllister, Singh and Simms
- Administration–[Government buildings–Gosford waterfront](#)–moved by Senator O'Neill [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Motion denied formality

Foreign affairs–[West Papua](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Proposed suspension of standing orders

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Ludlam to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion relating to Timor-Leste [[first speaker](#)]

Variation of hours of meeting and routine of business

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for today [the motion was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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