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Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 2 December 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.54 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills assented to

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

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015–[committee of the whole continued](#) [amendments remain to be considered]

The following bill was debated and passed

Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015–[Opposition second reading amendment agreed to–Opposition amendments disagreed to–bill agreed to with Government and Lazarus/AMEP amendments and a request for an amendment–](#) [the House of Representatives [agreed](#) to make the amendment requested by the Senate and will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Bills introduced

- Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 [[Senate bill](#)] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Labor 2013-14 Budget Savings (Measures No. 2) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 1 December 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)] [[statement of reasons](#) re bill exemption]
- Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015 [[Senate bill](#)] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)] [a [statement](#) was made]

[Messages reported](#)

The House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2015 and the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2015 Budget Measures) Bill 2015



Committees

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

Reports and documents tabled

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Report–Performance, importance and the role of Australia Post in Australian communities and its operations in relation to licensed post offices [[Government’s response to report](#)]
- Environment and Communications References Committee–Stormwater management in Australia [[report](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Australia’s relationship with Mexico [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
- Human Rights Joint Committee–32nd [report](#) of 44th Parliament
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Impact of the 2014 and 2015 Commonwealth Budget decisions on the Arts [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation [monitor](#) no. 16 of 2015
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–14th [report](#) and [alert digest](#) no. 14 of 2015 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Membership

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

New inquiries

- [Australian children accessing online pornography](#)–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by the first sitting day in December 2016
- [Defence Housing Australia](#)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 30 April 2016
- [Detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment in Australia](#)–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 July 2016
- [F-35 Lightning II \(Joint Strike Fighter\)](#)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 1 May 2016 [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Variation of appointment–Joint standing committee

The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the resolution of appointment of the Electoral Matters Joint Committee

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- Adequacy of security for government and citizen data—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 23 June 2016—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- Carbon risk—Economics References Committee—to report by 22 June 2016—notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson
- Commercial use of the *Bombus Terrestris* bumble population in Tasmania—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 22 June 2016—notice given by Senator Urquhart
- Commonwealth procurement procedures—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 23 June 2016—notice given by Senators Carr, Muir, Madigan, Xenophon and Rice
- Medical complaints process in Australia—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 4 February 2016—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- Oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 3 March 2016—notice given by Senators Simms and Xenophon
- Primary and secondary school education—Education and Employment References Committee—to report by 1 July 2016—[notice](#) given by Senator Dastyari

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

A [Clerk's document](#) was 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 for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) to table documents relating to the Childcare Assistance Package—no later than 4 pm on 8 December 2015 [a [statement](#) was made]

Notices of motion

- Senator Lambie gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Defence to table the Defence White Paper 2015—no later than 3.30 pm on 2 February 2016
- Senator Lambie gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Defence to table documents relating to Defence Housing Australia—no later than 3.30 pm on 2 February 2016

Ministerial statements

The Minister for Employment (Senator Cash) tabled statements relating to [Operation Sovereign Borders](#), progress with implementing the Australian Government's response to the [Aviation Safety Regulation Review](#) report, and the Australian Government's response to the [Harper Review's recommendation on road pricing](#)

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#), and the [President's report](#) on government responses outstanding [and [considered](#)]
- [Parliamentary delegation report](#) [a [statement](#) was made]

Other business

Senators' statements – [first speaker](#)

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

Matter of public importance discussed

Taxation–[Goods and services tax](#)–proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- Education–[Teacher quality–Literacy and numeracy standards](#)–moved by Senator Wang [a statement was made]
- Foreign affairs–[Japan–Whaling activity](#)–moved by Senators Whish-Wilson and Wang [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Indigenous Australians–[Ear health services](#)–moved by Senators Lines, Peris and Siewert [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- [Indigenous Australians–Imprisonment rates](#)–moved by Senators Siewert, Peris and Lines [a [statement](#) was made]
- Law and justice–[Protection of northern coastline](#)–moved by Senator Lazarus

Motion negatived

Consideration of legislation–[Proposed discharge of order of the day](#)–moved by Senator McKim [statements were made – first speaker]

Notices of motion

Further notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [entries nos [3](#) and [36](#) refers]

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