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Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 2 March 2016

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 8 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill considered

The following bill was debated

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016—debate concluded on procedural motions [[first speaker](#)]
—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

Bill **exempted**

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016—motion moved by leave and agreed to, subject to a suspension of standing orders

Bills introduced

- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- Migration Amendment (Free the Children) Bill 2016 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2016 [Senate bill] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

[Notices of motion](#)

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration during this period of sittings]—

Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Increasing Consumer Choice) Bill 2016, Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2015-2016, Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2015-2016 and Tax Laws Amendment (Norfolk Island CGT Exemption) Bill 2016 [statement of reasons]—notice given by the Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan)

To introduce a private senator's bill

Social Security Amendment (Diabetes Support) Bill 2016—notice given by Senator Muir



Committees

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

Reports and documents tabled

- Electoral Matters Joint Committee–Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016 [[report](#)][a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Legislation committees–Examination of annual reports tabled by 31 October 2015:
 - Community Affairs [[report](#)]
 - Economics [[report](#)]
 - Education and Employment [[report](#)]
 - Environment and Communications [[report](#)]
 - Finance and Public Administration [[report](#)]
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade [[report](#)]
 - Legal and Constitutional Affairs [[report](#)]
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport [[report](#)]
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation [monitor](#) no. 3 of 2016
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–3rd [report](#) and [alert digest](#) no. 3 of 2016 [a motion to take note of the documents was agreed to]

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate [authorised](#) a meeting of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee to be held while the Senate is sitting

Variation to terms of reference of existing inquiry

The Senate [agreed](#) to an expansion of the terms of reference for the inquiry of the Economics References Committee into financial advice reforms

[Notice of motion](#)

To hold meeting when the Senate is sitting

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to consider additional estimates 2015-16–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]

Disallowance motion

Instrument disallowed

The Senate [disallowed](#) the Customs (Anti-Dumping Review Panel Fee) Instrument 2015, made under subsections 269ZZE(3) and 269ZZQ(2) of the *Customs Act 1901*

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for Finance and the Special Minister of State to table documents relating to communications and minutes with the Australian Electoral Commission concerning the proposed changes to the Senate voting system—no later than 9.30 am on 3 March 2016

[Notices of motion](#)

- Senator Collins gave a notice of motion requiring the Special Minister of State to table documents recording the agreement between the Government and the Australian Greens relating to changes to the Senate voting system—no later than 2 pm on 3 March 2016
- Senator Dastyari gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Education and Training, and the Minister for Finance and the Minister representing the Treasurer to table documents relating to school funding—no later than 3.30 pm on 15 March 2016
- Senators Madigan, Leyonhjelm, Day, Muir, Lambie, Wang and Xenophon and the Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus) gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Sport to table documents relating to the ASADA and the National Anti-Doping Framework—no later than 4 pm on 15 March 2016
- Senators Xenophon and McEwen gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Defence to table the independent legal advice preventing the government complying with the Senate order of 17 November 2014 concerning the submarines tender process—no later than 15 March 2016

Orders with continuing effect

Entity contracts

[A letter of advice](#) was tabled [Lists of all grants approved are required to be tabled 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

[Statements of compliance](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

[Documents tabled](#) [and considered – [first speaker](#)]

Other business

Senators' statements – [first speaker](#)

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

[Question to President](#)

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- Politics–[Political donations–Reform](#)–proposed by Senator Moore [debated as a matter of urgency – [first speaker](#)]
- Women–[International Women's Day](#)–moved by Senators Moore, Gallagher and Waters

Motion denied formality

Foreign affairs–[Israel](#)–moved Senators Ludlam and Rhiannon [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Motions negated

- Environment–[Protection of shark species](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]
- Historical events–[Howard Government–20th anniversary](#)–moved by Senator Wong [a [statement](#) was made]

Proposed suspension of standing orders

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion to vary the order of business [[first speaker](#)]

Question on notice–Answer and explanation

Senator Brown [asked](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) for an explanation of an answer not being provided to a question placed on notice relating to the paid parental leave. Senator Fifield provided a [response](#). A motion moved by Senator Brown to take note of the response was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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