

No. 16/2016

# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 15 March 2016

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 12.12 am, 16 March 2016

## Senators

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Senator James Paterson was [sworn in](#) as a senator to fill a vacancy in the representation of Victoria, and the certificate of the choice by the Parliament of Victoria was tabled

A [notice of motion](#) was given to enable Senator Paterson to make his first speech on 16 March 2016

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bill considered

The following bill was debated

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016 –second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)][–Opposition second reading amendment](#) to be determined

### Bill introduced

Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016 [[private senator's bill](#)]

### Private senators' bills to be debated

On Thursday, 17 March 2016, the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013 [[homepage](#)] and the Social Security Amendment (Diabetes Support) Bill 2016 [[homepage](#)] are scheduled for debate [debate took place on an [amendment](#) to the motion – [first speaker](#)]



# Committees

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

## Reports presented/tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Economics Legislation Committee–
  - Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016 [[report](#)]
  - Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016 [[report](#)]
  - Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 and related bills [[report](#)]
- Economics References Committee–Agribusiness managed investment schemes: Bitter harvest [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Education and Employment Legislation Committee–Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2] and a related bill [[report](#)]
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information) Bill 2015 and a related bill [[report](#)]
- Public Works Joint Committee–79th annual report
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [[report](#)]

## Meetings during the sittings of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries [4](#) and [20](#) refer]

## Membership

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

## Reporting dates extended

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

## [Notices of motion](#)

To establish a select committee

Response to Fires in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Select Committee–for inquiry and report by 30 May 2016–notice given by Senator McKim

## To extend a reporting date

Electoral Matters Joint Committee—Financing of participants in the political process—report by 22 June 2016—notice given by Senator Reynolds

## To refer matters to a committee

Australia’s rail industry—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 25 August 2016—notice given by Senators Carr, Xenophon, Madigan and Wang

# Documents

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## 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

### [Notices of motion](#)

- Senator Carr gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science to table documents relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—no later than 9.30 am on 17 March 2016
- Senator Collins gave a notice of motion requiring the Special Minister of State to table documents recording communications with the Australian Electoral Commission relating to proposed changes to the Senate voting system—no later than noon on 17 March 2016
- Senator Waters gave a notice of motion requiring the CSIRO or the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science to table documents relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division—no later than 9.45 am on 17 March 2016

## Orders with continuing effect

### Entity contracts

[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]

### 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]

## Ministerial statement

The Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), by leave made a [statement](#) relating to the tabling of the report of inquiry into complaints about former Fair Work Commission Vice President Michael Lawler, and related matters

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

## Other business

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

### Matter of public importance discussed

Taxation–[Tax policy](#)–proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

### Motion agreed to

Indigenous Australians–[Renal health](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]

### [Proposed suspensions of standing orders](#)—Proposed variation

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

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

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by the Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion to vary the order of business [[first speaker](#)] [a [statement](#) was also made]

### Questions on notice—Answers and explanations

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) [asked](#) the Minister for the Arts (Senator Fifield) and the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Brandis) for explanations of answers not being provided to questions placed on notice relating to funding within the Arts portfolio, and to FOI requests. Senators [Fifield](#) and [Brandis](#) provided explanations. A motion moved by Senator Wong to take note of the explanations was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

### Variation—hours of meeting and routine of business

- The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for the sitting week 15 March to 17 March 2016
- Senator Cameron gave a [notice of motion](#) to vary a resolution of the Senate agreed to on 15 March 2015 relating to the routine of business for this week
- Senators Muir, Day and Wang, the Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus), and Senators Lambie and Leyonhjelm gave a [notice of motion](#) to vary a resolution of the Senate agreed to on 15 March 2015 relating to the routine of business for this week

## Notices of motion

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

### Online

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