



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.12 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill introduced

Charter of Budget Honesty Amendment (Intergenerational Report) Bill 2015 [[private senator's bill](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were exempted, introduced, debated and passed

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2014-2015, the Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2014-2015 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2014-2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-6 Senator Leyonhjelm (LDP) amendments negatived-bills [agreed to without amendment](#) [The bills will now be assented to]

The following bill was debated and defeated

Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014-second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]-[defeated](#) at second reading

Bills recommitted

Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 and the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 [The committee of the whole will consider the bills again as reported on [24 November 2014](#)]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports and government responses tabled

- 2014-15 additional estimates–
 - Community Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Annual reports tabled by 31 October 2014–
 - Community Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Education and Employment Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Education and Employment References Committee–Principles of the Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014, and related matters [\[report\]](#)
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–[Response to report](#)–Australia’s trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea
- Public Works Joint Committee–[Report](#) no. 2 of 2015–Referrals made December 2014
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Biosecurity Bill 2014 and related bills [\[report\]](#)

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate [authorised](#) meetings of various committees to be held while the Senate is sitting

Reporting date extended

The Senate [extended](#) the reporting date for an inquiry of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by no later than 12 August 2015–notice given by Senators McKenzie and Williams

Membership

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

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

[Document tabled](#)

Automotive Transformation Scheme [the document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to earlier that day – see below]

Motions agreed to

The Senate ordered:

- the Attorney-General to [table a document](#) relating to the operation of the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979*—to table by no later than noon on 19 March 2015 [statements were made]
- the Minister representing the Minister for Industry and Science, and the Minister for Finance to [table documents](#) relating to the Automotive Transformation Scheme—to table by no later than 4 pm on 23 March 2015

Orders with continuing effect

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

[Government documents](#)

Other business

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

Matter of public importance discussed

Indigenous Australians—[Funding for Indigenous programs](#)—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- ❑ Education–[National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy–Funding](#)–moved by Senators Carr, Lazarus, Muir, Rhiannon, Xenophon, Madigan, Lambie and Wang [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Indigenous Australians–[Remote Aboriginal communities](#)–moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ Mining–[Uranium export industry](#)–moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- ❑ Science and technology–[Solar energy exchange initiative](#)–moved by Senator Rhiannon

Motions negatived

- ❑ Defence–[Deployment of Australian troops](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Environment–[Queensland–Abbot Point](#)–moved by Senator Waters [[statements](#) were made]

Statement by President

The President [made a statement](#) relating to photography in the Senate

Notices of motion

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



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