



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 25 March 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 11 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- ❑ Australian Border Force Bill 2015 [[homepage](#)] and the Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Border Force) Bill 2015 [[homepage](#)] [[passed](#) by the House of Representatives on 25 March 2015] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Construction Industry Amendment (Protecting Witnesses) Bill 2015 [[homepage](#)] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015 [[homepage](#)] [[passed](#) by the House of Representatives on 24 March 2015] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 [[homepage](#)] [[passed](#) by the House of Representatives on 24 March 2015] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [[homepage](#)]-[in committee – first [speaker](#)]-bill [agreed to with amendments](#) [The House will now consider the amendments]
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014 [[homepage](#)] and the Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Amendment Bill 2014 [[homepage](#)] [second reading – [first speaker](#)]-bills agreed to without amendments [The bills will now [be assented to](#)]

The following bill was [withdrawn](#) from the notice paper

Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014

The following bill was debated

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2015 [[homepage](#)] [in committee – [first speaker](#)]

[Notices of motion](#)

To introduce a government bill

Judiciary Amendment Bill 2015—notice given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to introduce the bill on the next day of sitting

To introduce a private senator's bill

Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015—notice given by Senator Xenophon to introduce the bill on the next day of sitting

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports, and documents, tabled and considered

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—corrigendum to the Economics Legislation Committee's Annual Report No. 1 of 2015
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—National Landcare Program [[report](#)]
- ❑ Joint Standing Committee on Human Rights—21st [report](#) of the 44th Parliament
- ❑ Joint Standing Committee on Migration—Business Innovation and Investment Programme [[report](#)]
- ❑ Procedure Committee—Consideration of first [report](#) of 2015—Amendment of standing order 19 adopted
- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Delegated legislation [monitor](#) no. 4 of 2015
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—4th [report](#) of 2015 and Alert [digest](#) no. 4 of 2015, together with the work of the committee in [2014 report](#)

Amendment to terms of reference

Select Committee on the National Broadband Network—Inserting a [new paragraph](#)

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

Reporting dates extended

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

Committee membership

The Senate [approved](#) the appointment of Senator Xenophon as a participating member of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines and the Select Committee into the Abbott Government's Budget Cuts

New inquiries

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–[Australian grape and wine industry](#)–to report by 11 November 2015
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–[Australian Defence Force service personnel](#)–to report by 19 February 2016

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To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–The future of Australian forest management–to report by 11 November 2015
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Parliament House security upgrade works–to report by 13 May 2015

To establish a select committee

Select Committee on the Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru to inquire into the responsibilities of the Commonwealth government in connection with the management and operation of the centre- to report by 15 June 2015

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia–private meetings
- ❑ Joint Select Committee on Trade and Investment Growth–private meetings

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Documents tabled

- ❑ 2 petitions [[first petition](#)]
- ❑ Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety–Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2014
- ❑ [Government document](#) [and [considered](#)]
- ❑ [Letters](#) from Senator Lundy to the President of the Senate and from the President to the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory (Mr Barr), dated 24 March 2015

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

Letter from the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development (Mr Truss) to the President of the Senate responding to the order of the Senate under General Business Notice of [Motion](#) No. 657 and raising public interest immunity claims

[Notice of Motion](#)

Insisting that the Minister for Finance (Senator Corman) table the correspondence requested in the Order for Production of Documents agreed to by the Senate on 17 March 2015, by 3:30 pm on 12 May 2017

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

Administration—Abbott Government—[Funding Cuts](#)—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- ❑ Environment—New South Wales—[Shenhua Watermark Coal Mine](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Environment—[Climate change policy](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a [statement](#) was made]

Motion withdrawn

Primary industries—[Sugar industry](#)—withdrawn by Senator O'Sullivan [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Motions negatived

- ❑ Administration—[Whistleblower protection](#) for private sector employees—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Mining—Queensland—[Uranium mining products](#)—moved by Senator Canavan [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Environment—[Queensland—Galilee Basin](#)—moved by Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Industrial relations—[Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union](#)—moved by the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash) and Senators Seselja and McKenzie [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Variation of hours of meeting and routine of business

The Senate agreed to motions moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 25 March 2015, 26 March 2015, 12 May 2015 and 14 May 2015 and to require the Senate to meet on 11 May 2015 [See *Senate Journal* of 25 March 2015 entries [22](#), [26](#) and [27](#)]

Notices of motion

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