



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 14 May 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 10.53 pm

*The Senate will meet again on 15 June 2015. Senate committees will meet from 25 May to 4 June 2015 to consider [Budget estimates](#)*

## Budget 2015-16

Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related [sites](#)

The [Opposition](#), the [Leader of the Australian Greens](#) (Senator Di Natale) and [Senator Leyonhjelm](#) responded to the Budget statement and documents

## Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bill introduced

The following bill was introduced

Personal Property Securities Amendment (Deregulatory Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives 14 May 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

### Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]; and the Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the routine of government business on 12 August 2015 to allow a vote to be taken on the second reading of the bill
- ❑ Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Exit Arrangements) Bill 2015—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed without amendments

- ❑ Australian Border Force Bill 2015  
Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Border Force) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][—AG committee amendment negated](#) [The bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Judiciary Amendment Bill 2015 [second reading - [first speaker](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]
- ❑ Norfolk Island Legislation Amendment Bill 2015
  - Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Norfolk Island Reforms) Bill 2015
  - A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Amendment Bill 2015
  - Health and Other Services (Compensation) Care Charges Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
  - Health Insurance (Approved Pathology Specimen Collection Centres) Tax Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
  - Health Insurance (Pathology) (Fees) Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
  - Aged Care (Accommodation Payment Security) Levy Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
  - Private Health Insurance (Risk Equalisation Levy) Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015 [second reading - [first speaker](#)] [The bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2014 [second reading - [first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

### Messages reported

- ❑ The House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the Biosecurity Bill 2014
- ❑ The House of Representatives agreed to the following bills without amendment:
  - Construction Industry Amendment (Protecting Witnesses) Bill 2015 and Tribunals Amalgamation Bill 2015
  - Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements—Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014

## Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### Estimates

[Additional information](#) received relating to estimates hearings was tabled

### Reports and government responses tabled

- ❑ [14th report](#)—Publications Committee
- ❑ [22nd report of 44th Parliament](#)—Human Rights Joint Committee
- ❑ *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*—Competition and Consumer (Industry Codes—Food and Grocery) Regulation 2015—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—[Responses to reports](#)—Inquiry into the incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre from 16 February to 18 February 2014

## New inquiries

### Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report](#) no. 5 of 2015 of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 2]–Education and Employment Legislation Committee–to report by 11 August 2015
- ❑ Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (Powers) Bill 2015–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 18 June 2015
- ❑ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Employee Share Schemes) Bill 2015–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 16 June 2015

## Membership

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

## Reporting dates extended

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

## 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

[Document](#) tabled

Genetically-modified foods–Advice [the document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to 12 May 2015]

### Orders with continuing effect

#### *Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies*

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

#### *Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

The Senate agreed to [amend](#) the order [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

#### *Departmental and agency grants*

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]

#### *Departmental and agency unanswered questions on notice–Estimates hearings*

A [statement](#) was tabled [Letters of advice in relation to questions taken on notice are required to be tabled by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings]

## Ministerial statement

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) tabled a [statement](#) relating to the 59th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women [a motion to take note of the document was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

## Other business

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

Adjournment debate–[first speaker](#)

## Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Budget 2015-16](#)–moved by Senator Polley, at the request of Senator Moore [first speaker]
- ❑ Environment–[Protection of cetaceans](#)–moved by Senator Whish-Wilson [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Family and community services–[Access to income support](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Health–[Childhood immunisation](#)–moved by Senators O’Sullivan, Williams and Canavan [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Health–[National Palliative Care Week](#)–moved by Senator Bilyk
- ❑ Primary industries–New South Wales–[Environment and farming practices](#)–moved by Senator Williams

## Motion denied formality

Foreign Affairs–[Ban on nuclear weapons](#)–moved by Senator Ludlam [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

## Notices of motion

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

## Statistics

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Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the Statistical Summary, which forms part of [StatsNet](#)–the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection

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