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# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 11 August 2015

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.51 pm

## Senators

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Senator Lindgren [gave](#) her first speech

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were debated

Medical Research Future Fund Bill 2015 and the Medical Research Future Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2015—second reading debate commenced [\[first speaker\]](#)

### Private senator's bill to be debated

On Thursday, 13 August 2015, the National Integrity Commission Bill 2013 [\[homepage\]](#) is scheduled for debate

### [Notice of motion](#) to introduce a government bill

Aged Care Amendment (Independent Complaints Arrangements) Bill 2015—notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)

## Committees

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Scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### Reports and government responses tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [\[report\]](#)
- Economics Legislation Committee—Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014 [\[report\]](#)
- Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 2] [\[report\]](#)



- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014 [[report](#)]

## Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate [authorised](#) meetings of the National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee to be held while the Senate is sitting

## Membership

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [Journals entries [4](#) and [28](#) refer]

## Reporting dates extended

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

## Select committee—Variation of appointment

The Senate [agreed](#) to change the name of the Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts Select Committee to be known as the Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures Select Committee

## [Notice of motion](#) to hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

Electoral Matters Joint Committee—12 August, 19 August, 9 September, 16 September, 14 October, 11 November, 25 November and 2 December 2015—private meetings—notice given by Senator Brown

# 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]

## Disallowance motion

Instrument disallowed

The Senate [disallowed](#) the Family Law (Fees) Amendment (2015 Measures No. 1) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 114, made under the *Family Law Act 1975* and the *Federal Circuit Court of Australia Act 1999* [[first speaker](#)]

## Orders for the production of documents

[Documents](#) tabled

Transport—Western Australia—Perth Freight Link [the documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 10 August 2015]

## Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment to table documents concerning the Roe 8 extension and the Perth Freight Link—to table by no later than 5 pm on 12 August 2015 [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

## Notice of motion

Senator Rhiannon gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training to table documents concerning higher education—to table by no later than 11 am on 19 August 2015

## Orders with continuing effect

### Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

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

## Documents tabled

- 1 [petition](#)
- [Government document](#)

## Other business

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

Adjournment debate – [first speaker](#)

## Death of former senator

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 29 July 2015, of John Peter Sim, CBE, a senator for the state of Western Australia from 1964 to 1981. A [motion](#) of condolence moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) was carried [[first speaker](#)]

## Motions agreed to

- [Death of Felicity \(Flic\) Wishart](#)—moved by Senators Waters and Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]
- Historical events—[Victory in the Pacific—70th anniversary](#)—moved by Senators Fawcett and McEwen
- Industrial relations—[Hutchison Ports Australia—Termination of employees](#)—moved by Senators Cameron and Rhiannon [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Industrial relations—[Hutchison Ports Australia—Termination of employees](#)—moved by Senators Lazarus and Rice [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Industry—[Pacific Patrol Boats tender](#)—moved by Senator Lazarus [a [statement](#) was made]
- Regional Australia—[Northern Australia White Paper](#)—moved by Senator O’Sullivan

## Motion denied formality

Foreign affairs—[Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment](#)—moved by Senator Wright [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

## Routine of business–Variation

The Senate agreed to motions to vary the routine of business:

- on [12 August 2015](#) to consider a disallowance motion; and
- on [19 August 2015](#) to allow valedictory statements to be made relating to Senator Wright

## Notices of motion

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

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