

Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 12 August 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.45 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bill introduced

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 12 August 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bill was defeated

Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015—[negatived at second reading](#) [statements were made - [first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Medical Research Future Fund Bill 2015 and the Medical Research Future Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][—bills agreed to with Government amendments](#) (Opposition and Senator Lazarus amendments were not agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][—AG second reading amendment withdrawn—bill agreed to with 1 Government amendment](#) (Opposition amendments were not agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]

Notices of motion to introduce private senators' bills

- Fair Work Amendment (Penalty Rates Exemption for Small Businesses) Bill 2015—notice given by Senators Leyonhjelm and Day
- Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015—notice given by Senator Xenophon



Committees

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

Reports tabled and considered

- Human Rights Joint Committee—25th [report](#) of 44th Parliament
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—2015-16 Budget estimates [[report](#)]
- Privileges Committee—161st [report](#) [a motion to adopt a recommendation was [debated](#)]
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—449th [report](#)
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Delegated legislation [monitor](#) no. 8 of 2015
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—7th [report](#) and [alert digest](#) no. 7 of 2015

Meetings during the sittings of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries [3](#) and [17](#) 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 refer matters to committees

- [Gender retirement income gap](#)—Economics References Committee—to report by the first sitting day in March 2016—notice given by Senators McAllister and Edwards
- [Perth Freight Link project](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 26 November 2015—notice given by Senator Ludlam and the chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle)

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Disallowance motions

Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) which would have disallowed the Amendment to List of CITES Species, Declaration of a stricter domestic measure [F2015L00277] [[first speaker](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) tabled [documents](#) relating to the Roe 8 extension and the Perth Freight Link [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 11 August 2015]

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training to table documents concerning higher education reforms—to table by no later than 11 am on 19 August 2015 [a [statement](#) was made]

[Documents tabled](#)

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

Environment—Climate change—[Emissions reduction targets](#)—proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- Indigenous Australians—Deaths in custody—[Ms Dhu](#)—moved by Senator Siewert [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Primary industries—[Beef industry](#)—moved by Senators Williams, Canavan, O'Sullivan, McKenzie and Day [a [statement](#) was made]
- Sport—[Netball World Cup](#)—moved by Senator McKenzie, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General (Senator Fierravanti-Wells), Senator Hanson-Young and the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash)
- Trade—[Free Trade Agreements—Agricultural sector](#)—moved by Senator O'Sullivan [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Motion negatived

Environment—[Leadbeater's Possum](#)—moved by Senator Rice [a [statement](#) was made]

Proposed suspension of standing orders

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion relating to the *Marriage Act 1961* [[first speaker](#)]

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to the wearing of sporting and other insignia-bearing attire in the chamber

Notices of motion

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

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