

# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 3 December 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 11.32 pm

*The Senate has now completed the spring sittings and will commence the autumn sittings on 2 February 2016*

*Due to the Senate Hansard not being fully published, not all Hansard references in the document are available*

## Legislation

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### [Bills and related documents](#)

#### **Bills considered**

Consideration of message from the House of Representatives

Tax Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2015—the message reported that the House of Representatives disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate—the Senate resolved not to insist on an amendment and made further amendments in place of certain amendments [the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made in place of those disagreed to]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015—committee stage continued—LDP amendments disagreed to—bill agreed to without amendments [the bill will now be assented to]
- Export Control Amendment (Quotas) Bill 2015 [second reading – first speaker]—bill agreed to without amendments [the bill will now be assented to]
- Labor 2013-14 Budget Savings (Measures No. 2) Bill 2015 [second reading – first speaker]—bill agreed to without amendments [the bill will now be assented to]

#### **[Message reported](#)**

The House of Representatives made the amendment requested by the Senate to the Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015 [the bill was read a third time, and the House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]



# Committees

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

## Estimates

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

## Reports and documents tabled

- Economics References Committee–Australia’s innovation system [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]
- Economics References Committee–‘I just want to be paid’: Insolvency in the Australian construction industry [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Empowering women and girls – The human rights issues confronting women and girls in the Indian Ocean–Asia Pacific region [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]
- Publications Committee–20th report
- Senators’ Interests Committee–Register incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations
- Treaties Joint Committee–157th [report](#)

## Membership

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [Journals entries [13](#) and [21](#) refer]

## New inquiries

### Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate [adopted](#) report no. 16 of 2015 of the Selection of Bills Committee, as amended, and made the following references:

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 20 June 2016
- Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 22 February 2016
- Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 2 February 2016
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 3 February 2016
- Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 2 February 2016
- Fair Work Amendment (Remaining 2014 Measures) Bill 2015–Education and Employment Legislation Committee–to report by 4 February 2016
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015–Education and Employment Legislation Committee–to report by 17 March 2016

- Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 24 February 2016
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 29 February 2016
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 4 February 2016
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 22 February 2016
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 1 March 2016
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2015—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 22 February 2016

### Notice of motion

To amend a resolution of appointment

Murray-Darling Basin Plan Select Committee—notice given by the Chair of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan Select Committee (Senator Leyonhjelm)

## 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 motions

Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion which would have disallowed the Child Care Benefit (Children in Respect of Whom No-one is Eligible) Determination

[Notices of motion](#) to disallow given

The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Williams) gave notices of motion to disallow:

- the Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions—Syria) Regulation 2015 [[F2015L01463](#)]
- the Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions—Iraq) Amendment Regulation 2015 [[F2015L01464](#)]
- Christmas Island Marine Traffic and Harbour Facilities Determination 2015 [[F2015L01591](#)]
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands Marine Traffic and Harbour Facilities Determination 2015 [[F2015L01593](#)]
- Removal of Prisoners (Territories) Regulation 2015 [[F2015L01524](#)]

## Documents tabled

- [Report](#) on official visit by the President of the Senate to New Zealand in September 2015
- [Petitioning document](#) relating to the ADF

## Other business

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

### Statements

- Leaders of parties, Senator Day and the President made statements relating to the end of the 2015 sittings [first speaker]
- The Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) provided further information an answer he gave to a question during question time on 1 December 2015 relating to ministerial standards [further statements were made – first speaker]

### Variation of hours of meeting and routine of business–Suspensions of standing orders

The Senate agreed to enable debate on a [motion](#) to suspend standing orders to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for today–moved by the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) [first speaker]

## 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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