



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 33/2017

**Monday, 4 September 2017**

The Senate met from 10.00am to 10.15pm

## Senators

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### Qualifications of senators

- Senators Hinch and Gallagher made statements in relation to questions arising in the media about their qualifications
  - [Watch the statements](#)
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### Referrals to the Court of Disputed Returns – motions agreed to

- Senator Nash
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- Senator Xenophon
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## Bills

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### Introduced

- [Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2017](#)
- [Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017](#)
- [High Speed Rail Planning Authority Bill 2017](#) [private senator's bill]

### Considered

- [Fair Work Amendment \(Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures\) Bill 2017](#)
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Debate on this bill will continue at a later date

### Passed

#### Without amendment

- [Migration Amendment \(Validation of Decisions\) Bill 2017](#)
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This bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

With amendments

- [Fair Work Amendment \(Protecting Vulnerable Workers\) Bill 2017](#)  
The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's amendments

## Committees

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### New inquiry

- Mode of dress of senators and enforcement of standing orders by the President referred to the Procedure Committee

### Report tabled

- [Migration Amendment \(Validation of Decisions\) Bill 2017](#) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

### Government response

- [Response](#) to [Future of Australia's automotive industry: Driving jobs and investment](#) Economics References Committee

### Reporting dates extended

- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Welfare Reform\) Bill 2017](#) extended to 6 September 2017
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Pay Protection\) Bill 2017](#) extended to 6 September 2017
- [Corporate avoidance of the Fair Work Act 2009](#) extended to 6 September 2017
- [Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment \(Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures\) Bill 2017](#) extended to 5 September 2017

### Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

## Documents

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### Tabled documents

- [Capital works proposal](#) was tabled and a related notice of motion to approve the proposal was given by Senator Payne
- [Government documents and documents presented by the President](#) (includes documents presented since the Senate last sat)
- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

To view individual instruments visit [www.legislation.gov.au](http://www.legislation.gov.au) and search using the Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number

## Orders for the production of documents

### Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to the resettlement of refugees and asylum seekers to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection no later than 11 September 2017
- [Documents](#) relating to a strategic review of ASC Pty Ltd to be tabled by the Minister for Finance and the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry by the close of business on 6 September 2017
- [Documents](#) relating to the evaluation report of the cashless debit card trial to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services by no later than 3:30pm on 5 September 2017

### Tabled

- Response to an order for the production of documents for the [Government's response to the report of the Economics References Committee on the Future of Australia's Automotive Industry](#) – agreed to on 15 August 2017
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
  - 📄 [Read the transcript](#)

## Petition

- [Plebiscite on the definition of marriage](#)

## Other business

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### Motions

#### Agreed to

- [School funding](#) moved by Senator McAllister
- [Recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse](#) moved by Senator Siewert
- [International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month](#) moved by Senator Griff
- [Dementia Awareness Month](#) moved by Senator Polley

### Disallowance motion

#### Notice of motion to disallow

- Inspector of Transport Security Regulations 2017 [[F2017L00510](#)] notice given by the Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Williams)

### Statements

- The President made a statement in relation to security, dress standards and enforcement of Standing Orders and tabled a [letter to the Deputy President](#) regarding a reference to the Procedure Committee
  - ▶ [Watch the statement](#)
  - 📄 [Read the transcript](#)

### Condolences

- Dr Douglas Nixon Everingham, a former minister and member of the House of Representatives from 1967 to 1974 and 1977 to 1984
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## Statistics

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Bills received from the House of Representatives	2
Bill introduced in the Senate – government	0
Bill introduced in the Senate – private senator's	1
Bills passed in the Senate	2
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	0
New inquiries	1
Reports tabled	1
Notices of motion given	19
Divisions	7

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