



# Senate Daily Summary

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**Tuesday, 30 August 2016**

The Senate met from 10.30 am until 6.58 pm

## Opening of the 45<sup>th</sup> Parliament

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The Deputy of the Governor-General opened the 45<sup>th</sup> Parliament in the Senate chamber. Following a suspension of sitting, the Governor-General addressed the members of both houses assembled in the Senate chamber. Watch on [ParlView](#)

As a result of the double dissolution election, all 76 senators were sworn in. Watch on [ParlView](#)

Senator Stephen Parry was elected as President of the Senate, and Senator Sue Lines as Deputy President and Chair of Committees.

The Leader of the Government in the Senate advised the Senate of the Turnbull Ministry and party appointments in the Senate.

The Leader of the Nationals in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and the Leaders of the Australian Greens, Pauline Hanson's One Nation, and the Nick Xenophon Team advised the Senate of various party appointments.

The Senate agreed to meet again at 9.30 am on Wednesday, 31 August 2016.

### Notices of motion

The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) gave notices of motion to:

- divide state senators into two classes – those receiving 3 year terms, and those receiving 6 year terms
- establish the days of meeting for the remainder of 2016.

See the [Notice Paper](#) for the full list of notices of motions.

## Bills

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### Notices of motion

To introduce a private senators' bill

Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016 – Senators Bernardi, Day, Macdonald, Abetz, Duniam, O'Sullivan, Back, Fawcett, Paterson, Burston, Hanson, Reynolds, Bushby, Hinch, Roberts, Culleton, Leyonhjelm, Williams, Smith and McKenzie

To restore private senators' bills to the Notice Paper

[Criminal Code Amendment \(Animal Protection\) Bill 2015](#) – Senator Back

[Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Donations Reform\) Bill 2014](#) – Senator Siewert

[Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Political Donations and Other Measures\) Bill 2016](#) – Senator Siewert

[Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Reducing Barriers for Minor Parties\) Bill 2014](#) – Senator Siewert

[Defence Legislation Amendment \(Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service\) Bill 2015](#) – Senator Siewert

[Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research\) Bill 2015](#) – Senator Siewert

[Fair Work Amendment \(Gender Pay Gap\) Bill 2015](#) – Senator Siewert

[Fair Work Amendment \(Penalty Rates Exemption for Small Businesses\) Bill 2015](#) – Senator Leyonhjelm

[Fair Work Amendment \(Protecting Australian Workers\) Bill 2016](#) – Senator Dastyari

[Foreign Acquisitions Amendment \(Agricultural Land\) Bill 2010](#) – Senator Xenophon

[Interactive Gambling Amendment \(Sports Betting Reform\) Bill 2015](#) – Senator Xenophon

[Landholders' Right to Refuse \(Gas and Coal\) Bill 2015](#) – Senator Siewert

[Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013](#) – Senator Siewert

[Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2015](#) – Senator Dastyari

[Restoring Territory Rights \(Assisted Suicide Legislation\) Bill 2015](#) – Senator Leyonhjelm

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## Committees

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### Presented since the last sitting of the Senate

#### Reports

[Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment \(Rural and Regional Advocacy\) Bill 2015](#) – Interim report – Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

[Broadcasting Legislation Amendment \(Media Reform\) Bill 2016](#) – Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

[Conditions and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees at the regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea](#) – Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

[Establishment of a national registration system for Australian paramedics to improve and ensure patient and community safety](#) – Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

[Hospital funding cuts: the perfect storm – The demolition of Federal-State health relations 2014-2016](#) - Select Committee on Health

[Need for a nationally-consistent approach to alcohol-fuelled violence](#) – Interim report – Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

[Personal choice and community impacts: sale and service of alcohol](#) – Interim report – Economics References Committee

[Personal choice and community impacts: the classification of publications, films and computer games](#) – Interim report – Economics References Committee

[Personal choice and community impacts: the sale and use of tobacco, tobacco products, nicotine products and e-cigarettes](#) – Interim report – Economics References Committee

## Government responses

[Digital currency – game changer or bit player](#) – Economics References Committee

[Industry structures and systems governing the imposition and disbursement of marketing and research and development \(R&D\) levies in the agricultural sector](#) – Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

[Interest rates and informed choice in the Australian credit card market](#) – Economics References Committee

[Palliative care in Australia](#) – Community Affairs References Committee

[Voice for Animals \(Independent Office of Animal Welfare\) Bill 2015](#) – Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

## Notices of motion

### Estimates

Senator Dastyari gave a notice of motion to establish 14 September 2016 as the date by which unanswered estimates questions on notice should be supplied.

The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) gave notices of motion to allocate departments and agencies to legislation committees, and establishing dates for the supplementary budget estimates hearings.

### Proposed new inquiries

2016 Census – Economics References Committee – Senators Xenophon, Ludlam and Lambie

Changes to the Aged Care Funding Instrument – Community Affairs References Committee – Senator Siewert

Conduct of the 2016 Australian Census of Population and Housing – Economics References Committee – Senator Dastyari

Disposition of the material over which a claim of privilege has been made – Privileges Committee – Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)

See the [Notice Paper](#) for the full list of notices of motions.

## Tabled documents

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Documents presented since the last Senate sitting day, 4 May 2016 and Clerk's documents [includes legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled] View list in the [Senate Journals](#)

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

[Re-counts of Senate votes pursuant to section 282 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act](#)

## Other business

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### Question of privilege

The President made [a statement](#) regarding a claim of parliamentary privilege over documents seized under search warrant, and tabled related information:

- [Background paper from the Clerk's Office](#)
- [Memorandum of understanding on the execution of search warrants in the premises of Members of Parliament](#)
- [Letter to the Clerk of the Senate from Senator the Hon. Stephen Conroy](#)

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate gave a notice of motion to refer the question of the disposition of the documents to the Privileges Committee.

### Notice of motion - proposed disallowance

Senator Leyonhjelm gave a notice of motion to disallow the [Customs \(Prohibited Imports\) Amendment \(Shotguns and Shotgun Magazines\) Regulations 2016](#)

### Notices of motion

See the [Notice Paper](#) for the full list of notices of motions.

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- [Hansard](#) Official transcript of proceedings
- [ParlView](#) Video record of proceedings

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