



Senate Daily Summary

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Wednesday, 31 August 2016

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.44 pm

Senators

The Senate agreed that state senators listed at positions 7 to 12 on the certificate of election of senators for each state shall receive 3 year terms, and those listed at positions 1 to 6 shall receive 6 year terms.

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The writs:

- [New South Wales](#)
- [Queensland](#)
- [South Australia](#)
- [Tasmania](#)
- [Victoria](#)
- [Western Australia](#)

[Senator Hume](#) gave her first speech. [Watch on ParView](#)

Bills

Introduced

[Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016](#) – private senators' bill

Restored to the Notice Paper

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013](#)

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

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

Notices of motion to restore bills to the Notice Paper

[Restoring Territory Rights \(Dying with Dignity\) Bill 2016](#) – Senator Di Natale

[Veterans' Entitlement Amendment \(Expanded Gold Card Access\) Bill 2015](#) – Senator Lambie

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Committees

Reports tabled

[A world without the death penalty](#)—Australia's advocacy for the abolition of the death penalty – Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

[Accommodation for people with disabilities and the NDIS](#) – National Disability Insurance Scheme Joint Committee

[Food for thought: improving health and nutrition in the Indo-Pacific region](#) – Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

[Jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity](#) – Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee

Reports [456](#), [457](#) and [458](#) – Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee

[Seasonal Worker Programme](#) – Migration Joint Committee

New inquiries

2016 Census – Economics References Committee

Disposition of material seized under search warrants – Privileges Committee

Estimates

[Departments and agencies](#) were allocated to committees, and the dates for the [2016-17 supplementary budget estimates hearings](#) were established.

14 September 2016 was established as the date by which unanswered estimates questions on notice from earlier rounds of estimates should be supplied.

Notices of motion - proposed new inquiries

Australian veterans – Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee – Senators Lambie, Xenophon, Hinch and Culleton

Matters relating to the execution of search warrants by the Australian Federal Police – Privileges Committee – Senator Conroy

Regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea – Senator McKim

Nauru Regional Processing Centre – Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee – Senator Watt

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Documents

Tabled documents

[Government documents and documents presented by the President](#)

[Ministerial statement](#) updating the House on recent military commemorations

Delegated legislation

[Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled].

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

Orders for the production of documents - notices of motion

Documents relating to the Perth Freight Link to be presented by the Minister for Finance by no later than 11am on 12 September 2016 by the Minister for Finance – Senator Ludlam

Government response to the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines to be presented by the Minister representing the Minister for Environment and Energy by no later than 3.30pm on 21 November 2016 – Senators Day, Leyonhjelm, Xenophon, Lambie, Griff, Kakoschke-Moore, Burston, Culleton, Roberts, Hanson and Hinch

Legal advice referred to by the Australian Statistician to be presented by the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business by no later than 3pm on 12 September 2016 – Senator Xenophon

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Petition

[Section 18C\(1\)\(a\) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975](#)

Other business

Question of privilege

The President made [a statement](#) on a matter of privilege raised by Senator Conroy regarding the execution of search warrants by the Australian Federal Police.

Senator Conroy gave a notice of motion to refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

Statement

Senator Dastyari made a statement regarding an interest he had registered in the register of senators' interests. [Watch on ParView](#)

Days of meeting

The [sitting days](#) for the remainder of 2016 were agreed to.

Address-in-reply

Debate commenced on an address-in-reply to the Governor-General's opening speech. [Watch on ParView](#)

Matter of public importance

The Senate discussed the Prime Minister's failure of leadership on economic policy. [Watch on ParView](#)

Motions agreed to

[Deaths in police custody](#) – Senators Siewert and Lines

[Floods in Tasmania](#) – Senators Polley and Urquhart

Motion defeated

[Immigration detention facilities](#) – Senator McKim

Notices of motion

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- [Hansard](#) Official transcript of proceedings
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