



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 15/2018

**Wednesday, 28 March 2018**

The Senate met from 9.30am to 6:58pm

## Bills

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### Introduced

- [Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment \(Student Loan Sustainability\) Bill 2018](#)
- [Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment \(Rates of Charge\) Bill 2017](#)

### Passed

#### Without amendment

- [Intelligence Services Amendment \(Establishment of the Australian Signals Directorate\) Bill 2018](#)  
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- [ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Amendment Bill 2017](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2018 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2018](#)  
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These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

#### With amendments

- [Security of Critical Infrastructure Bill 2017](#)  
[Security of Critical Infrastructure \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2017](#)  
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The House of Representatives will now consider the bills

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2017 Measures No. 5\) Bill 2017](#)  
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The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's amendment

### Messages

The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the following bills:

- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Welfare Reform\) Bill 2017](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Junior Minerals Exploration Incentive\) Bill 2017](#)

These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

# Committees

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## New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no. 4](#) of 2018 of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
  - [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment \(Indigenous Land Corporation\) Bill 2018](#), [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land and Sea Future Fund Bill 2018](#), and [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land and Sea Future Fund \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2018](#) referred to the [Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 7 May 2018
  - [Air Services Amendment Bill 2018](#) referred to the [Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 25 June 2018
  - [National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment \(Mandatory Comprehensive Credit Reporting\) Bill 2018](#) referred to the [Economics Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 28 May 2018
  - [Road Vehicle Standards Bill 2018](#), [Road Vehicle Standards \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2018](#), [Road Vehicle Standards Charges \(Imposition—General\) Bill 2018](#), [Road Vehicle Standards Charges \(Imposition—Customs\) Bill 2018](#), and [Road Vehicle Standards Charges \(Imposition—Excise\) Bill 2018](#) referred to the [Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 7 May 2018
  - [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants\) Bill 2018](#) referred to the [Community Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 4 May 2016
- [Proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership](#) referred to the [Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 18 September 2018
- [Options for greater involvement by private sector life insurers in worker rehabilitation](#) referred to the [Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 20 September 2018

## Reports tabled

- Additional estimates 2017-18 [Community Affairs](#), [Economics](#), [Finance and Public Administration](#), [Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade](#), [Legal and Constitutional Affairs](#), [Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport](#) Legislation Committees
- 168<sup>th</sup> report—[Parliamentary privilege and the use of intrusive powers](#) Privileges Committee
- 169<sup>th</sup> report—[Persons referred to in the Senate: Professor Simon Chapman AO](#) Privileges Committee
- 170<sup>th</sup> report—[Persons referred to in the Senate: Miss Lisa Hay and Dr Geoffrey Robinson](#) Privileges Committee
- [121st report—Work of the committee in 2015-16](#) Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- [Delegated legislation monitor 4 of 2018](#) Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- [Scrutiny digest 4 of 2018](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Annual report for 2017](#) Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- [Life insurance industry](#) Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- [Report 3 of 2018—Human rights scrutiny report](#) Human Rights Joint Committee
- [Crystal methamphetamine \(ice\)](#) Law Enforcement Joint Committee
- [1st report of 2018—Referrals made December 2017](#) Public Works Joint Committee
- [81<sup>st</sup> annual report](#) Public Works Joint Committee
- [178th report](#) Treaties Joint Committee
- [Transvaginal mesh implants](#) Community Affairs References Committee
- [Foreign bribery](#) Economics References Committee
- [Cyberbullying](#) Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

- Effect of red tape on health services – [Interim report](#) Red Tape Committee
  - [Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 and Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2017](#) Community Affairs Legislation Committee
  - [Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment \(Executive Remuneration\) Bill 2017](#) Education and Employment Legislation Committee
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### Government responses

- [Response](#) to [Out of reach? The Australian housing affordability challenge](#) Economics References Committee
- [Response](#) to [Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment \(Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures\) Bill 2017](#) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
- [Response](#) to [Advisory report—Review of the Security of Critical Infrastructure Bill 2017](#) Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security
- [Response](#) to [Progress report](#) of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Committee
- [Response](#) to [Leveraging our advantages: The trade relationship between Australia and Indonesia](#) Joint Trade and Investment Growth Committee

### Reporting date extended

- [Political Influence of Donations](#) extended to 10 May 2018

### Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)
- [Members were appointed to a joint committee](#)

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## Documents

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### Tabled documents

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

### Order for the production of documents

#### Tabled

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the funding of federal courts agreed to on [20 March 2018](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner agreed to on [21 March 2018](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Regional Forest Agreements agreed to on [22 March 2018](#)

- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to funding for public hospital services in Queensland agreed to on [27 March 2018](#)
- [Response](#) to an order for the production of documents relating to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Digital Strategy agreed to on 28 March 2018

Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Digital Strategy to be tabled by the Minister for Finance, by no later than 5 pm on 28 March 2018

## Other business

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### Motions

Agreed to

- [DreamLab app](#) moved by Senator Griff
- [World Autism Awareness Day](#) moved by Senator Griff
- [Transgender Day of Visibility](#) moved by Senator Rice

Negatived

- [Facial recognition technology](#) moved by Senator Steele-John
- [European Union's General Data Protection Regulation](#) moved by Senator Steele-John

### Disallowance motions

Notices of motion to disallow

Notices given by Senators Pratt and Whish-Wilson to disallow the following:

- South-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [[F2018L00326](#)]
- North Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [[F2018L00324](#)]
- North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [[F2018L00322](#)]
- Temperate East Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [[F2018L00321](#)]
- Coral Sea Marine Park Management Plan 2018 [[F2018L00327](#)]

Withdrawn

Chair of the Standing Committee on Senate Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams) withdrew the following notices:

- Broadcasting Services (Technical Planning) Guidelines (Consequential Amendments) Instrument 2017 (No. 2) [[F2017L01302](#)]
- Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Allocation – Multi-band Auction) Determination 2017 [[F2017L01255](#)]
- Retirement Savings Accounts Tax File Number approval No. 1 of 2017 [[F2017L01270](#)]
- Migration Agents (IMMI 17/047: CPD Activities, Approval of CPD Providers and CPD Provider Standards) Instrument 2017 [[F2017L01236](#)]

### Statements

- Minister representing the Attorney-General (Senator Cash) made a statement regarding orders for the production of documents relating to the funding of federal courts, pursuant to an order agreed to on

[27 March 2018](#)

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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	0
Bills passed in the Senate	6
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	11
New inquiries	7
Reports tabled	25
Notices of motion given	5
Divisions	2

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