



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 24 June 2014

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.05 pm

Senators

[Senator Tillem](#), [Senator Thorp](#), [Senator Pratt](#) and [Senator Stephens](#) gave valedictory speeches, and a series of speeches were given recognising their contribution to Parliament

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2014-2015, Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2014-2015 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2014-2015 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 June 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2013-2014 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2013-2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 June 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 June 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 June 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency Repeal Bill 2014–15 [Opposition second reading amendment](#) agreed to [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

[Message](#) from the House of Representatives reported

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill 2014—agreeing to the amendment made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Parliamentary delegation to Vanuatu and New Zealand [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- Human Rights Joint Committee—8th report of 44th Parliament [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Legislation committees—Reports on the 2014-15 Budget estimates:
 - Economics [[report](#)]
 - Education and Employment [[report](#)]
 - Environment and Communications [[report](#)]
 - Finance and Public Administration [[report](#)]
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade [[report](#)]
 - Legal and Constitutional Affairs [[report](#)]
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport [[report](#)]
- Public Works Joint Committee—4th report of 2014 [[report](#)]
- Treaties Joint Committee—140th report [[report](#)]

Committee documents tabled

Asset Recycling Fund Bill 2014 and related bill—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—[Additional information](#)

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended the reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—[National Broadband Network Companies Amendment \(Tasmania\) Bill 2014](#)—to report by 16 July 2014
- [School Funding Select Committee](#)—to report by 9 July 2014

To refer matters to a committee

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—[Rights of the terminally ill](#)—to report by 27 October 2014

Notices of motion

Relating to [estimates hearings and FOI](#)

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) gave the following notices of motion relating to estimates hearings and FOI:

- accountability resolutions
- amendment of standing order 26 for the limitation on programming
- amendment of standing order 74(5) relating to estimates questions on notice
- hours of meeting
- provision of information – FOI requests
- scheduling of additional hearings by legislation committees considering estimates
- scheduling of spill-over days
- tabling of statements by each minister in the Senate relating to answers to estimates questions on notice—no later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings (proposed order of continuing effect)

To establish a select committee

Health Select Committee—to report by 20 June 2016—notice given by Senator Moore

To hold meeting when the Senate is sitting

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—26 June 2014 from 10 am—Reconvene to resume consideration of the 2014-15 Budget estimates—notice given Senator Conroy (to consider the performance of Defence Housing Australia)

To refer matters to a committee

- Community Affairs References Committee—Domestic violence in Australia—to report by 27 October 2014
- Economics References Committee—Naval ship building industry—to report by 1 July 2015
- Economics References Committee—Retail leasing arrangements—to report by 30 October 2014
- Economics References Committee—Structure and development of forestry managed investment schemes—to report by 27 October 2014

Documents

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]

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion

Senator Ludlam gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development to table documents relating to the Perth Freight Link—by no later than noon on 7 July 2014

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report nos 49 and 50 of 2013-14](#)
- Australian parliamentary delegation to the [Republic of Cyprus and the Russian Federation](#)
- [Correspondence](#) relating to a question without notice on 23 June 2014 concerning the Trade in Services Agreement
- [Government documents](#) [and considered]
- Reports by the President of the Senate of [official visits](#)

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)
[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Variation of hours of meeting and routine of business

A [notice](#) was given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 25 June 2014 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered

Amendment of standing orders; consideration of private senators' bills—temporary order

The Senate agreed to the following motions:

- [amendment of standing order 72](#) relating to questions without notice
- amendment and continuation of the [temporary order relating to the consideration of private senators' bills](#) [a [statement](#) was made]

Motion denied formality

Environment—[Nuclear disarmament](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

Prime Minister of Japan

A [message](#) from the House of Representatives was reported, inviting senators to attend the House as guests on 8 July 2014 at 10.50 am for the welcoming remarks by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, and the address by the Honourable Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals

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