



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 25 June 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.56 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 June 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014; Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014; Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2014; Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 June 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 and the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 June 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Trade Support Loans Bill 2014 and the Trade Support Loans (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 June 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Removing Re-approval and Re-registration) Bill 2014—[committee stage](#) continued [an amendment remains to be considered]
- ❑ Flags Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were introduced, exempted, debated and passed

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014; Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (No. 1), (No. 3) and (No. 5)) Bill 2014; Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (No. 2), (No. 4) and (No. 6)) Bill 2014; Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (Parliamentary Departments)) Bill 2014–1 Opposition amendment agreed to, in respect of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading] [The House of Representatives will consider the bill]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014–1 Government amendment agreed to [[first speaker](#) – second reading] [The House of Representatives will consider the bill]
- Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Regulatory Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2014 and the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading] [The bills will now be assented to]

### **Bills assented to**

[Assent to laws](#) were reported in the Senate

### **Messages reported from the House of Representatives**

- [Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013](#)–agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]
- [Northern Australia Joint Select Committee](#)–variation of the resolution of appointment–to present final report on or before 1 September 2014 [motion agreed to]

## **Committees**

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### **Reports tabled**

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–2014-15 Budget estimates [[report](#)]
- Economics References Committee–Performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Environment and Communications References Committee–Environmental offsets [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
- Procedure Committee–First report of 2014 [[report](#)]
- Publications Committee–6th report

- Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Delegated legislation monitor [no. 7](#) of 2014
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Alert Digest [No. 7](#) of 2014 and 7th [report](#) of 2014

### **Estimates**

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled

### **[Government responses](#) to committee reports tabled**

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Australia’s overseas development programs in Afghanistan
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—437th report: Review of Auditor-General’s reports nos 2 to 10 (2012-13)

### **New inquiries**

#### **Selection of Bills Committee**

The Senate adopted [report no. 8 of 2014](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 2 September 2014
- Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No.2] and 8 related bills—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 14 July 2014
- Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2]—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 14 July 2014
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—to report by 28 August 2014
- Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 22 September 2014

#### **Other references**

- [Department of Parliamentary Services](#)—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by the seventh sitting day in March 2015
- [Invasive species](#)—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 3 December 2014
- [National Landcare Program](#)—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 29 October 2014
- [Oil for Food Taskforce](#)—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 4 September 2014 [a statement was made]
- [Violence against women](#)—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 27 October 2014

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended the reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Commonwealth procurement procedures–to report by 10 July 2014
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Manus Island Detention Centre–to report by 24 September 2014

### Membership

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [Journals entries [42](#) and [52](#) refer]

## Documents

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### 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

Motion negated

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture to table documents relating to the suspension of live export trade [a [statement](#) was made]

### Documents tabled, and discussed

- ❑ [2 petitions](#)
- ❑ Auditor-General–[Audit reports nos 51 to 54 of 2013-14](#)
- ❑ [Government document](#)
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed

## Other business

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[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–first question](#)

[Adjournment debate–first speaker](#)

### First speeches

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) gave a [notice of motion](#) relating to first speeches

### [Death of former member](#)

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) informed the Senate of the death, on 22 June 2014, of Lewis Kent, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Hotham, Victoria

### Motions agreed to

- ❑ Health–[Motor Neuron Disease](#)–moved by Senator Boyce

- Women–[Gender pay gap](#)–Reporting requirements–moved by Senators Waters and Moore [a [statement](#) was made]

### **Motion negatived**

Youth–[Access to mental health workers](#)–moved by Senator Wright [[statements](#) were made]

### **Motion debated**

[Budget 2014-15](#)–moved by Senator Polley, at the request of Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

### **Party whips and deputy whips – appointment**

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) and The Leader of the Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion) made [statements](#) about the appointment of whips

### **Notices of motion**

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

## **Statistics**

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