



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 26 August 2014

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.36 pm

Senators

[Senator Ketter](#) and [Senator Bullock](#) gave their first speeches

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Health Workforce Australia (Abolition) Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

[Notices of motion](#) to introduce private senators' bills

- Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment (Continuing Roads to Recovery) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Lambie
- Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Private senators' bills to be debated

On 14 November 2013 the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 28 August 2014 the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014 and the Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014 are scheduled for debate

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Community Affairs References Committee–Reports–Out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare [[interim report](#) and [final report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Report–Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014 [[report](#)]
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Joint Committee–Implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme [[progress report](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Implications of the restriction on the use of fenthion on Australia’s horticultural industry [[report](#)]

[Government responses](#) to committee reports tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Report–Australia’s overseas aid and development assistance program
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Report–Framework and operation of subclass 457 visas, Enterprise Migration Agreements and Regional Migration Agreements
- National Broadband Network Select Committee–Interim report [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was debated]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Report–Review of the citrus industry in Australia

Leave to meet

The Senate authorised the following committee to hold meet while the Senate is sitting on 27 August 2014:

- Economics References Committee–private meeting on 27 August 2014
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–private briefing on 27 August 2014–from 3.15 pm
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Standing Committee–public meetings on 27 August 2014–from 11 am to noon, and from 1 pm to 2 pm
- Migration Joint Standing Committee–public meeting on 27 August 2014–from 9.30 am to 11 am

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiries of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 and a related bill, and the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014–to 27 August 2014

Notices of motion

To extend reporting deadlines

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Australia Post–to report by 24 September 2014
- Environment and Communications References Committee–
 - Australia’s environment–to report by the third last sitting day in June 2015
 - Great Barrier Reef–to report by 3 September 2014
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Violence against women–to report by 2 March 2015
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Abuse in Defence–to report by 30 October 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014–to report by 25 September 2014

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Joint Select Committee–3 September, 1 October, 29 October and 3 December 2014–private meetings, from 10.30 am
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–1 September, 22 September, 27 October and 24 November 2014–private meetings, from 11.30 am
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–1 September, 2 September, 3 September, 23 September and 30 September 2014–public meetings
- Health Select Committee–28 August 2014–public meeting
- Migration Joint Committee–3 September 2014–public meeting, from 9.30 am

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]

Disallowance motions

Notice of intention to amend

Senator Leyonhjelm gave a notice of intention to amend notices relating to the disallowance of certain primary industry regulations [a [statement](#) was made]

Notice of motion

Senator Cameron gave a notice of motion to disallow the Social Security (Reasonable Excuse - Participation Payment Obligations) (Employment) Determination 2014 (No. 1), made under subsection 42U(1) of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* [[F2014L00887](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

The following document was tabled in response to an order of the Senate:

Administration—[Australian Defence Force Boots Tender](#) [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 17 July 2014] [a motion to take note of the document was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

[Notices of motion](#)

The following notices of motion were given:

- Senator Ludlam gave a notice of motion requiring the Attorney-General to table documents relating to the telecommunications industry—no later than noon on 3 September 2014
- Senator Xenophon gave a notice of motion requiring the Attorney-General to table documents relating to the number of authorisations ordered under various provisions of the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979*, and orders made under the *Surveillance Devices Act 2004*—no later than 4 pm on 25 September 2014
- The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Prime Minister to table the final report into the Renewable Energy Target—no later than noon on 28 August 2014
- The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Treasurer to table documents relating to policy measures contained in the 2014-15 Budget—no later than noon on 28 August 2014

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice for various portfolios were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year] [Journals entries nos [34](#) and [48](#) refer]

Documents tabled, and considered

- [1 petition](#)
- Business of the Senate: 1 January to 30 June 2014 [[half-yearly report](#)]
- Government documents [Journals entries [2](#) and [32](#) refer] [and considered]
- Responses to Senate resolutions about—
 - Greenhouse pollution—from the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt) [resolution agreed to on 18 June 2014]
 - Higher education funding—from the Minister for Education (Mr Pyne) [resolution agreed to on 16 June 2014]
 - Indigenous Australians vision loss—from the Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash) [resolution agreed to on 17 July 2014]
 - Marrakesh Treaty—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop) [resolution agreed to on 23 June 2014] [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]
 - Research funding—from the Minister for Education (Mr Pyne) [resolution agreed to on 27 March 2014]

- Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area—from the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt) [resolution agreed to on 25 June 2014]
 - Technical and Further Education (TAFE) funding—from the Premier of Queensland (Mr Newman) [resolution agreed to on 18 June 2014]
 - Western Australia shark cull—from the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt) [resolution agreed to on 8 July 2014]
- Work of Committees: 1 January to 30 June 2014

Other business

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

First speeches

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) for first speeches to be made by senators

Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) relating to the loss of lives on Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over Ukraine [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Matter of public importance discussed

[Budget 2014-15](#)—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motion agreed to

Primary industries—[Farm properties](#)—Impact of vigilante activities—moved by Senators McKenzie and Back [a [statement](#) was made]

Personal explanation

Senator Dastyari [made](#) a personal explanation relating to comments attributed to him in the book, *He Who Must be Obeid*

Notices of motion

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



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