



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 27 August 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.24 pm

Senators

[Senator Rice](#) gave her first speech

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 August 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]

The following bill was debated

Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

Message reported

Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports and documents tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Reports–
 - Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 and a related bill [\[report\]](#)
 - National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014 [\[report\]](#)
 - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Stronger Penalties for Serious Failures) Bill 2014 [\[report\]](#)
- Community Affairs References Committee–Report–Australia’s healthcare system–Corrigendum
- Economics References Committee–Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry: tender process for the navy’s new supply ships (part 1) [\[report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014 [\[report\]](#)
- Human Rights Joint Committee–10th report of the 44th Parliament [\[report\]](#)
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–
 - Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014 [\[report\]](#)
 - Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and Other Measures) Bill 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Interim report–Comprehensive revision of the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* reporting date for the final report set for 29 October 2014; [first speaker](#)]
- Legislation committees–Reports on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2014: Community Affairs [\[report\]](#); 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 [\[report\]](#)
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation [monitor no. 10](#) of 2014
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 10](#) of 2014 and [10th report](#) of 2014

Leave for committees to meet, and reporting dates extended

The Senate agreed to motions authorising committees to meet while the Senate is sitting, and extended reporting dates for the inquiries [Journals entries nos [3](#), [10](#), [11](#), [12](#), [13](#), [14](#), [15](#), [16](#), [17](#) and [18](#) refer]

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—28 August 2014, from 3.45 pm—private meeting
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—28 August 2014, from 3.50 pm—private meeting

Membership

The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the membership of committees

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

Proposed disallowance motion

The Senate commenced debate on a [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](#)][—matter to be determined](#) [[first speaker](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

Environment—Queensland—[Abbot Point](#) [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 17 July 2014]

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- The Attorney-General to table documents relating to [data retention](#)—no later than noon on 3 September 2014
- The Minister representing the Prime Minister to table documents relating to the review of the [Renewable Energy Target](#)—no later than noon on 28 August 2014
- The Minister representing the Treasurer to table documents relating to distributional and cameo analysis contained in the [2014-15 Budget](#)—no later than noon on 28 August 2014

Notice of motion

Senator Ludlam gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Communications to table the efficiency review of the ABC and SBS undertaken by Mr Lewis—no later than 2 pm on 1 September 2014

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A letter of advice for the Industry portfolio was 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]

Unproclaimed legislation

A document was tabled showing details of unproclaimed Acts, together with a statement of reasons for non-proclamation and a timetable for their operation [[standing order 139\(2\)](#) requires tabling before 31 August each year]

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#)
- [Letters of condolence](#) from overseas legislatures relating to the loss of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- Environment—Queensland—[Great Barrier Reef Marine Park](#)—moved by Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]
- Law and justice—[Racial Discrimination Act 1975](#)—moved by Senator Collins, at the request of Senator Moore [debated as a matter of urgency – [first speaker](#)]
- Social issues—[Suicide prevention](#)—moved by Senator Wright [a [statement](#) was made]

Motion negatived

Education—[Higher education—Student unions](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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



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