



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 4 September 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.47 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 4 September 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Stop Dumping on the Great Barrier Reef Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]

The following bill was debated and defeated

Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2014—second reading debate [[first speaker](#)]-defeated at second reading

The following bills were debated and passed

- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Industry Code Penalties) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Energy Efficiency Opportunities (Repeal) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2014 [[Minister's second reading speech](#) and [first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

Message reported

Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2014—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

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

Reports and documents tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- Economics Legislation Committee–Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- Education and Employment References Committee–Report–Government’s approach to re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission–Additional information [a [motion](#) to take note of the documents was agreed to]
- Education and Employment References Committee–Report–Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014–Additional information
- Northern Australia Joint Select Committee–Pivot north – Inquiry into the development of Northern Australia [[final report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Publications Committee–[8th report](#)
- [Senators’ Interests Committee](#)–Statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations lodged between 1 July and 31 August 2014
- Treaties Joint Committee–[142nd report](#)–Treaty tabled on 13 May 2014 [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

Establishment of joint select committees

The Senate agreed to the establishment of the following joint select committees:

- [Australia Fund Establishment](#) Joint Select Committee–to report by 30 June 2015 [[statements were made](#)]
- [Trade and Investment Growth](#) Joint Select Committee–to report by 31 August 2015

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report](#) no. 11 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Corporations Amendment (Streamlining of Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2014–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 30 September 2014
- Customs Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 **and** the Customs Tariff Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 2 October 2014
- Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014–Education and Employment Legislation Committee–to report by 24 September 2014

- Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—to report by 28 October 2014

Other references

- [Australia's sugar industry](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 27 November 2014
- [Financial advice reforms](#)—Economics References Committee—to report by the first sitting day in July 2015

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer a matter about workplace entitlements to the Education and Employment References Committee

Membership

A [message](#) was received from the House of Representatives varying the membership of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [Journals entries [43](#) and [49](#) refer]

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

Documents tabled

Law and justice—[Data retention](#) [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 27 August 2014]

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A [letter of advice](#) for the Communications 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]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for various portfolios were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year] [Journals entries [32](#) and [47](#) refer]

Documents tabled, and discussed

- ❑ [1 petition](#)
- ❑ Committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Register of senior executive officers' interests
- ❑ [Petitioning document](#) relating to asylum seekers
- ❑ [Response](#) to Senate resolution about asylum seekers—from the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Mr Morrison) [resolution agreed to on 14 July 2014]

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- ❑ Environment—[Climate change](#)—G20 Summit in Brisbane—moved by Senator Singh [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Sport—[Sports funding](#)—moved by Senators McKenzie, Smith and Lundy

Motion debated

Taxation—[Bank levy](#)—moved by Senator Wish-Wilson, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [[first speaker](#)]

Motion denied formality

Immigration—[Asylum seekers from Iraq and Syria](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Motion negatived

Industrial relations—[Workers' entitlements](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon

Statement, by leave

Senator Madigan made a [statement](#) relating to his resignation from the Democratic Labour Party [and [tabled documents](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection



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