



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 2 October 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 8.29 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill introduced

Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 October 2014] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was introduced, exempted and debated

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 6) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 October 2014] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate]

The following bills were exempted, debated and passed

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Amendment Bill 2014 and Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Collection) Amendment Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bills will now be assented to]

Bill assented to

[Assent](#) to a law was reported in the Senate

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

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

Reports tabled

- Privileges Committee–[158th report](#)
- Publications Committee–[9th report](#)

Government responses to committee reports

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee–[Higher education and skills training to support agriculture and agribusiness in Australia](#)
[a motion to take note of the document was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- School Funding Select Committee–[Equity and excellence in Australian schools](#)

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report no. 13 of 2014](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2014–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for report by 24 November 2014
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework) Bill 2014–Education and Employment Legislation Committee for report by 24 November 2014

Other references

- Economics References Committee–[Australia's tax system](#)–to report by the first sitting day in June 2015
- Economics References Committee–[Digital currency](#)–to report by the first sitting day in March 2015
- Environment and Communications References Committee–[Electricity network companies](#)–to report by the first sitting day in March 2015

Reporting dates extended

The Senate [extended](#) reporting dates for inquiries

Membership

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [Journals entries nos [27](#) and [45](#) 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

- The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) tabled a [document](#) relating to the order for the production of documents concerning the Nauru Detention Centre [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 1 October 2014]
- The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) tabled a [document](#) relating to the order for the production of documents concerning the East West Link [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 25 September 2014]
- The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) tabled a [document](#) relating to the order for the production of documents concerning Budget estimates [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 2 October 2014]

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- The Attorney-General [to produce](#) the latest departmental discussion paper on data retention—no later than noon on 20 October 2014
- The Minister for Finance and Acting Assistant Treasurer [to produce](#) advice obtained from the Australian Government Solicitor concerning the regulation of financial advice—no later than 1 pm on 27 October 2014
- The Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Cormann) [to table](#) answers to questions placed on notice during the consideration by the Economics Legislation Committee of the Budget estimates 2014-15—by 5 pm on 2 October 2014 [a [document](#) was tabled and a [statement](#) was made]

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency unanswered questions on notice—Estimates hearings

Statements of compliance for various portfolios were tabled [Letters of advice in relation to questions taken on notice are required to be tabled by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings] [Journal entries [2](#) and [48](#) refer]

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]

Documents discussed

Committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were [discussed](#)

Other business

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

[Adjournment debate](#)–[first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- Administration–[Medicare payment system](#)–[Privatisation](#)–moved by Senator Di Natale and the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus) [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Health–[Hearing health](#)–[Programs and services](#)–moved by Senator Cameron
- Health–[Medical internships](#)–moved by Senator Di Natale [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]
- Indigenous Australians–[Removal of children](#)–moved by Senator Rhiannon
- Indigenous Australians–Western Australia–[Demolition of Oombulgurri](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]
- Sport–[National Rugby League Grand Final](#)–moved by Senator Rhiannon, the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne), Senator Moore and the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus)
- Taxation–[Corporate tax evasion](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- Trade–[Investor State Dispute Settlement clauses](#)–moved by Senator Whish-Wilson [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Motion negatived

Environment–Queensland–[Abbot Point](#)–moved by Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]

Motion debated

Education–[Higher education reforms](#)–moved by Senator Carr [[first speaker](#)]

Questions on notice–Estimates hearings–Failure to provide answers

Senator Ludwig asked Ministers for explanations of answers not being provided to questions placed on notice during consideration of the Budget estimates by committees. Responses and explanations were given by Ministers and motions to take note were agreed to [for details see Journals entry [34](#) and Senate [Hansard](#)]

Notice of motion

A [notice of motion](#) given today is available in the Senate Journals

Statistics

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