The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.12 pm

**Legislation**

**Bills and related documents**

**Bill introduced**

Charter of Budget Honesty Amendment (Intergenerational Report) Bill 2015 [private senator’s bill]

**Bills considered**

The following bills were exempted, introduced, debated and passed

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2014-2015, the Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2014-2015 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2014-2015 [second reading – first speaker]–6 Senator Leyonhjelm (LDP) amendments negatived–bills agreed to without amendment [The bills will now be assented to]

The following bill was debated and defeated

Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014–second reading debate continued [first speaker]–defeated at second reading

**Bills recommitted**

Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 and the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 [The committee of the whole will consider the bills again as reported on 24 November 2014]
Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Reports and government responses tabled

- 2014-15 additional estimates–
  - Community Affairs Legislation Committee [report]
  - Economics Legislation Committee [report]
  - Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [report]
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [report]
  - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [report]

- Annual reports tabled by 31 October 2014–
  - Community Affairs Legislation Committee [report]
  - Economics Legislation Committee [report]
  - Education and Employment Legislation Committee [report]
  - Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [report]
  - Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [report]
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [report]
  - Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [report]
  - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [report]


- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Response to report–Australia’s trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea


- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Biosecurity Bill 2014 and related bills [report]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of various committees to be held while the Senate is sitting

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for an inquiry of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Notice of motion to refer a matter to a committee

Effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by no later than 12 August 2015–notice given by Senators McKenzie and Williams
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]

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled
Automotive Transformation Scheme [the document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to earlier that day – see below]

Motions agreed to
The Senate ordered:
- the Attorney-General to table a document relating to the operation of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979–to table by no later than noon on 19 March 2015 [statements were made]
- the Minister representing the Minister for Industry and Science, and the Minister for Finance to table documents relating to the Automotive Transformation Scheme–to table by no later than 4 pm on 23 March 2015

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet
Statements of compliance were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

Documents tabled
Government documents

Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–first question
Adjournment debate–first speaker

Matter of public importance discussed
Indigenous Australians–Funding for Indigenous programs–proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]
Motions agreed to

- Education—National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy—Funding—moved by Senators Carr, Lazarus, Muir, Rhiannon, Xenophon, Madigan, Lambie and Wang [a statement was made]
- Indigenous Australians—Remote Aboriginal communities—moved by Senator Siewert
- Mining—Uranium export industry—moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- Science and technology—Solar energy exchange initiative—moved by Senator Rhiannon

Motions negatived

- Defence—Deployment of Australian troops—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a statement was made]
- Environment—Queensland—Abbot Point—moved by Senator Waters [statements were made]

Statement by President

The President made a statement relating to photography in the Senate

Notices of motion

Further notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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