

## **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

The committee met on Monday, 20 October 2014 from 9.01 am to 11.04 pm.

The committee called:

- the Attorney-General's Department and, within the Attorney-General's portfolio, the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre
- the department and agencies of the Immigration and Border Protection portfolio, including Australian Border Force, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal, and the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)
- agencies involved in Operation Sovereign Borders (OSB).

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the recruitment processes of MARA
- the complaint management systems of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and MARA
- breaches of privacy relating to client details and the protection of client information
- the cost of the agreement with Cambodia on refugee resettlement
- the inquiry into claims that Save the Children staff fabricated Nauru asylum seeker abuse stories
- progress in establishing the Australian Border Force
- the illegal importation of firearms and tobacco
- regulations for the importation of asbestos
- the removal of vessels from Australia's waters and the use of life boats
- recent announcements by the Papua New Guinea (PNG) government in relation to the resettlement of asylum seekers in PNG
- trauma experienced by OSB employees
- the investigation into the death of Mr Hamid Kehazaei.