

Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 14 May 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.36 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Major Sporting Events (Indicia and Images) Protection Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives 14 May 2014] [Minister's second reading speech]
- □ Tax Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives 14 May 2014] [Minister's second reading speech]

The following bill was debated

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Increased Employment Participation) Bill 2014–second reading debate commenced [first speaker]

The following bill was debated and passed

Migration Amendment Bill 2013 [first speaker in the second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was debated and defeated

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013–second reading debate continued [first speaker]–defeated at the second reading

Bills assented to

Assent to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

Committees

Scheduled <u>public committee hearings</u> <u>Committee reports</u>

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- □ Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [report]
- □ Omnibus Repeal Day (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [report]
- □ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014– Education and Employment Legislation Committee [report]

Other reports

- □ 3rd report of 2014–Public Works Joint Committee
- □ 6th report of the 44th Parliament–Human Rights Committee [report] [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to]
- □ 139th report: Treaties tabled on 11 December 2013; referred on 15 January 2014 and tabled on 11 February 2014–Treaties Joint Committee [report]
- 441st report: Inquiry into Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 – Rules development–Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee [report] [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to]
- □ Abbott Government's Commission of Audit Select Committee–<u>Interim report</u> [a <u>motion</u> was moved and agreed to relating to the presentation of the final report]
- □ <u>Alert Digest</u> No. 5 of 2014 and <u>5th report</u> of 2014–Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- Delegated legislation monitor <u>no. 5 of 2014</u>–Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- □ Departmental and agency contracts–Finance and Public Administration References Committee [report] [a motion was moved to take note of the report]
- □ Implementation of the Defence Trade Controls legislation–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [report]
- □ Technical and further education system in Australia–Education and Employment References Committee [report] [a motion was moved to take note of the report – <u>first</u> <u>speaker</u>]

Committee documents tabled

- □ Draft estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office for 2014-15–Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee [statement]
- Funding and administration of mental health services-<u>Additional</u> <u>information</u>-Community Affairs References Committee

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate and reporting dates extended

The Senate authorised meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting, and extended reporting dates for various committees [entries nos 10, 15 to 25, 28 and 52 refer]

Notices of motion

To direct a witness to appear

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–2014-15 Budget estimates–notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)

To extend reporting deadlines

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Grass-fed cattle levies–to report by 16 July 2014

To refer matters to committees

Any bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 15 May 2014 and up to and including 5 June 2014 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2014–Committees–to report by 16 June 2014–notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)

Membership

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of the Public Works Joint Committee

Documents

Delegated legislation

See <u>Disallowance Alert</u> for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

<u>Clerk's documents</u> were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) <u>tabled</u> a document relating to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority–Dredging at Abbot Point [The document were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 18 March 2014]

Motion agreed to

Administration-<u>Livestock Shipping Services</u>-Order for the production of documents-moved by the Senator Rhiannon

Motion negatived

Administration–Reserve Bank of Australia–<u>Note Printing Australia</u>–Order for the production of documents–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Notices of motion

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- The Minister representing the Minister for Social Services to table documents relating to the estimated number of homeless people-no later than noon on 16 June 2014-notice given by Senators Ludlam, McLucas, Xenophon and Madigan
- □ The Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development to table documents relating to the East West Link project–no later than 7 July 2014–notice given by Senator Carr

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

<u>Letters of advice</u> for various portfolios were tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are <u>required to be tabled</u> 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

<u>Letters of advice</u> for various portfolios were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are <u>required to be tabled</u> 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Documents tabled

Government documents [and considered]

Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–<u>first question</u> Matters of public interest debate–<u>first speaker</u> Adjournment debate–<u>first speaker</u>

Matter of public importance discussed

Budget 2014-15–proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]

Motions agreed to

- Environment–Western Australia–<u>Shark cull</u>–moved by Senator Siewert [a <u>statement</u> was made]
- □ Foreign affairs–<u>Egypt</u>-moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- Foreign affairs-<u>Nigeria-Boko Haram</u>-moved by the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash), the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) and Senators Moore, Kroger and Waters
- National Volunteer Week-moved by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash), the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
- □ Sport–<u>Netball</u>–moved the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash) and Senator McKenzie

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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