



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 28 August 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.15 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012 [2013]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Stronger Penalties for Serious Failures) Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Simple Corporate Bonds and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill 2014—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)]-1 Opposition amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]
- ❑ Meteorology Amendment (Online Advertising) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

Private senators' bills to be debated

On 14 November 2013 the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 4 September 2014 the Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2014, the End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014 and the Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014 are scheduled for debate

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

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

Report tabled

Education and Employment Legislation Committee–Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014 [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]

[Government responses](#) to committee reports tabled

- ❑ Education and Employment References Committee–Report–Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy
- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee–Report–Review of the listing of Jabhat al-Nusra and re-listing of six terrorist organisations; Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa’ida in the Arabian Peninsula
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee–Report–Public works on Christmas Island

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report](#) no. 10 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- ❑ Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2014–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 27 October 2014
- ❑ Customs Amendment Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 30 September 2014
- ❑ Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 5 February 2015

Leave for committees to meet

The Senate agreed to motions authorising committees to meet while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries nos [13](#) and [14](#) refer]

[Notice of motion](#) to refer a matter to a committee

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Disbursement of marketing and research and development levies in the agricultural sector–to report by 24 November 2014–notice given by Senator Heffernan

Message reported from the House of Representatives

Northern Australia Joint Select Committee–Variation of the [resolution](#) of appointment–to present final report on or before 4 September 2014, and subsequent related matters [motion agreed to]

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]

Disallowance motions

Instrument disallowed

The Senate [disallowed](#) the Social Security (Reasonable Excuse – Participation Payment Obligations) (Employment) Determination 2014 (No. 1), made under subsection 42U(1) of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* [[F2014L00887](#)] [[first speaker](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- [Budget 2014-15](#)–Distributional and cameo analysis [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 27 August 2014]
- Environment–[Review of the Renewable Energy Target](#) [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 27 August 2014]

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Communications to table the efficiency review of the ABC and SBS–by no later than 2 pm on 1 September 2014

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Australian Renewable Energy Agency was tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice for various portfolios were 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] [Journals entries nos [39](#) and [46](#) refer]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for Safe Work Australia was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled, and discussed

- [4 petitions](#)
- Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- Health—[Hepatitis B and C](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- [Indigenous Australians—Hearing loss](#)—moved by Senator Siewert [[statements](#) were made]
- Industry—[Liquid fuel security](#)—moved by Senator Madigan [[first speaker](#)]
- Social issues—[Sexuality and gender identity](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- Social issues—[World Congress of Families](#)—moved by Senator Waters
- Women—[Services for victims of domestic and family violence](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon [a [statement](#) was made]

Motion denied formality

[Certain aspects of Queensland Government administration select committee](#)—Proposed appointment—moved by the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus)

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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