



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 28 October 2014

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.58 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- ❑ Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Australian Education Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014 [[private senators' bill](#)]
- ❑ Dental Benefits Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Health and Other Services (Compensation) Care Charges (Amendment) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 4) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Supplement Cessation) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

- ❑ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Student Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced [amendments remain to be considered]

The following bills were discharged from the Notice Paper

- ❑ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 [[homepage](#)]
 - ❑ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014 [[homepage](#)]
- [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

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 30 October 2014 the National Integrity Commission Bill 2013 and the Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014 are scheduled for debate

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

Notices of motion to introduce government bills

- ❑ Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2014—[notice](#) given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis)
- ❑ Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014—[notice](#) given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis)

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports and documents tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014 [[report](#)]

Other reports and documents

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 and related bill–[Additional information](#)
- ❑ Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Joint Committee–[Progress report](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Review of the Defence Annual Report 2012-13 [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was moved]
- ❑ Human Rights Joint Committee–[14th report of the 44th Parliament](#) [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–[Future of Norfolk Island](#) [a motion to take note of the report was moved]
- ❑ Public Works Committee–[Report no. 6 of 2014](#)

Government responses to committee reports

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–[Trading Lives: Modern day human trafficking](#)
- ❑ Law Enforcement Joint Committee–[Gathering and use of criminal intelligence](#)

New inquiry

[Defence use of unmanned platforms](#)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by the last sitting day in June 2015

Reporting dates extended

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

- ❑ Economics References Committee–retail leasing–to report by the 8th sitting day of 2015
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–National Landcare Program–to report by 26 November 2014
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee:
 - Exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014–to report by 10 November 2014
 - Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014–to report by 10 February 2015
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Manus Island Detention Centre–to report by 3 December 2014

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of various committee to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries nos [3](#) and [18](#) refer]

Membership

- Messages from the House of Representatives were [reported](#) advising that:
 - Mr Pitt had been appointed to the Australia Fund Establishment Joint Select Committee in place of Dr Gillespie
 - Ms TM Butler, Mr Husic and Mr Wilkie had been appointed to the Australia Fund Establishment Joint Select Committee
 - Dr Chalmers, Mr Conroy and Mr Palmer had been appointed to the Trade and Investment Growth Joint Select Committee
- The Senate [agreed](#) to changes in the membership of various 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

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) [tabled](#) a document relating to the order for the production of documents concerning the Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulations 2014 [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 2 October 2014]

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Cormann) to table the Future Fund's analysis of the risks to its portfolio posed by climate impacts and 'unburnable carbon'—no later than noon on 24 November 2014 [a statement was made]

Notices of motion

- Senators Hanson-Young and Di Natale gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) to table a copy of advice relating to the suspension of the humanitarian intake from countries affected by Ebola—no later than 3 pm on 30 October 2014
- Senator Conroy gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) and the Minister representing the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) to table the NBN Co Corporate Plan 2014–17—no later than 3.30 pm on 24 November 2014

Ministerial statements

- The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) [tabled](#) a ministerial statement relating to spring repeal day
- The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) [tabled](#) a statement on research into the effects of military service on veterans and their families [a motion to take note of the statement was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Other business

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

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

Days of meeting

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing the sitting days for 2015 [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Matter of public importance discussed

Administration–Abbott Government–[Election commitments](#)–proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- Industry–[Black coal industry](#)–[Economic benefits](#)–moved by Senator O'Sullivan
- Primary industries–[Biosecurity operations](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [[a statement was made](#)]
- Women–International Day of the Girl Child–moved by the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash) [[a statement was made](#)]

Motions negatived

Immigration–[Asylum seekers](#)–[Mr Zainullah Naseri](#)–moved by Senator Hanson-Young [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals



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