



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 30 October 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 2.17 am on Friday, 31 October 2014

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills introduced

- ❑ Amending Acts 1970 to 1979 Repeal Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Freedom of Information Amendment (New Arrangements) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2014) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 October 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

### Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 6) Bill 2014—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014—7 Government, 17 Palmer United Party and 8 Senator Xenophon amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Dental Benefits Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

- Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Amendment Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

### **Motion agreed to**

The Senate debated and agreed to a motion to sit an extra three days (17 November 2014 to 19 November 2014) and to vary the routine of business for 17 November 2014 [[first speaker](#)]

## **Committees**

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### **Estimates**

- Additional information arising from estimates hearings was [tabled](#)
- The Senate [agreed](#) to reschedule on 20 November 2014 estimates hearings for the following legislation committees:
  - Environment and Communications
  - Finance and Public Administration
  - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

### **Report and documents tabled**

- Environment and Communications References Committee–Management of the Great Barrier Reef–[Additional information](#)
- Publications Committee–[10th report](#)

### **Government responses to committee reports**

- Education and Employment References Committee–[Delivery of quality and affordable early childhood education and care services](#)
- Education and Employment References Committee–[Immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia](#)
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–[Review of the Defence annual report 2011-12](#)

### **New inquiries**

#### **Selection of Bills Committee**

The Senate adopted, with an amendment moved by the Manager of Government Business (Senator Fifield), [report no. 14 of 2014](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references [an amendment to the report was agreed to – [a statement was made](#)]:

- Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 25 November 2014
- Australian Citizenship and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 1 December 2014

- Broadcasting and Other Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 9 February 2015
- Customs Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report by 27 November 2014
- Freedom of Information Amendment (New Arrangements) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 25 November 2014
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 6) Bill 2014–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 25 November 2014
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014 and the Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Amendment Bill 2014–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 9 February 2015

### Other references

- Economics References Committee–[Nation-building infrastructure](#)–to report by 2 March 2015
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–[Road safety](#)–to report by 9 September 2015

### Reporting date extended

The Senate [agreed](#) to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee into abuse in Defence–to 31 October 2014

### Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate [authorised](#) meetings of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee and the Environment and Communications References Committee to be held while the Senate is sitting

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [vary](#) the membership of committees

## Documents

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### 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]

### Notice of intention to withdraw

Senator Dastyari [objected](#) to the proposed withdrawal of the notice of motion to disallow the Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 102 and made under the *Corporations Act 2001* [[F2014L00891](#)] [the notice of motion was transferred to his name]

### Notice of motion

Senator Cameron gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow the Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Regulation 2014 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 147 and made under the *Fair Entitlements Guarantee Act 2012* [[F2014L01372](#)]

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Document tabled

The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) [tabled](#) a document in response to the order for the production of documents relating to the humanitarian intake from Ebola-affected countries [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 29 October 2014]

### Notice of motion

Senator Di Natale gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash) to table a copy of the advice that informed the decision to not send Australian personnel to West Africa in response to the Ebola epidemic—by no later than 3 pm on 26 November 2014

### Documents discussed

Committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were [discussed](#)

### Ministerial statement

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) tabled a ministerial statement relating to [infrastructure](#)

### Other business

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[Questions without notice—first question; question to the President; and issues arising during question time](#)  
[Adjournment debate](#)

### Motion debated

Taxation—Indexation of fuel excise—moved by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

### Personal explanation

Senator Peris made a [personal explanation](#) relating to articles about her in the *Northern Territory News*

### Statement by the President

The President (Senator Parry) made a [statement](#) relating to the use of quotations when asking questions without notice

## Suspensions of standing orders

The Senate agreed to the following motions to suspend standing orders:

- to enable debate on a motion to vary the routine of business— moved by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to suspend standing orders [[first speaker](#)]
- to enable debate on a motion relating to the days of meeting and estimates hearings—moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) [[first speaker](#)]

## Notices of motion

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

## Statistics

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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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