



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 26 November 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 8 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Psychoactive Substances and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 November 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 November 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 November 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Freedom to Marry Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 6) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 November 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014—Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate]—agreed to without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was debated

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)][—AG second reading amendment](#) to be determined

Notices of motion to introduce private senators' bills

- Family Tax Benefit (Tighter Income Test) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Leyonhjelm
- Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014—notice given by Senators Di Natale, Leyonhjelm, Macdonald and Urquhart

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)
[Committee reports](#)

Reports and documents tabled

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the corporations legislation [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was moved]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Customs Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 and a related bill [[report](#)]
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Delegated legislation [monitor](#) no. 16 of 2014
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—16th [report](#) of 2014 and [Alert digest](#) no. 16 of 2014
- Treaties Joint Committee—[145th report](#) [a motion to take note of the report was moved – [first speaker](#)]

Government response to committee report tabled

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Supply of chemotherapy drugs such as Docetaxel

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised meetings of the [Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence](#) and Trade and the [Joint Committee on Treaties](#) to be held while the Senate is sitting

Membership

A [message](#) from the House of Representatives was reported advising changes in the membership of a joint committee

Notice of motion

To refer a matter to a committee

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 2 March 2015—notice given by Senators Xenophon and Ruston

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

[Notice of motion](#)

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) gave a notice of motion for the Senate to rescind, in part, its resolution of 19 November 2014 disallowing 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* [[homepage](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) [tabled](#) a document relating to the order for the production of documents concerning the Ebola epidemic response [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 17 November 2014]
- The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) [tabled](#) documents relating to the orders for the production of documents concerning the Moreton Bay rail link, and the Ipswich motorway [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 25 November 2014]

[Notices of motion](#)

The following notices of motion were given:

- Senator Ludlam gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) to table documents concerning the National Partnership Agreement for Homelessness (NPAH) and the National Affordable Housing Agreement—no later than noon on 3 December 2014
- Senator Whish-Wilson gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment to table a document concerning the China-Australia Trade Agreement—by no later than 27 November 2014

Documents tabled

- 1 [petition](#)
- [Government documents and reports of the Auditor-General](#), pursuant to order [and [considered](#)]

Other business

[Questions without notice—first question](#)

[Senators' statements—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Suspension of standing orders—Censure motion

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion censuring the Minister for Defence and the motion was agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- ❑ Foreign affairs—[Water and sanitation programs](#)—moved by Senators Moore and Rhiannon
- ❑ Health—[People with disability—Allegations of abuse](#)—moved by Senator Siewert [[statements](#) were made]
- ❑ Health—[Uncommon cancers—Unicorn Foundation](#)—moved by Senator Di Natale
- ❑ Historical events—[Anzac Centenary](#)—moved by Senator Moore
- ❑ Sport—[Moree Boomerangs Rugby League Football Club](#)—moved by Senator Williams
- ❑ Transport—[High speed rail](#)—moved by Senator Rice

Statement by the Minister for Defence

The Minister for Defence (Senator Johnston) made a [statement](#) relating to remarks he made during question time on 25 November 2014 concerning ASC Pty Ltd. A motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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



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