



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 27 November 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 8.30 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- ❑ Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Customs Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 November 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Direct Lending and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 November 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Family Tax Benefit (Tighter Income Test) Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 November 2014] [[President's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 November 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed

Customs Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 **and** the Customs Tariff Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014—Opposition second reading amendment agreed to [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bills will now be assented to]

The following bill was introduced, debated and passed

Australian War Memorial Amendment Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

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

Private senator's bill 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 December 2014](#) the Family Tax Benefit (Tighter Income Test) Bill 2014 is scheduled for debate

[Notice of motion](#) to introduce a private senator's bill

Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Amendment Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Wright

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

- [Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled
- [Estimates of proposed expenditure](#) for 2014-15 in relation to the ACT Government Loan Bill 2014

[Government response](#) to committee report

Treaties Joint Committee—137th report—Treaty referred on 15 January 2014

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report](#) no. 15 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Biosecurity Bill 2014 and 4 related bills—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 17 March 2015
- Corporations Legislation Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2014—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 11 February 2015
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Direct Lending and Other Measures) Bill 2014—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 11 February 2015

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate [authorised](#) meetings of the Joint Select Committee on the Australia Fund Establishment to be held while the Senate is sitting

Membership

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

Reporting dates extended

Various committees were [granted](#) extensions of time to report

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- Commonwealth's treaty-making process—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 18 June 2015—notice given by the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher)
- Details of Australia's bid to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 28 April 2015—notice given by Senator Di Natale

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—rescission

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) 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*

Orders for the production of documents

Documents 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 asylum seekers [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 24 November 2014]
- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham) [tabled](#) documents in response to the order for the production of documents relating to Abbot Point [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 25 November 2014]

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services 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

[Notices of motion](#)

The following notices of motion were given:

- Senator Ludwig gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Treasurer to table documents concerning Ipswich Motorway—no later than 3.30 pm on 3 December 2014
- Senator Siewert gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services to table a report into income management in the Northern Territory—by no later than 5 pm on 3 December 2014

Documents tabled, and discussed

Document relating to [Mr Fluffy insulation](#)

[Documents, committee reports and government responses](#) were discussed

Other business

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- Animal welfare—[Animal testing of cosmetics products](#)—moved by Senators Ruston, Rhiannon and Singh, the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus) and Senators Wang, Xenophon, O’Sullivan and Muir [a [statement](#) was made]
- Environment—Resource development—[Proposed use of radioactive material](#)—moved by Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]
- Foreign affairs—[Japan—Whaling](#)—moved by Senator Whish-Wilson [[statements](#) were made]
- Primary industries—[Agricultural exports](#)—moved by Senator Canavan
- Transport—New South Wales—[Newcastle heavy rail line services](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon

Motion debated

Finance—[Government spending](#)—moved by Senator Leyonhjelm [[first speaker](#)]

Motion negated

Environment—Queensland—[Great Barrier Reef](#)—moved by Senators Macdonald, Williams and Bernardi [[statements](#) were made]

Motion unresolved

Trade—[China-Australia Free Trade Agreement](#)—Proposed order for the production of documents—notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today is 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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