



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 25 June 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.39 pm

Senators

[Senator Kroger](#), [Senator Furner](#) and [Senator Farrell](#) gave valedictory speeches and a series of speeches were given recognising their contribution to Parliament

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Removing Re-approval and Re-registration) Bill 2014–Opposition second reading amendment agreed to [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate]–committee of the whole commenced [an amendment remains to be considered]

The following bills were debated and passed

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2014-2015; Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2014-2015; Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2014-2015; Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2013-2014; Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2013-2014–[[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bills will now be assented to]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Establishment of select committees

- [Abbott Government's Budget Cuts Select Committee](#)–to report by 20 June 2016
- [Health Select Committee](#)–to report by 20 June 2016

Estimates

The Senate agreed to the following [motions](#) relating to estimates and accountability resolutions—

- ❑ Accountability of estimates hearings
- ❑ Additional hearings for estimates hearings on Friday
- ❑ Additional hearings of legislation committees considering estimates
- ❑ Amendment of standing order 26
- ❑ Amendment of standing order 74(5) relating to unanswered questions on notice
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Reconvene to resume consideration of the 2014-15 Budget estimates to consider the performance of Defence Housing Australia—26 June 2014 from 10 am [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Variation to the hours of meeting for estimates hearings

New inquiries

[Economics References Committee](#)—

- ❑ Australia's naval ship building industry—to report by 1 July 2015
- ❑ forestry managed investment schemes—to report by 27 October 2014 [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ retail leasing—to report by 30 October 2014

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended the reporting dates for inquiries of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—

- ❑ future of beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia—to 16 July 2014
- ❑ implications of the restrictions on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry—to 16 July 2014

[Notices of motion](#)

To extend reporting deadline

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Commonwealth procurement procedures—to report by 10 July 2014—notice given by the Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator Lundy)

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ National Landcare Program—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 29 October 2014—notice given by Senator Thorp
- ❑ Oil for Food Taskforce—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 4 September 2014—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ Performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services, progress in the implementation of recommendations of the 2012 report—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by the 7th sitting day in March 2015—notice given by Senators Faulkner, Bernardi, Rhiannon, Madigan, Xenophon

- Prevention of invasive species likely to harm Australia's natural environment—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 3 December 2014—notice given by Senator Thorp

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Disallowance motions

[Notice of intention to withdraw](#)

The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Edwards) gave a notice of intention to withdraw a notice to disallow the Migration Amendment (Bridging Visas—Code of Behaviour) Regulation 2013, made under the *Migration Act 1958* [[F2013L02102](#)] [a [statement](#) was made]

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- each Minister in the Senate to table a statement relating to [estimates questions on notice](#)—by no later than 10 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings
- the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development to table documents relating to the [Perth Freight Link](#)—by no later than noon on 7 July 2014 [a statement was made]

[Notice of motion](#)

Senator Rhiannon gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture to table correspondence relating to the compensation claim resulting from the suspension of live export trade to Indonesia in 2011—no later than 8 July 2014

Documents tabled

- [1 petition](#), and a petitioning document
- [Government documents](#) [and considered]

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Matter of public importance discussed

Foreign affairs—[Middle East Policy](#)—proposed by Senator Xenophon [[first speaker](#)]

Motion denied formality—suspension of standing orders

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by Senator Moore to suspend standing orders to enable debate on motions relating to estimates hearings and accountability matters and that motion was agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- ❑ Health—[Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness Day](#)—moved by Senators Wright, Boyce and McLucas
- ❑ Environment—[Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ Senate—Powers—[Freedom of Information Act provisions](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)

Motion negatived

Environment—[Solar energy initiatives](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Notices of motion

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

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