



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 25 September 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 9.53 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills introduced

- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 September 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 September 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 September 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Migration Amendment (Humanitarian Visa Intake) Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 September 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014 [[Senate bill](#)]
- Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014 [[private senators' bill](#)]
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 September 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

## Bills considered

The following bill was introduced, debated and passed

Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 4) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was debated and passed

National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014–56 Government and 4 Palmer United Party amendments [agreed](#) to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

The following bill was debated

Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013 [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate]

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 2 October 2014 the Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014 are scheduled for debate

## Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

## Estimates

Additional information arising from estimates hearings was [tabled](#)

## Reports tabled

- Education and Employment Legislation Committee–Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014 [[report](#)]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014 [[report](#)]

## Government response to committee report [tabled](#)

Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–441st report–*Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) rules development

## New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report](#) no. 12 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014–Economics Legislation Committee for report by 24 November 2014
- Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for report by 17 October 2014

- Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for report by 26 November 2014
- Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for report by 24 November 2014
- Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for report by 27 November 2014
- National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for report by 24 November 2014
- Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for report by 24 November 2014
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014—Economics Legislation Committee to report by 28 October 2014

[a [statement](#) was made]

### **Notices of motion**

To refer a matter to a committee

Electricity network regulation—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 3 December 2014—[notice](#) given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

### **Leave for committees to meet**

The Senate agreed to motions authorising committees to meet while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries nos [8](#), [10](#), [15](#), [16](#), [17](#) and [18](#) refer]

### **Messages from the House of Representatives**

[Messages](#) from the House of Representatives were reported informing the Senate that the House had agreed to the Senate resolutions to establish the following committees:

- Australia Fund Establishment Joint Select Committee
- Trade and Investment Growth Joint Select Committee

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to [vary](#) the membership of the Joint Select Committee on Trade and Investment Growth

## 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]

### Disallowance motions

Instrument disallowed

The Senate disallowed the Migration Amendment (Repeal of Certain Visa Classes) Regulation 2014 [[F2014L00622](#)] [a [statement](#) was made]

### Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

*Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

A statement of compliance for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was [tabled](#) [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development to produce certain documents held or prepared by Infrastructure Australia relating to the East West Link project—no later than 4 pm on 2 October 2014

Notices of motion

Senator Ludwig gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Ministers representing the Minister for Industry, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and the Treasurer to table documents relating to the Toowoomba Bypass project—no later than 1 October 2014

### Documents tabled, and discussed

- Auditor-General—[Report no. 2 of 2014-15](#)
- Committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed [[first speaker](#)]
- [Response](#) to Senate resolution about World Ranger Day—Death of Mr Glen Turner—from the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt) [resolution agreed to on 3 September 2014]

## Other business

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

### Motions agreed to

- Environment—[Climate change policy](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a [statement](#) was made]
- Health—[Ebola](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a [statement](#) was made]
- Health—[Renal health](#)—Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation—moved by Senator Siewert

### Motion debated

Administration—[Establishment of a National Independent Commission Against Corruption](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [[first speaker](#)]

### Motion denied formality

Environment—Queensland—[Abbot Point](#)—moved by Senator Waters

### Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are 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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