



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 4 December 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 12.38 am, 5 December 2014

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- ❑ Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 December 2014] [Minister's second reading speech]
- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donations Reform) Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was debated and negatived

Family Tax Benefit (Tighter Income Test) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate]—[negatived](#) at second reading

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] (AG second reading amendment not agreed to)—[agreed to with Government and Opposition amendments](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014—agreed to with Government amendments [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The House of Representatives subsequently agreed to the amendments made by the Senate] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was exempted, debated and passed

ACT Government Loan Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#) – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

Messages reported

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework) Bill 2014 and the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bills will now be assented to]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Report tabled

Privileges Committee—160th report—The use of CCTV material in Parliament House [[report](#)] [statements were made]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted, with an amendment moved by the Manager of Government Business (Senator Fifield), [report](#) no. 16 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references [an amendment to the report was agreed to – statements were made - [first speaker](#)]:

- ❑ Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 25 March 2015
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements—Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 3 March 2015
- ❑ Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill 2014 and the Enhancing Online Safety for Children (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 3 March 2015
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment (Bargaining Processes) Bill 2014—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—to report by 25 March 2015
- ❑ Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (Improved Oversight and Resourcing) Bill 2014—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 5 March 2015
- ❑ Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 2 March 2015

Other references

- ❑ [Airport security](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 26 April 2015
- ❑ Australia's bilateral aid program – [Papua New Guinea](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 26 November 2015
- ❑ [Australian construction industry](#)—Economics References Committee—to report by 11 November 2015

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) to refer a matter to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee concerning regional capitals

Membership

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

Reporting dates extended

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

[Notice of motion](#) to refer a matter to a committee

Violence, abuse and neglect against people with disability in institutional care—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 24 June 2015—notice given by the Chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)

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]

Documents tabled

[2 petitions](#)

Other business

[Questions without notice -first question](#)

Statement by Deputy President

The Deputy President (Senator Marshall) [made a statement](#) relating to voting in divisions

Suspension of standing orders—Variation—Hours of meeting and routine of business

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business today and the motion was agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

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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