The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.42 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2013-2014 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 March 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2014 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 4 March 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Governor-General Amendment (Salary) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 4 March 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 4 March 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 March 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]

The following bills were debated and passed

- National Health Amendment (Simplified Price Disclosure) Bill 2013–[first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013–second reading commenced—[first speaker]; Senator Xenophon’s second reading amendment negatived [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments, including a title change, made by the Senate]
**Notices of motion**

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2014
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2014
- Governor-General Amendment (Salary) Bill 2014
- Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Dairy Produce) Bill 2014
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Bill 2014

To introduce private senators' bills
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- Flags Amendment Bill 2014—notice given by Senators Madigan and Xenophon
- Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Siewert

**Committees**

**Scheduled public committee hearings**

**Committee reports**

**Reports tabled**
- 3rd report—Publications Committee
- Alert Digest No. 2 of 2014 and 2nd report of 2014—Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- Delegated legislation monitor no. 2 of 2014—Regulations and Ordinances Committee

**New inquiries**

The Senate agreed to refer the following matters to committees:
- Breach of Indonesian territorial waters in connection with Operation Sovereign Borders—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 27 March 2014 [a statement was made]
- Environmental offsets—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 16 June 2014
- Incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 26 June 2014 [statements were made]

**Proposed reference**

The Senate did not agree to a motion to refer to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee a matter relating to government support for Qantas [statements were made]

**Notices of motion**

To refer matters to committees
- Processes and powers of the Australian Federal Police—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 15 May 2014—notice given by Senator Xenophon
Qantas–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 27 March 2014–notice given by Senator Sterle

Southern Ocean and Antarctic waters–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 14 May 2014–notice given by Senator Whish–Wilson

Supporting Qantas and Australian jobs–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 27 March–notice given by Senators Rhiannon and Xenophon

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]

Proposed disallowance motion
The Senate commenced debate on a motion to disallow the Clean Energy Auction Revocation Determination 2014 made under the Clean Energy Act 2011–matter to be determined [first speaker]

Disallowance motions

Notice of intention to withdraw
The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee gave a notice of intention to withdraw two notices to disallowance to veterans’ entitlements determinations [F2013L00671] [F2013L00670]

Notice of motion to disallow given
Senator McLucas gave a notice of motion to disallow the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Delegation) Regulation 2013 made under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 [F2013L02122]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

A document relating to the former Chief of Staff to the Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash) [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 4 March 2014]

A document relating to the National Commission of Audit reports [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 4 March 2014]

Notices of motion
The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

The Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment–Korea-Australia free trade agreement economic modelling–no later than 17 March 2014–notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson
The Minister representing the Minister for Education–Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform and associated documents–no later than 12 March 2014–notice given by Senator McEwen

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for various portfolios were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

Documents tabled

Government documents [and considered]

Response to a Senate resolution about Great White sharks in Western Australia–from the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt) [resolution agreed to on 12 February 2014] [a motion to take note of the response was agreed to]

Other business

Questions without notice–first question
Matters of public interest debate–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 Assistant Minister for Health and the motion was agreed to [first speaker]

Motions agreed to

Communications–Broadband–Tasmania—moved by Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Moore [debated as a matter of urgency–first speaker]

Women–International Women’s Day–moved by Senators Cash, Moore and Waters

Women–Gender pay gap–moved by Senator Waters [a statement was made]

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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