Senate Daily Summary
Thursday, 20 March 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.44 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced
Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]

The following bills were debated

- Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013—second reading debate continued [first speaker]
- Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013—second reading debate continued [first speaker]

The following bills were exempted, debated and passed

- Farm Household Support Bill 2014
  Farm Household Support (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014 [first speaker] [These bills will now be assented to]

The following bills were exempted, introduced, debated and passed

- Civil Aviation Amendment (CASA Board) Bill 2014 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Quarantine Charges (Collection) Bill 2014
  Quarantine Charges (Imposition—General) Bill 2014
  Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2014
  Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2014 [first speaker] [These bills will now be assented to]
The following bills were debated and defeated by a majority vote

- Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013
- Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013

–defeated at third reading

Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Estimates

Additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled

Government responses tabled

- Law Enforcement–Joint Committee–Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2011-12
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Aviation accident investigations [a motion to take note of the document was debated– first speaker]

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee to hold a public meeting into Australia Post while the Senate is sitting on 26 March 2014 from 5 pm to 6 pm

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted report no. 3 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Removing Re-approval and Re-registration) Bill 2014–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 16 June 2014
Flags Amendment Bill 2014–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 16 June 2014

**Notices of motion**

To refer matters to committees

- Great Barrier Reef–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 25 June 2014–notice given by Senator Waters
- Southern Ocean and Antarctic waters–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 15 May 2014–notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson

**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 motions**

Regulation disallowed

The Senate agreed to a motion to disallow the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Delegation) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 272 and made under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 [F2013L02122] [first speaker]

**Orders for the production of documents**

Document tabled

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled a document relating to the Maules Creek coal project [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 18 March 2014] [a motion to take note of the document was agreed to]

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for Industry to table documents relating to the review of the South Australian economy and the Victorian manufacturing and industry economic review–no later than noon on 24 March 2014

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 and discussed
- Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports were discussed
- Response to Senate resolution about Mr Peter Greste–from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop) [resolution agreed to on 13 February 2014] [a motion to take note of the response was agreed to]

Other business
Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–first question
Adjournment debate–first speaker
Motions agreed to
- Indigenous Australians–National Close the Gap Day–moved by Senators Siewert and Peris [a statement was made]
- Law and justice–Racial vilification–moved by Senator Di Natale
- National Apology for Forced Adoptions–moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and Senators Boyce, Moore and Siewert
- Primary industries–Northern beef cattle industry–moved by Senators Macdonald, O’Sullivan, Boswell, Eggleston and Back [a statement was made]
- Youth–Emotional resilience and wellbeing–moved by Senator Wright [statements were made]

Motion debated
Senate–Western Australia–Half Senate election–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne), at the request of Senator Siewert [first speaker]

National Apology for Forced Adoptions–First anniversary
Senators made statements relating to the first anniversary of the National Apology for Forced Adoptions [first speaker]

Notices of motion
Notices of motion given today are 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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