Senate
Daily Summary
Monday, 24 March 2014

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.28 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced
Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 March 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]

The following bill was debated
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013–second reading debate continued [first speaker]–1 Australian Greens second reading amendment pending

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 27 March 2014 the Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014 are scheduled for debate

Notice of motion

To introduce a private senator’s bill
Save Our Sharks Bill 2014–notice given by Senator Siewert

[See committees for details of reports on legislation]

Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Reports tabled

- Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill 2014–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [report]
Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014–Economics Legislation Committee [report]

Notices of motion

To extend reporting deadlines

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013–to report by 29 May 2014

To hold meeting when the Senate is sitting

Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–on 15 May 2014 from 10.30 am–private briefing

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to a motion to refer to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee a matter relating to illegal fishing–to report by 15 May 2014

Membership

The Senate agreed to changes to the committee membership of the Economics References Committee

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

Notices of motion to disallow

Senator Farrell gave notices of motion to disallow the following regulations:

- Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986–Veterans’ Children Education Scheme (Income Support Bonus) Repeal Instrument 2014, made under subsections 117(2) and (3) of the Act [F2014L00257]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

A document was tabled relating to the Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 17 March 2014]
The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham) tabled a document relating to the economic review of South Australia and Victoria [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 20 March 2014] [a motion to take note of the document was debated – first speaker]

Notice of motion
Senator Carr gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Employment to table documents relating to draft labour market growth rate projections–no later than 10 am on 26 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]

Ministerial statement
The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) tabled a ministerial statement on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – first speaker]

Document tabled
A response to a Senate resolution about the shark cull in Western Australia from the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt) was tabled [resolution agreed to on 4 March 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

Matter of public importance discussed
Finance–National Commission of Audit–proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]

Notices of motion
Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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