Senate Daily Summary
Tuesday, 25 March 2014

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.51 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 March 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Save Our Sharks Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]

The following bills were debated

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2013-2014 and 2 related bills–second reading debate commenced [first speaker]

The following bill was defeated by a majority

Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013–defeated at second reading [first speaker]

Message from the House of Representatives

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013–consideration of message in committee of the whole–Message reporting that the House of Representatives had agreed to 39 amendments made by the Senate, disagreed to 2 amendments and made 2 amendments in place of those amendments was considered in committee of the whole [The Senate did not insist on its amendments and agreed to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in their place. The bill will now be assented to]
Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Reports tabled

- Human Rights Joint Committee–5th report of the 44th Parliament–Examination of legislation in accordance with the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*: Bills introduced 17 March to 20 March 2014 and legislative instruments received 1 March to 7 March 2014 [report] [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to]

- Public Works Joint Committee–2nd report of 2014–Referrals made December 2013 [report]

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee to hold a private briefing while the Senate is sitting on 15 May 2014 from 10.30 am

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended the reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- **Economics Legislation Committee**–Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013–to report by 25 June 2014

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

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to a motion to refer to the Environment and Communications References Committee matters relating to the Great Barrier Reef–to report by 25 June 2014 [a statement was made]

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–on 14 May 2014 from 5.30 pm–private meeting

- National Broadband Network Select Committee–on 27 March 2014–private meeting

To refer a matter to a committee

Australia’s healthcare system–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 16 July 2014–notice given by Senators Di Natale and Brown

Membership

The Senate agreed to changes in the membership of the Education and Employment Legislation 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

Regulations disallowed

The Senate debated and agreed to motions to disallow the following regulations [first speaker]:

- 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

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister for Employment to table documents relating to jobs data–by no later than 10 am on 26 March 2014 [a document responding to the order was later tabled -see entry below]

Document tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) tabled a document relating to jobs data [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to today]

Notice of motion

Senator Hanson-Young gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection to table documents relating to the interception and turn-back of an asylum seeker vessel named ‘Riski’–no later than 4 pm on 2 April 2014

Documents tabled

Government documents [and considered]

Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–first question
Adjournment debate–first speaker

Matter of public importance discussed

Finance–Financial advice–proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]
Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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