The Senate met from 9.30 am until 9.21 pm

*The Senate* will meet again on 16 June 2014. Senate committees will meet from 26 May to 5 June 2014 to consider Budget estimates.

### Budget 2014-15

Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites


### Legislation

**Bills and related documents**

#### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives 15 May 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

The following bills were debated

- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Increased Employment Participation) Bill 2014—second reading agreed to [first speaker](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate) and committee of the whole commenced [amendments remain to be considered](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

The following bills were debated and passed

Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 1) 2014 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
Tax Bonus for Working Australians Repeal Bill 2013 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
Tax Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]

Notice of motion
To introduce a private senator's bill
Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014–notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

Committees
Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Estimates
Additional information received relating to estimates hearings was tabled

Reports tabled
- 5th report–Publications Committee
- 156th report–Privileges Committee–Person referred to in the Senate [report] [a motion to adopt the report was moved and agreed to]
- Current investigative processes and powers of the Australian Federal Police in relation to non-criminal matters–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee [report] [a motion to take note of the report was moved – first speaker]
- Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area–Environment and Communications References Committee [report] [a motion to take note of the report was moved – first speaker]

Government response tabled
Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Report–Examination of annual reports (No. 2 of 2012)

New inquiries
Selection of Bills Committee
The Senate adopted report no. 5 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:
- Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 14 July 2014
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 23 June 2014


Health Workforce Australia (Abolition) Bill 2014–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 14 July 2014

Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 3 September 2014


Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 16 June 2014:
  o Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Income Tax (Bearer Debentures) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Income Tax (First Home Saver Accounts Misuse Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Tax Laws Amendment (Interest on Non-Resident Trust Distributions) (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Tax Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
  o Trust Recoupment Tax Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014

Other inquiries

Time critical bills–Any bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 15 May 2014 and up to and including 5 June 2014 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2014–Committees–to report by 16 June 2014
**Reporting date extended**
The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into grass-fed cattle levies to 16 July 2014

**Notices of motion**
To extend reporting deadlines
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014–to report by 27 August 2014

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–
- 16 June and 23 June 2014 from 5.30 pm–public meetings–role of the private sector in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region
- 17 June and 24 June 2014 from 12.45 pm–public meetings–human rights issues confronting women and girls in the Indian Ocean-Asia Pacific region

**Membership**
The Senate agreed to vary the membership of the Economics 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**

**Disallowance notices**
Senator Wright gave the following notices of motion to disallow various legislative instruments made under the Bankruptcy Act 1966:
- to disallow the Bankruptcy Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 36 [F2014L00350]
- to disallow Division 2.11 of the Bankruptcy (Fees and Remuneration) Determination 2014, made under subsection 316(1) of the Act [F2014L00367]

**Orders for the production of documents**
Motion agreed to
Social issues–Homelessness–no later than noon on 16 June 2014 [a statement was made]
Notice of motion

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) gave a notice of motion requiring the Assistant Treasurer to table documents relating to the report prepared by KPMG for the Reserve Bank of Australia into the conduct of board members of Note Printing Australia–no later than 5 pm on 7 July 2014

Orders with continuing effect

*Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies*

*Letters of advice* for various portfolios were tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are **required to be tabled** 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

*Departmental and agency grants*

*Letters of advice* for various portfolios were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are **required to be tabled** 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Document tabled

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Other business

*Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–first question*

*Adjournment debate–first speaker*

**Address-in-reply**

- The address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s speech was agreed to
- The Senate agreed to a motion relating to the presentation of the address-in-reply to the Governor-General

**Routine of business–Variation**

The Senate agreed to a motion to vary the routine of business on 17, 18, 24 and 25 June 2014 to allow valedictory statements to be made

**Estimates hearings–Questions on notice–Answer and explanation**

*Senator Urquhart* asked the Minister representing the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) why answers had not been provided to questions on notice relating to estimates hearings. Senator Fifield provided an explanation. A motion moved by Senator Urquhart to take note of the explanation was debated and agreed to

**Motions agreed to**

- **Death of Mr Henry Jones**–moved by Senators Xenophon, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham), and Senators McEwen and Hanson-Young
- Law and justice–**Access to justice**–moved by Senator Wright
Motions negatived

- Environment–New South Wales–Gas exploration–moved by Senator Waters [statements were made]
- Family and Community Services–Childcare funding–moved by Senator Madigan [statements were made]

Motion debated

Budget 2014-15–moved by Senator Ludwig, at the request of Senator Moore [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