The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.56 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 June 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]

- Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014; Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014; Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2014; Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 June 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]

- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 and the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 June 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]

- Trade Support Loans Bill 2014 and the Trade Support Loans (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 June 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]

The following bills were debated

- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Removing Re-approval and Re-registration) Bill 2014—committee stage continued [an amendment remains to be considered]

- Flags Amendment Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [first speaker]
The following bills were introduced, exempted, debated and passed

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014; Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (No. 1), (No. 3) and (No. 5)) Bill 2014; Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (No. 2), (No. 4) and (No. 6)) Bill 2014; Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential Modifications of Appropriation Acts (Parliamentary Departments)) Bill 2014–I Opposition amendment agreed to, in respect of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014

The following bills were debated and passed

- Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014–1 Government amendment agreed to [first speaker – second reading] [The House of Representatives will consider the bill]
- Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2014 [first speaker – second reading] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Regulatory Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2014 and the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2014 [first speaker – second reading] [The bills will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

Assent to laws were reported in the Senate

Messages reported from the House of Representatives

- Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013–agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]
- Northern Australia Joint Select Committee–variation of the resolution of appointment–to present final report on or before 1 September 2014 [motion agreed to]

Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Reports tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–2014-15 Budget estimates [report]
- Economics References Committee–Performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission [report] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – first speaker]
- Environment and Communications References Committee–Environmental offsets [report] [a motion to take note of the report was debated]
- Procedure Committee–First report of 2014 [report]
- Publications Committee–6th report
Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation monitor no. 7 of 2014
Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Alert Digest No. 7 of 2014 and 7th report of 2014

Estimates
Additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled

Government responses to committee reports tabled
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Australia’s overseas development programs in Afghanistan
Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–437th report: Review of Auditor-General’s reports nos 2 to 10 (2012-13)

New inquiries
Selection of Bills Committee
The Senate adopted report no. 8 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 2 September 2014
Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2]–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 14 July 2014
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014–Education and Employment Legislation Committee–to report by 28 August 2014
Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 22 September 2014

Other references
Department of Parliamentary Services–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by the seventh sitting day in March 2015
Invasive species–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 3 December 2014
National Landcare Program–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 29 October 2014
Oil for Food Taskforce–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 4 September 2014 [a statement was made]
Violence against women–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 27 October 2014

Reporting dates extended
The Senate extended the reporting dates for the following inquiries:
Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Commonwealth procurement procedures–to report by 10 July 2014
Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Manus Island Detention Centre–to report by 24 September 2014

Membership
The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [Journals entries 42 and 52 refer]

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]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion negatived
The Senate did not agree to a motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture to table documents relating to the suspension of live export trade [a statement was made]

Documents tabled, and discussed

- 2 petitions
- Auditor-General–Audit reports nos 51 to 54 of 2013-14
- Government document
- Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports were discussed

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

First speeches
The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) gave a notice of motion relating to first speeches

Death of former member
The Deputy President (Senator Parry) informed the Senate of the death, on 22 June 2014, of Lewis Kent, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Hotham, Victoria

Motions agreed to
- Health–Motor Neurone Disease–moved by Senator Boyce
Women—Gender pay gap—Reporting requirements—moved by Senators Waters and Moore [a statement was made]

Motion negatived
Youth—Access to mental health workers—moved by Senator Wright [statements were made]

Motion debated
Budget 2014-15—moved by Senator Polley, at the request of Senator Moore [first speaker]

Party whips and deputy whips – appointment
The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) and The Leader of the Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion) made statements about the appointment of whips

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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