Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 16 July 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.28 pm

Senators

Senator McGrath and Senator Canavan gave their first speeches.

Legislation

Bills introduced

The following bills were introduced:

- Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]
- National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014 [Senate bill][Minister’s second reading speech]

Bills considered

The following bills were debated:

Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2014 and 7 related bills–committee of the whole continued [amendments remain to be considered]

Notice of motion to introduce a private senator’s bill

Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2014–notice given by Senator Ludlam

Message reported

Trade Support Loans Bill 2014–agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]
Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Reports tabled

- Alert Digest No. 9 of 2014 and 9th report of 2014–Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Joint Select Committee [interim report] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – first speaker]
- Education and Employment References Committee–Delivery of quality and affordable early childhood education and care services [report] and immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia [report] [a motion to take note of the reports was agreed to – first speaker]
- Future of beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee [report] [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to – first speaker]
- National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [report]

Committee documents tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Report–Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014 and Health Workforce Australia (Abolition) Bill 2014–Correction
- Delegated legislation monitor no. 9 of 2014–Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- President’s report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports
- The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) tabled the government’s response to the President’s report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee on implications on the use of Fenthion on Australia’s horticultural industry–to 31 July 2014

Notices of motion

To establish a select committee

Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration Select Committee–to report by 31 March 2015–notice given by Senator Lazarus

To extend reporting deadline

Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014–to report by 29 October–notice given by the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Seselja)
To refer matters to committees

- Community Affairs References Committee—Out of home caring—to report by the second sitting week in February 2015–notice given by Senator Siewert
- Privileges Committee—Inquiry by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into aviation accident investigations and Budget estimates hearings of the committee in May 2013–notice given by the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle) and the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Heffernan) [the President made a statement]

Membership

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees

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

Instrument disallowed

The Senate disallowed the Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Regulation 2014, made under the Migration Act 1958 [F2014L00624] [first speaker]

Notices of motion

- Senator Dastyari gave a notice of motion to disallow items 1 to 27 inclusive and item 30 of the Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014, made under the Corporations Act 2001 [F2014L00891]
- The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Williams) gave a notice of motion to disallow the Farm Household Support Secretary’s Rule 2014 [F2014L00614]

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion

- Senator Waters gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment to table documents relating to Abbot Point dredging and dumping approvals—no later than noon on 26 August 2014
- Senator Xenophon gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Defence to table documents relating to the successful tenderer for Australian Defence Force boots—no later than 4 pm on 18 July 2014

Ministerial statement

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) tabled a ministerial statement on violence against women and their children
Documents tabled

Government document

Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question
Matters of public interest debate—first speaker
Adjournment debate—first speaker

Motions agreed to

- Education—Higher education—Regional Australia—moved by Senator McKenzie [statements were made]
- Immigration—Asylum seekers—Missing children—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- Law and justice—Wicked campers—moved by Senator Waters [a statement was made]

Motion denied formality

Foreign affairs—China—Falun Gong practitioners—moved by Senator Madigan [statements were made]

Personal explanation

Senator McLucas made a personal explanation relating to letters published in the Torres Strait about Senator McLucas and the Torres Strait region

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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