The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.47 pm

**Legislation**

*Bills and related documents*

**Bills considered**

The following bills were introduced

- Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 4 September 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Stop Dumping on the Great Barrier Reef Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]

The following bill was debated and defeated

Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2014—second reading debate [first speaker]—defeated at second reading

The following bills were debated and passed

- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Industry Code Penalties) Bill 2014 [first speaker – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Energy Efficiency Opportunities (Repeal) Bill 2014 [first speaker – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2014 [Minister’s second reading speech and first speaker – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2014 [first speaker – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

**Message reported**

Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2014—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]
Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Estimates
Additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled

Reports and documents tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014 [report]
- Economics Legislation Committee–Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014 [report]
- Education and Employment References Committee–Report–Government’s approach to re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission–Additional information [a motion to take note of the documents was agreed to]
- Education and Employment References Committee–Report–Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014–Additional information
- Northern Australia Joint Select Committee–Pivot north – Inquiry into the development of Northern Australia [final report] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – first speaker]
- Publications Committee–8th report
- Senators’ Interests Committee–Statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations lodged between 1 July and 31 August 2014
- Treaties Joint Committee–142nd report–Treaty tabled on 13 May 2014 [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to – first speaker]

Establishment of joint select committees

The Senate agreed to the establishment of the following joint select committees:
- Australia Fund Establishment Joint Select Committee–to report by 30 June 2015 [statements were made]
- Trade and Investment Growth Joint Select Committee–to report by 31 August 2015

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted report no. 11 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:
- Customs Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 2 October 2014
Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014–Education and Employment Legislation Committee–to report by 28 October 2014

Other references

- Australia’s sugar industry–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 27 November 2014
- Financial advice reforms–Economics References Committee–to report by the first sitting day in July 2015

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer a matter about workplace entitlements to the Education and Employment References Committee

Membership

A message was received from the House of Representatives varying the membership of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees [Journals entries 43 and 49 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

Documents tabled

Law and justice–Data retention [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 27 August 2014]

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A letter of advice for the Communications portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at $100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

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] [Journals entries 32 and 47 refer]
Documents tabled, and discussed

- 1 petition
- Committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports were discussed
- Department of the Senate–Register of senior executive officers’ interests
- Petitioning document relating to asylum seekers
- Response to Senate resolution about asylum seekers–from the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Mr Morrison) [resolution agreed to on 14 July 2014]

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- Environment–Climate change–G20 Summit in Brisbane–moved by Senator Singh [a statement was made]
- Sport–Sports funding–moved by Senators McKenzie, Smith and Lundy

Motion debated

Taxation–Bank levy–moved by Senator Whish-Wilson, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [first speaker]

Motion denied formality

Immigration–Asylum seekers from Iraq and Syria–moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Motion negatived

Industrial relations–Workers’ entitlements–moved by Senator Rhiannon

Statement, by leave

Senator Madigan made a statement relating to his resignation from the Democratic Labour Party [and tabled documents]

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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