The Senate met from 9.30 am until 9.53 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills introduced

- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 September 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 September 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 September 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Migration Amendment (Humanitarian Visa Intake) Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]
- Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 September 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014 [Senate bill]
- Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014 [private senators’ bill]
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 September 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
Bills considered

The following bill was introduced, debated and passed

Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 4) Bill 2014 [first speaker – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was debated and passed

National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014–56 Government and 4 Palmer United Party amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

The following bill was debated

Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013 [homepage] [first speaker – second reading debate]

Private senators’ bills to be debated

On 14 November 2013 the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators’ bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 2 October 2014 the Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014 are scheduled for debate

Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Estimates

Additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled

Reports tabled

- Education and Employment Legislation Committee–Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014 [report]

Government response to committee report tabled

Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–441st report–Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act) rules development

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted report no. 12 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014–Economics Legislation Committee for report by 24 November 2014
- Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for report by 17 October 2014
Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for report by 26 November 2014

Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for report by 24 November 2014


Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for report by 24 November 2014

Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014–Economics Legislation Committee to report by 28 October 2014

[a statement was made]

Notices of motion
To refer a matter to a committee

Electricity network regulation–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 3 December 2014–notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Leave for committees to meet
The Senate agreed to motions authorising committees to meet while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries nos 8, 10, 15, 16, 17 and 18 refer]

Messages from the House of Representatives

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported informing the Senate that the House had agreed to the Senate resolutions to establish the following committees:

- Australia Fund Establishment Joint Select Committee
- Trade and Investment Growth Joint Select Committee

Membership
The Senate agreed to vary the membership of the Joint Select Committee on Trade and Investment Growth
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 (Repeal of Certain Visa Classes) Regulation 2014 [F2014L00622] [a statement was made]

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development to produce certain documents held or prepared by Infrastructure Australia relating to the East West Link project–no later than 4 pm on 2 October 2014

Notices of motion

Senator Ludwig gave a notice of motion requiring the Ministers representing the Minister for Industry, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and the Treasurer to table documents relating to the Toowoomba Bypass project–no later than 1 October 2014

Documents tabled, and discussed

- Committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports were discussed [first speaker]
- Response to Senate resolution about World Ranger Day–Death of Mr Glen Turner–from the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt) [resolution agreed to on 3 September 2014]
Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- Environment—Climate change policy—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a statement was made]
- Health—Ebola—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a statement was made]
- Health—Renal health—Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation—moved by Senator Siewert

Motion debated

Administration—Establishment of a National Independent Commission Against Corruption—moved by Senator Rhiannon, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [first speaker]

Motion denied formality

Environment—Queensland—Abbot Point—moved by Senator Waters

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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