The Senate met from 10 am until 10.31 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- Australian Education Amendment Bill 2014 [homepage] [first speaker – second reading debate]
- Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013 [homepage] [first speaker – second reading debate]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2014—agreed to without amendments [first speaker – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 6) Bill 2014—agreed to without amendments [first speaker – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

Bill introduced

Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]

Message from the House of Representatives

Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014—informing the Senate that the House had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

Assent to a number of laws was reported in the Senate
Committees
Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Reports and document tabled
- Economics References Committee–Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry: Future submarines (part 2) [report]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Processes to support victims of abuse in Defence [report]
- Human Rights Joint Committee–15th report of 44th Parliament–Bills introduced 20 to 30 October 2014 and legislative instruments received 20 September to 10 October 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014 [report]

Notice of motion
To establish a select committee
Wind Turbines Select Committee–to report by 24 June 2015–notice given by Senators Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Day, Xenophon and Back

Membership
The Senate agreed to changes in the membership of various 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 Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Regulation 2014 (No. 1) [F2014L01372] [first speaker]

Orders for the production of documents
Document tabled
Administration–NBN Co Corporate Plan 2014-17 [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 29 October 2014]
Motions agreed to

The Senate ordered:

- the Assistant Minister for Health to table a copy of the advice concerning the Ebola epidemic response—no later than 3 pm on 26 November 2014
- the Minister for Defence to table documents concerning the Defence submarines tender process—no later than 4 pm on 18 November 2014
- the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture to table copies of documents concerning biosecurity operations within the Department of Agriculture—by 3.30 pm on 24 November 2014
- the Minister representing the Prime Minister to table correspondence concerning the approval of international travel by members of the executive since 7 September 2013—by 3.30 pm on 24 November 2014

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

Documents tabled and considered

Government documents, reports of the Auditor-General–Nos 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2014-15 and responses to Senate resolutions

Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question

Adjournment debate—first speaker

Address by the President of the People’s Republic of China

Senators attended the House as guests for the address by His Excellency Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China

Matter of public importance discussed

Environment—Climate change—proposed by Senator Siewert [first speaker]

Motions agreed to

- Administration–Independent National Security Legislation Monitor—Appointment—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) [a statement was made]
- Indigenous Australians–Deaths in custody—moved by Senator Siewert
- Mining–Resources sector—moved by Senator O’Sullivan

Motion negatived

Education–Universities–Fossil fuels divestments—moved by Senator Rhiannon [statements were made – first speaker]
Notices of motion

*Notices of motion* given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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