The Senate met from 9.30 am until 8.30 pm

**Legislation**

**Bills and related documents**

**Bills introduced**

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]
- Customs Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 November 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Direct Lending and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 November 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Family Tax Benefit (Tighter Income Test) Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]
- Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 November 2014] [President’s second reading speech]
- Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]
- Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 November 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]

**Bills considered**

The following bills were debated

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014–second reading debate continued [first speaker]
- Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013–second reading debate continued [first speaker]
- Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014–second reading debate continued [first speaker]
The following bills were debated and passed

Customs Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014–Opposition second reading amendment agreed to [first speaker – second reading debate] [The bills will now be assented to]

The following bill was introduced, debated and passed

Australian War Memorial Amendment Bill 2014 [first speaker – second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

**Bills assented to**

Assent to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

**Private senator’s bill to be debated**

On 14 November 2013 the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators’ bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 4 December 2014 the Family Tax Benefit (Tighter Income Test) Bill 2014 is scheduled for debate

**Notice of motion to introduce a private senator’s bill**

Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Amendment Bill 2014–notice given by Senator Wright

**Committees**

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

**Estimates**

- Additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled

**Treaties response to committee report**

Treaties Joint Committee–137th report–Treaty referred on 15 January 2014

**New inquiries**

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted report no. 15 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Biosecurity Bill 2014 and 4 related bills–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 17 March 2015
- Corporations Legislation Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2014–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 11 February 2015
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Direct Lending and Other Measures) Bill 2014–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report by 11 February 2015
Meetings during the sitting of the Senate
The Senate authorised meetings of the Joint Select Committee on the Australia Fund Establishment to be held while the Senate is sitting.

Membership
The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees.

Reporting dates extended
Various committees were granted extensions of time to report.

Notices of motion
To refer matters to committees
- Commonwealth’s treaty-making process—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 18 June 2015—notice given by the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher).
- Details of Australia’s bid to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 28 April 2015—notice given by Senator Di Natale.

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—recession
The Senate agreed to a motion to rescind, in part, its resolution of 19 November 2014 disallowing the Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 102 and made under the Corporations Act 2001.

Orders for the production of documents
Documents tabled
- The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) tabled a document in response to the order for the production of documents relating to asylum seekers [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 24 November 2014].
- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham) tabled documents in response to the order for the production of documents relating to Abbot Point [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 25 November 2014].
Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services to table documents concerning the National Partnership Agreement for Homelessness (NPAH) and the National Affordable Housing Agreement–no later than noon on 3 December 2014

**Notices of motion**

The following notices of motion were given:

- Senator Ludwig gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Treasurer to table documents concerning Ipswich Motorway–no later than 3.30 pm on 3 December 2014
- Senator Siewert gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services to table a report into income management in the Northern Territory–by no later than 5 pm on 3 December 2014

**Documents tabled, and discussed**

Document relating to Mr Fluffy insulation

Documents, committee reports and government responses were discussed

**Other business**

*Questions without notice and issues arising during question time-first question*

*Adjournment debate-first speaker*

**Motions agreed to**

- Animal welfare–Animal testing of cosmetics products–moved by Senators Ruston, Rhiannon and Singh, the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus) and Senators Wang, Xenophon, O’Sullivan and Muir [a statement was made]
- Environment–Resource development–Proposed use of radioactive material–moved by Senator Waters [a statement was made]
- Foreign affairs–Japan–Whaling–moved by Senator Whish-Wilson [statements were made]
- Primary industries–Agricultural exports–moved by Senator Canavan
- Transport–New South Wales–Newcastle heavy rail line services–moved by Senator Rhiannon

**Motion debated**

Finance–Government spending–moved by Senator Leyonhjelm [first speaker]

**Motion negatived**

Environment–Queensland–Great Barrier Reef–moved by Senators Macdonald, Williams and Bernardi [statements were made]

**Motion unresolved**

Trade–China-Australia Free Trade Agreement–Proposed order for the production of documents–notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson
Notices of motion

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

Statistics

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