The Senate met from 9.30 am 7.55 pm

Legislation

Bills introduced

The following bills were introduced

- ACT Government Loan Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 December 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 December 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements—Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014 [Senate bill – Minister’s second reading speech]
- Federal Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 December 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (Improved Oversight and Resourcing) Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]
- Treasury Legislation Amendment (Repeal Day) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 December 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Tribunals Amalgamation Bill 2014 [Senate bill – Minister’s second reading speech]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

- Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014–second reading debate commenced [first speaker]
Message reported
Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014—agreeing to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion
To exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration during this period of sittings] – ACT Government Loan Bill 2014

To introduce private senators’ bills
☐ Australian Centre for Social Cohesion Bill 2014—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
☐ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donations Reform) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Rhiannon

Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Reports, and documents, tabled
☐ Community Affairs References Committee–Extent of income inequality in Australia – Bridging our growing divide: inequality in Australia [report] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – first speaker]
☐ Government’s response to the President’s report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports
☐ President’s report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports
☐ Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Delegated legislation monitor no. 17 of 2014
☐ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 [report]
☐ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–17th report of 2014 and Alert digest no. 17 of 2014

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate
The Senate authorised meetings of committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [Journals entries nos 3, 18 and 19 refer]

Membership
The Senate agreed to vary the membership of the Select Committee into the Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts
New inquiries

The Senate agreed to refer the following matters to the Community Affairs References Committee:

- **Residential care arrangements for young people with disabilities**—to report by 30 June 2015
- **Cancer drugs**—to report by 26 March 2015

Reporting dates extended

Committees were granted extensions of time to report

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—12 February, 5 March, 19 March and 26 March 2015—private meetings, followed by public meetings (except for 12 February 2015)—notice given by Senator Smith

To refer matters to committees

- Airport and aviation security at Australian airports—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 26 April 2015—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- Australian construction industry—Economics References Committee—to report by 11 November 2015—notice given by Senator Cameron
- Australia’s bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 26 November 2015—notice given by the Chair (Senator Gallacher)
- Role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 3 December 2015—notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson

Documents

Delegated legislation

See Disallowance Alert for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

A Clerk’s document was tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham) tabled a document relating to the order for the production of documents concerning the Ipswich motorway [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 1 December 2014]
The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham) tabled a document relating to the order for the production of documents concerning housing and homelessness initiatives. [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 27 November 2014]

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham) tabled a document relating to the order for the production of documents concerning income management in the Northern Territory. [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate of 1 December 2014] [a motion to take note of the document was agreed to]

Motions agreed to

The Senate ordered:

- the Assistant Treasurer to table a report of the Productivity Commission’s inquiry into child care and early childhood learning—no later than 3 pm on 4 December 2014
- the Attorney-General to table documents concerning the findings of the PricewaterhouseCoopers study into data retention—no later than noon on 4 December 2014
- the Minister representing the Minister for Education to table documents concerning the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on students with disability—no later than 3.30 pm on 8 February 2015

Notices of motion

The following notices of motion were given:

- Senator McLucas gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Health to table documents concerning mental health review
- Senator Whish-Wilson gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment to table documents concerning the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement—no later than 7 pm on 4 December 2014

Ministerial statements

- The Minister for Defence (Senator Johnston) made a statement concerning Afghanistan and Iraq. [a motion to take note of the statement was agreed to]
- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham) tabled a ministerial statement on the Australian Government’s response to the Aviation Safety Regulation Review report

Documents tabled

Government documents, pursuant to order [and considered]
Other business

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

Matter of public importance discussed

Budget 2014-15 – proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]

Motions agreed to

- Environment – Climate change – moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a statement was made]
- Industry – Black coal industry – moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- Mining – Mining sector – moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- Mining – Queensland coal industry – moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- Primary industries – Live export cattle market – moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- Trade – China-Australia free trade agreement – moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- Trade – India – moved by Senator O’Sullivan
- Women – YWCA Australia survey – moved by Senators Waters, Moore and Singh [a statement was made]

Motions negatived

- Environment – Climate change – Emissions reduction targets – moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a statement was made]
- Environment – United Nations Environment Programme – moved by Senator Waters [a statement was made]

Proposed suspension of standing orders

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by Senator Lambie to suspend standing orders to enable debate on the Defence Amendment (Fair Pay for Members of the ADF) Bill 2014 [first speaker]

Death of Mr Phillip Hughes

Statements were made, by leave, relating to the death of Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes on 27 November 2014 [first speaker]

Notices of motion

To vary the hours of meeting and routine of business

- The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) gave a notice of motion to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for the remainder of the sitting week commencing 1 December 2014
- Further notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals
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