



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

**LEGISLATION PROPOSED FOR INTRODUCTION  
IN THE 2015 WINTER SITTINGS**

Bills marked \* are proposed for introduction and passage in the Winter sittings

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Arrangements and National Broadband Network Measures) Bill**

- amend Part XIC of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* and the *National Broadband Network Companies Act 2011* to implement measures in response to the Independent Cost-Benefit Analysis of Broadband and Review of Regulation (Vertigan Report)

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

Link to announcement: [Media release of 11 December 2014](#)

**FINANCE**

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**Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2015-2016 \***

**Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015-2016 \***

**Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2015-2016 \***

- propose appropriations required to implement decisions and funding adjustments that involve expenditure in 2015-2016

Reason for legislation: to provide legislative authority for appropriations to implement expenditure decisions in 2015-16

**Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2014-15 \***

**Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2014-15 \***

- propose appropriations required to implement decisions and funding adjustments that involve expenditure in 2014-2015

Reason for legislation: to provide legislative authority for additional expenditure to be incurred in 2014-15

## **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE**

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### **Australian Passports (Integrity) Bill**

- refine passports legislation ten years after it was enacted to ensure that it continues to provide the highest levels of integrity in the passport system
- provide for a travel document to be issued to a person without their consent in limited circumstances where there is a lawful requirement for the person to travel
- clarify who has parental responsibility for the purposes of issuing a passport to a child
- introduce new offences relating to the fraudulent use of Australian travel documents

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

## **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION**

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### **Migration Legislation Amendment (Code of Procedure Harmonisation) Bill**

- amend Parts 5 and 7 of the *Migration Act 1958* to harmonise provisions that govern merits review of decisions (other than decisions based on character considerations), consistent with and to complement amendments made by the Tribunals Amalgamation Bill 2014 (the Tribunals Bill). The Tribunals Bill amalgamates the Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal (MRT-RRT) into a single division of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Reason for legislation: to align processes of the MRT-RRT consistent with amendments made by the Tribunals Amalgamation Bill 2014

## **INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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### **Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill**

- amend a range of maritime safety and environment protection legislation

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

## **TREASURY**

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### **Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Bill \***

- establish the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman position and specify the powers and functions of the role

Reason for legislation: to implement an election commitment

Link to announcement: [Media release of 18 August 2014](#); [Media release of 11 March 2015](#)

**Energy Grants and other Legislation Amendment (Ethanol and Diesel Alternatives) Bill \***

**Customs Tariff Amendment (Diesel Alternatives) Bill \***

**Excise Tariff Amendment (Ethanol and Diesel Alternatives) Bill \***

- remove the grant for biodiesel
- remove and then increase the rate of excise for ethanol and biodiesel

Reason for legislation: to implement 2014-15 Budget measures

Link to announcement: [2014-15 Budget Paper No. 2](#) (biodiesel); [2014-15 Budget Paper No. 2](#) (ethanol)

**Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Winter No. 1) Bill \***

- modify the offshore banking unit regime to resolve integrity concerns, modernise the regime and better target genuine mobile offshore banking activities

Reason for legislation: to implement a 2013-14 Budget decision

Link to announcement: [2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2](#)

- simplify the choice of superannuation obligations for employers

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

Link to announcement: [Media release of 26 November 2014](#)

- codify the income tax treatment of farm in farm out mining arrangements and provide tax relief for interest realignments within certain mining projects

Reason for legislation: to implement 2013-14 and 2014-15 Budget measures

Link to announcement: [2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2](#)

- implement the third and final element of the Investment Manager Regime

Reason for legislation: to implement a 2014-15 MYEFO decision

Link to announcement: [Media release of 18 December 2014](#)

- increase the effective life of in-house software for depreciation purposes

Reason for legislation: to implement a 2014-15 MYEFO decision

Link to announcement: [2014-15 MYEFO](#)

**Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Winter No. 2) Bill**

- confirm the income tax treatment of instalment warrant arrangements

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

Link to announcement: [Media release of 14 December 2013](#)

- strengthen the CGT scrip for scrip rollover integrity provisions

Reason for legislation: to implement a 2012-13 Budget decision

Link to announcement: [2012-13 Budget Paper No. 2](#)

- improve the company loss recoupment rules for companies with multiple classes of shares

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

Link to announcement: [Media release of 14 December 2013](#)