



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 17 June 2013

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.18 pm

Senators

Senator Susan Lines was sworn in as a senator to fill a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Aboriginal Land Rights and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Bill 2013 and related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2013-2014 and related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Australia Council Bill 2013
Australia Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013
[passed by the House of Representatives on 16 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Australian Citizenship Amendment (Special Residence Requirements) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Australian Education Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Australian Jobs Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Competition and Consumer Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Constitution Alteration (Local Government) 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Simple Corporate Bonds and Other Measures) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ DisabilityCare Australia Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Asian Century) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ International Fund for Agricultural Development Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town Convention) Bill 2013
International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town Convention) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Parliamentary Service Amendment (Freedom of Information) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Parliamentary Service Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Officer) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Amendment (Lifetime Health Cover Loading and Other Measures) Bill 2012
Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Base Premium) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 4 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Sex Discrimination Amendment (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex Status) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Supporting More Australians into Work) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Statute Law Revision Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Statute Stocktake (Appropriations) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Increased Concessional Contributions Cap and Other Measures) Bill 2013
Superannuation (Sustaining the Superannuation Contribution Concession) Imposition Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

- ❑ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 2) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 2) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 June 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced—1 Australian Greens amendment pending [further amendments remain to be considered]

Private senators' bills to be debated

On [22 November 2010](#) the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 20 June 2013 the following bills are scheduled for debate:

- ❑ Marriage Act Amendment (Recognition of Foreign Marriages for Same-Sex Couples) Bill 2013 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Advertising for Sports Betting) Bill 2013 [[homepage](#)]

Notices of motion

To introduce bill

- ❑ Telecommunications Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Ludlam

To vary the hours of meeting and routine of business

- ❑ [Notices](#) were given by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 18 June and 26 June to enable valedictory statements, a first speech and the consideration of legislation

Messages from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Bill 2012—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [this bill has now been assented to]
- ❑ Not-for-profit Sector Freedom to Advocate Bill 2013—agreeing to the bill without amendment [this bill will be assented to]

Bills assented to

- ❑ [Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Aboriginal Land Rights and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013–Community Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Bill 2013 and related bills–Community Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Australian Capital Territory Water Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2013–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Australian Jobs Bill 2013–Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Early Years Quality Fund Special Account Bill 2013–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Great Barrier Reef) Bill 2013–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (New Mandate and Other Measures) Bill 2013–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2013–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2013–Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Amendment Bill 2013–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Base Premium) Bill 2013–Community Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill 2013–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2013–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Sex Discrimination Amendment (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex Status) Bill 2013–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Supporting More Australians into Work) Bill 2013–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Sugar Research and Development Services Bill 2013 and a related bill–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 2) Bill 2013–Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Consumer Protection) Bill 2013–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013–Community Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Pharmaceutical Transparency) Bill 2013–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Military Compensation Review and Other Measures) Bill 2013–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (Registration Fees) Bill 2013 and a related bill–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other reports

- ❑ 7th report of 2013–Bills introduced 14 to 16 May 2013 and legislative instruments registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments 20 April to 17 May 2013–Human Rights Joint Committee [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ [436th](#), [437th](#) and [438th](#) reports and executive minutes and responses to committee recommendations in report nos 430, 431 and 435–Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of report no. 436]
- ❑ Advertising and promotion of gambling services in sport and the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Advertising for Sports Betting) Bill 2013–Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Australia’s trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Aviation accident investigations–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Conditions of employment of state public sector employees–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Impact of federal court fee increases since 2010 on access to justice in Australia–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Implementation of the 1999 recommendations of the Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance–Finance and Public Administration References Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Importance of the Indian Ocean rim for Australia’s foreign, trade and defence policy–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Regulatory framework for tax (financial) advice services (previously Tax Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 2) Bill 2013, Schedules 3 and 4)–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Review of administration and expenditure No. 10 – Australian intelligence agencies–Intelligence and Security Joint Committee [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network–5th report–National Broadband Network Joint Committee [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Visit to Norfolk Island, 29 and 30 April 2013–National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Access to unpublished committee documents—Senate Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs, 1978-79
- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation—South Africa and Zambia, 13 to 22 April 2013
- ❑ Teaching and learning – maximising our investment in Australian schools – Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Erratum

Government responses tabled

- ❑ Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee—Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market
- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee and the Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—National Gambling Reform Bill 2012 and related bills
- ❑ Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012 and the Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Medicare funding for Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
 - Implications for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system
 - Management of the Murray-Darling Basin system: Second interim report: The Basin Plan

Message

- ❑ Joint Select Committee on DisabilityCare Australia—appointment [The Senate concurred with the resolution of appointment]

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee to hold a public hearing during the sitting of the Senate on 18 June 2013 from 4 pm relating to the ownership arrangements of grain handling

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Joint Select Committee—Final report—to report by 24 June 2013 [the House of Representatives will consider the matter]
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—Regulatory arrangements in dealing with the simultaneous transmission of radio programs—to report by 12 July 2013
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Current framework and operation of subclass 457 visas, Enterprise Migration Agreements and Regional Migration Agreements—to report by 24 June 2013

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–
 - Auditor-General’s reports nos 26 of 2007-08 and 22 of 2012-13 in relation to the Tasmanian forest industry—to report by 19 June 2013
 - Beef imports into Australia—to report by 5 July 2013

Notices of motion

To extend reporting deadlines

- Community Affairs References Committee–
 - care and management of dementia—to report by 12 August 2013
 - impacts on health of air quality—to report by 12 August 2013
 - sterilisation of people with disabilities—to report by 17 July 2013
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–
 - New Zealand potatoes import risk analysis—to report by 19 July 2013
 - fresh pineapple imports—to report by 19 July 2013
 - fresh ginger import risk analysis—to report by 19 July 2013

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Broadcasting Legislation Joint Select Committee–19 June 2013 from 3.30 pm–private briefing
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Standing Committee–24 June 2013 from 5.30 pm–public meeting–Australia’s relationship with Timor-Leste
- Law Enforcement Joint Committee–24 June 2013 from 10 am–public meeting
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–19 June 2013 from 11.30 am–private meeting
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–19 June and 26 June 2013 from 11 am–private meetings, followed by public hearings
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–19 June 2013 from noon–in camera hearing–Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test

Membership

A [message](#) was reported from the House of Representatives notifying changes to the membership of a joint committee

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, including Governor-General’s and Administrator’s Proclamations]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 36 to 38, 41, 43 to 45 of 2012-13
- Responses to Senate resolutions relating to—
 - Northern Territory container deposit scheme—from the Premier of Western Australia (Mr Barnett) [resolution agreed to on 13 March 2013] [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]
 - Fiji—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) [resolution agreed to on 14 March 2013]
 - Grandcarers support scheme—from the Premier of Western Australia (Mr Barnett) [resolution agreed to on 21 March 2013]

Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Thistlethwaite) tabled a ministerial statement relating to Afghanistan

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for [various portfolios](#) were tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Other business

[Questions without notice](#)—first question

[Adjournment debate](#)—first speaker

Motion agreed to

- [Gender-biased sex selection](#)—moved by Senator Madigan

Motions negatived

- [Great Barrier Reef—Industrial development](#)—moved by Senator Waters
- [International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Western Australia—James Price Point](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Matter of public importance discussed

- Administration—Gillard government—proposed by Senator Fifield [first speaker]

Notices of motion

- [Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals

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