



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 16 May 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 9.22 pm

*The Senate will meet again on 17 June 2013. Senate committees will meet from 27 May to 6 June 2013 to consider [budget estimates](#).*

## **Budget 2013-14**

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[Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites](#)

[The Opposition](#), the [Leader of the Australian Greens \(Senator Milne\)](#) and [Senator Madigan](#) responded to the Budget statement and documents

## **Legislation**

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### **Bill considered**

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 May 2013]
- ❑ Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2013 [private senator's bill] [[senator's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Court Security Bill 2013  
Court Security (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2013  
[Minister's [second reading speeches](#)] [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 May 2013]
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 May 2013]
- ❑ Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (New Mandate and Other Measures) Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 May 2013]
- ❑ Interactive Gambling Amendment (Virtual Credits) Bill 2013 [Minister's second reading speech] [private senator's bill] [[senator's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Marriage Act Amendment (Recognition of Foreign Marriages for Same-Sex Couples) Bill 2013 [private senator's bill] [[senator's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Military Justice (Interim Measures) Amendment Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 May 2013]

- ❑ National Measurement Amendment Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 May 2013]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Disaster Recovery Allowance) Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 May 2013]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Service Providers and Other Governance Measures) Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 May 2013]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Countering Tax Avoidance and Multinational Profit Shifting) Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 May 2013]
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Military Compensation Review and Other Measures) Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 May 2013]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Inbound Cargo Security Enhancement) Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Customs and AusCheck Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ National Disability Insurance Scheme Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 and 12 related bills [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Compliance Measures No. 2) Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 14 to 16 May 2013]

- ❑ National Disability Insurance Scheme Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 and 12 related bills

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Dividend) Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Foreign Affairs Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Bill 2012 – 3 Government amendments agreed to [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Not-for-profit Sector Freedom to Advocate Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [This bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Reform of Self Managed Superannuation Funds Supervisory Levy Arrangements) Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [This bill will now be assented to]

#### Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Suspension of standing order 110](#) – To enable the third reading of a bill proposing an alteration to the constitution to proceed without the requirement for a roll call
- ❑ The Senate agreed to motions to vary the routine of business for 16 May 2013 to enable the Government’s legislative program to be considered [Journals entries nos [2](#) and [60](#) refers]

## Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

#### Estimates

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.

#### Reports tabled

- ❑ 55th report–Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2013-14; Transfer of information and communication technology services; Budgetary milestones– Appropriations and Staffing Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to adopt a recommendation in the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Australia’s overseas development programs in Afghanistan–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ [Gathering and use of criminal intelligence](#); [Examination of the annual report of the Australian Crime Commission 2011-12](#); [Examination of the annual report of the Australian Federal Police 2011-12](#)–Law Enforcement Joint Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee–[25th report](#) [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission– Second report of 2013–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [[report](#)]

#### New inquiries

##### Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted report [no. 5 of 2013](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Australian Jobs Bill 2013–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 17 June 2013
- ❑ Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2013–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report by 17 June 2013
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Base Premium) Bill 2013– Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 17 June 2013
- ❑ Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill 2013–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 3 June 2013

#### Other references

- [Ownership arrangements of grain handling](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 31 July 2013
- [Practice of sports science in Australia](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 27 June 2013

#### Committee documents tabled

- Delegated legislation monitor no. 5 of 2013—Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- The feasibility of a prohibition on charging fees for an unlisted number service—Correction—Environment and Communications References Committee

#### [Government responses](#) tabled

- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Report on annual reports no. 1 of 2012
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—
  - Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011
  - Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Detention of Indonesian minors in Australia
- Treaties Joint Committee—131st report—Treaties tabled on 21 August, 11 and 18 September 2012

#### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to the membership of committees.

## Documents

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#### 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]

#### Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2012-13
- Response to Senate resolution about National Close the Gap Day—from the Minister for Indigenous Health (Mr Snowdon) [resolution agreed to on [21 March 2013](#)]

## 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 portfolios 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

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[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)  
[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

### Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Bangladesh](#)—Fire and building standards—moved by Senator Whish-Wilson
- ❑ [Climate change policy](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ [Death of the Rt Hon The Baroness Thatcher](#), LG, OM, PC, FRS—moved by Senators Mason and Smith
- ❑ [Food processing](#)—Canned produce—moved by Senators McKenzie and Colbeck
- ❑ [Mental illness](#)—moved by Senator Wright

### Motions negated

- ❑ [Egg industry](#)—Labelling laws—moved by Senator Rhiannon
- ❑ Western Australia—[Point Peron](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

### Motion debated

- ❑ Sports betting law reform—moved by Senator Di Natale [[first speaker](#)]

### Question on notice—Failure to provide answer

[Senator Johnston](#) asked the Minister representing the Minister for Defence (Senator Bob Carr) why answers had not been provided to questions on notice relating to estimates hearings. Senator Bob Carr provided an explanation.

## Statistics

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Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection.

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