



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 27 June 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 11.39 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Go for Fair Use) Bill 2013 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2013 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013 [No. 2] [private senator's bill]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Marine Engineers Qualifications Bill 2013 (No. 2) [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be considered by the House of Representatives]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Charities Bill 2013 and a related bill [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Competition and Consumer Amendment Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Law Enforcement Integrity, Vulnerable Witness Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

- Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]
- Private Health Insurance Amendment (Lifetime Health Cover Loading and Other Measures) Bill 2012 and a related bill [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]
- Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Military Compensation Review and Other Measures) Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was defeated

- Migration Amendment (Reinstatement of Temporary Protection Visas) Bill 2013 [No. 2]—defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)
[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

- 2013-14 Budget estimates—
 - Community Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
 - Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
 - Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
 - Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
 - Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
 - Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Implementation of the *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other reports

- [3rd report of 2013](#)—Referrals made May 2013: Development and construction of housing for Defence at Warner, and Enoggera, Brisbane Queensland—Public Works Joint Committee
- 26th report—Publications Committee

- [439th report](#)–Review of Auditor-General’s reports nos 11 to 31 (2012-13), and executive minutes to various reports–Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee
- Framework and operation of subclass 457 visas, Enterprise Migration Agreements and Regional Migration Agreements [[report](#)]
- Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy– Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee [[interim report](#)]
- General principles and standing determinations–Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings Joint Committee [[report](#)]
- Human Rights Joint Committee–Examination of legislation in accordance with the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*–
 - [10th report](#)–Bills introduced 17 to 20 June 2013; Legislative instruments registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments 18 May to 7 June 2013
 - [11th report](#)–*Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012* and related legislation
- Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations–Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee [[report](#)]
- [Progress report](#) on the work of the committee–Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Joint Select Committee
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–
 - Delegated legislation monitor [no. 7 of 2013](#)
 - Reports nos [114](#), [115](#), [116](#) and [117](#)
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–
 - [7th report](#)
 - [alert digest](#) no. 7 of 2013
 - work of the committee in the 42nd Parliament
- Treaties Joint Committee–
 - [133rd report](#)–Treaties tabled on 1 November 2012
 - [134th report](#)–Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2013
- Report of the DLA Piper Review and the government’s response–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee [[report](#)]
- Review of the Defence annual report 2011-12–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee [[report](#)]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted report no. 8 of 2013 of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Copyright Legislation (Fair Go for Fair Use) Bill 2013–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 3 October 2013
- Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report by the first sitting day in February 2014
- Overseas Aid (Millennium Development Goals) Bill 2013–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report by 30 November 2013

- Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2013 [No. 2]–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 30 November 2013

Other reference

- Telstra licence conditions–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 19 July 2013

Proposed references

The Senate did not agree to refer the following matters to committees:

- Australian Customs and Border Protection Service–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
- Uranium mining industry–Environment and Communications References Committee

Committee documents tabled

- Advertising and promotion of gambling services in sport and the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Advertising for Sports Betting) Bill 2013–Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–Additional information
- [President’s report](#) on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports
- Statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations lodged between 28 November 2012 and 26 June 2013–Senators’ Interests Committee

[Government responses](#) tabled

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee–Conserving Australia: Australia’s national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Prospective marriage visa program

Establishment of a new committee

Cyber Safety Select Committee–to report by 30 August 2013

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 motions

Notice of intention to withdraw a notice

Senator Xenophon gave a notice of intention to withdraw a notice to disallow the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Amendment Regulation 2013 (No. 1) made under the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011*

Notices of motion withdrawn

Senator Fifield withdrew two notices of motion to disallow regulations made under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*

Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion which would have disallowed the Social Security (Administration) (Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient) Principles 2013 [F2013L01078]

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A [letter](#) of advice for the National Health Performance Authority was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- [2 petitions](#)
- Auditor-General—[Audit reports nos 52 to 55 of 2012-13](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) tabled the following ministerial statements:

- Full knowledge and concurrence on joint Defence facilities [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]
- Securing a stronger, smarter fairer tax system

Other business

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

Notice of motion

- [Routine of business for Friday, 28 June 2013](#)—notice given by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)

Motions agreed to

- [Environment—Climate change](#)—Speech by the President of the United States of America—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- [Health—Sleep disorders](#)—moved by Senators Madigan, Xenophon, Smith and Di Natale
- [Myanmar](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [Western Australia—Roe Highway](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Biodiversity protection–Value of hunting](#)–moved by Senator McKenzie
- ❑ [Carbon tax](#)–moved by Senator Birmingham
- ❑ [Parliament–Hansard](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ [Western Australia–Dampier Archipelago](#)–Senator Ludlam
- ❑ [Western Australia–Oversight of shale gas projects](#)–moved by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ [Wetlands–Field and Game Australia](#)–moved by Senator McKenzie [a [statement](#) was made]

[Notices of motion](#)

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

Ministry and ministerial arrangements

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) informed the Senate of the appointment of the Leader, and the Deputy Leader, of the Government in the Senate [[statements](#) were made]

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