



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 12 December 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.58 pm

*The Senate has now completed the spring sittings and will commence the autumn sittings on 11 February 2014*

## Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [bill passed the House of Representatives 12 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013 [[private senator's bill](#)]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Visa Maximum Numbers Determinations) Bill 2013—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Australian Civilian Corps Amendment Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Commission Transfer) Bill 2013 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Grape and Wine Legislation Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013 and 2 related bills [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2013 [The bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Cash Bidding) Bill 2013 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 and 2 related bills [These bills will now be assented to]

### Message reported

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013—agreeing to the bill without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]

### [Notice of motion](#)

To introduce a private senator's bill

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Ludlam

### Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a law was reported in the Senate

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

## Committees

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

### Estimates

- ❑ A [motion](#) was agreed to relating to unanswered estimates questions
- ❑ [Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled

### Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [a motion was moved and agreed to for the adoption of recommendations contained in the [report](#)]
- ❑ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—Community Affairs Legislation Committee [report](#)

Other reports

- ❑ Second report of 2013—Procedure Committee—Parliamentary privilege: republication of Hansard extracts; peaking time in the open-ended adjournment debate; removal of gender-specific language in standing orders; routine of business) [report](#)
- ❑ 1st report—Publications Committee
- ❑ 155th report—Privileges Committee—Person referred to in the Senate: Father Frank Brennan SJ AO [report](#)

## New inquiries

### Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 11 of 2013](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 4 March 2014
- Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 19 February 2014
- Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 11 February 2014
- Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 12 February 2014
- Migration Amendment Bill 2013–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 12 February 2014
- Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013–Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 26 March 2014

### Other references

- [Affordable housing](#)–Economics References Committee—to report by 26 June 2014
- [Beekeeping industry](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 26 March 2014
- [Childcare sector in Australia](#)–Education and Employment References Committee—to report by 17 June 2014
- [Early childhood education and care](#)–Education and Employment References Committee—to report by 17 June 2014
- [Fenthion](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 25 June 2014
- [Grass-fed cattle levies](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 28 March 2014
- [Public transport](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 27 March 2014 [a statement was made]
- [Telecommunications \(Interception and Access\) Act 1979–Revision of the Act](#)–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 10 June 2014

## Committee documents tabled

- President’s report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports
- Statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations lodged between 27 June and 10 December 2013–Senators’ Interests Committee

## Establishment of a select committee

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to establish the Select Committee on School Funding—to report by 13 May 2014

## Proposed establishment of a joint select committee

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) to establish the Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform [statements were made]

## Memberships

A [message](#) was received from the House of Representatives appointing members to the various joint committees

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) in the appointment of members to 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]

### Disallowance motions

#### Regulations disallowed

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to disallow the Aged Care Subsidies Amendment (Workforce Supplement) Determination 2013, made under the *Aged Care Act 1997* [[F2013L01749](#)], and the Residential Care Subsidy Amendment (Workforce Supplement) Principle 2013, made under the *Aged Care Act 1997* [[F2013L01748](#)]

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Documents tabled

Documents were tabled in response to the following Senate orders–

- [undetected boat arrival](#)
- [free trade agreements](#)

#### Motion agreed to

Infrastructure Australia or the Infrastructure Coordinator to table documents relating to the [WestConnex Motorway Project](#)–no later than 2 January 2014

### Documents tabled

- [1 petition](#), and 2 petitioning documents
- Auditor-General–Audit [report no. 11 of 2013-14](#)
- Department of the Senate–[Register](#) of senior executive officers' interests
- Government documents [[Journals entries 52 to 54 refer](#)]
- [Response](#) to a Senate resolution about the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme–from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) [resolution agreed to on 12 December 2013]

### Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports were discussed

## Other business

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

### Proposed suspension of standing orders

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for today [[first speaker](#)]

### Motions agreed to

- Health—[Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme—Impacts of treaties](#)—moved by Senator Di Natale
- Indigenous Australians—[Closing the Gap](#)—Parliamentary consideration—moved by Senators O’Neill, Lines, McLucas, Pratt, Peris and Siewert
- Taxation—Goods and services tax—[Mobile home parks](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- Transport—[Qantas](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon

### Motion negated

Primary industries—[Live animal exports](#)—moved by Senators Siewert and Rhiannon

### Motion debated

Administration—[Abbott Government](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) at the request of Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

### Notices of motion

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

### End of sittings

Statements were made relating to the end of the 2013 spring sittings [[first speaker](#)]

## 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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