



# Senate Daily Summary

Friday, 28 June 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 3.37 pm

*The Senate has now completed the winter sittings and will commence the spring sittings on [20 August 2013](#)*

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Grape and Wine Legislation Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 June 2013] [Minister's [second reading speeches](#)]
- ❑ Homelessness Bill 2013 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 June 2013] [Minister's [second reading speeches](#)]
- ❑ Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 June 2013] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 2013] [Minister's [second reading speeches](#)]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Early Years Quality Fund Special Account Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Temporary Sponsored Visas) Bill 2013 [Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2013-2014 and 2 related bills [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Asian Century) Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Supporting More Australians into Work) Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Sugar Research and Development Services Bill 2013 and 2 related bills [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013 and 2 related bills [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Fairer Taxation of Excess Concessional Contributions) Bill 2013 and a related bill [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]

### **Motion agreed to**

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the routine of business for 28 June 2013 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered

### **Bills assented to**

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

## **Committees**

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### **Reports tabled**

- ❑ Annual report 2012-13—Appropriations and Staffing Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Financial sector reform in China—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—
  - Provision of amenity within the Parliamentary Triangle [[report](#)]
  - Visit to the Indian Ocean Territories, 21 to 25 October 2012 [[report](#)]

### **Committee documents tabled**

- ❑ Australia's overseas development programs in Afghanistan—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Additional information
- ❑ Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (New Mandate and Other Measures) Bill 2013—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information
- ❑ Government's response to the President's report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports

### **[Notice of motion](#) to refer a matter to a committee**

Current funding for Australian universities and its effects on the quality of Australian higher education—Economics References Committee—to report by 28 November 2013—notice given by Senator Rhiannon

### **Motion debated**

The Senate debated a [proposed amendment to standing order 18](#) relating to the membership of the Privileges Committee [[first speaker](#)]

## Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

## 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

- Reports of Australian parliamentary delegations to—
  - 126th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Kampala, Uganda and bilateral visits to Kazakhstan and Hungary, 28 March to 21 April 2012
  - 127th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Quebec City, Canada and a bilateral visit to Argentina, 13 to 28 October 2012
  - 128th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Quito, Ecuador and a bilateral visit to Paraguay, 21 March to 7 April 2013
  - Vietnam, Singapore and Indonesia, 7 to 19 April 2013
- Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2012
- Department of the Senate—Register of Senate senior executive officers' interests lodged between 28 November 2012 and 26 June 2013

## Other business

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[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

### Notices of motion

The [notice of motion](#) given today is available in the Senate Journals

### End of sittings

Statements were made relating to the end of the 2013 winter 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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