



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 12 February 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.31 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Adelaide Airport Curfew Amendment (Protecting Residents' Amenity) Bill 2014 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 February 2014] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Migration Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 February 2014] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 February 2014] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 February 2014] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 February 2014] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was debated

Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013—second reading debate continued—second reading amendment pending [[first speaker](#)]

Notice of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

Great Barrier Reef Legislation Amendment Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Waters

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports on legislation tabled

- Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Migration Amendment Bill 2013–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other reports tabled

- 2nd report–Publications Committee
- Alert Digest No. 1 of 2014 and [1st report of 2014](#)–Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- Delegated legislation monitor [no. 1 of 2014](#)–Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- Public Works Joint Committee–
 - 77th annual [report](#)
 - 1st report of 2014–Proposed integrated fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office, Dandenong [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the reports was agreed to]
- Review of the listing of Jabhat al–Nusra and re-listing of six terrorist organisations; Review of the re-listing of Al–Qa’ida in the Arabian Peninsula–Intelligence and Security Joint Committee [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee–13 February 2014–from 10 am–private briefing, followed by a public meeting
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–13 February 2014–private meeting
- Law Enforcement Joint Committee–12 February 2014–from 5.30 pm–private briefing; 5 March 2014–from 5.30 pm–public meeting
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Standing Committee–13 February 2014–from 10 am–private meeting, followed by a public meeting
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Joint Committee–5, 19 and 26 March 2014–from 10.30 am–private meetings
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–13 February, 6, 20 and 27 March 2014–from 10.30 am–public meetings

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Commonwealth procurement procedures–to report by 30 June 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013–to report by 27 March 2014

Notices of motion

To amend an order of the Senate

- Hearings scheduled for the 2013-14 additional estimates and the 2014-15 Budget estimates–notice given by Senator Moore

To refer matters to committees

- Allegations of corruption and of breaches of Commonwealth laws–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 15 May 2014–notice given by Senator Wright
- Australia’s food processing and manufacturing sector–Economics References Committee–to report by 15 June 2014–notice given by Senators Xenophon and Madigan
- Proposed amendment to standing order 50–Procedure Committee–notice given by Senator Di Natale
- Security incident involving Papua New Guinean authorities at the Manus Island detention centre on 18 October 2013–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 April 2014–notice given by Senator Hanson-Young
- Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 15 May 2014–notice given by the Senator Milne

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Economics References Committee–13 February 2014 from 3.30 pm–private meeting
- Treaties Joint Standing Committee–3, 17 and 24 March 2014 from 11 am to 1 pm–public meetings

To extend reporting deadlines

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–

- Future of beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia–to report by 19 June 2014
- Grass-fed cattle levies–to report by 30 June 2014
- Public transport–to report by 30 June 2014

Membership

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Ms ML Landry had been appointed, as a participating member, to the Northern Australia Joint Select Committee

The Senate agreed to a change in the membership of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation 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]

Disallowance motions

[Notice of intention](#) to withdraw a notice

Senator Hanson-Young gave a notice of intention to withdraw a notice to disallow migration regulations [\[F2013L02104\]](#) [a notice to disallow the same instrument but on an earlier day was also given – see below]

[Notices of motion](#) to disallow given

The following notices of motion were given to disallow various legislative instruments:

- Senator Carr to disallow Amendment No. 1 to the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2012 made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* [\[F2013L02078\]](#)
- Senator Carr to disallow the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Education) 2013 made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* [\[F2013L02070\]](#)
- Senator Hanson-Young to disallow the amendments to the Migration Regulations 1994 made by the Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrival) Regulation 2013 [\[F2013L02104\]](#)

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- [Border protection operations](#)—Lifeboats—by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—no later than noon on 13 February 2014
- [SPC Ardmona](#)—Report on Government assistance—by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry—on 13 February 2014

Notices of motion

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—Report of the review of Operation Sovereign Borders for the period December 2013-January 2014—no later than noon on 21 February 2014—notice given by Senator Moore
- The Minister representing the Minister for Communications—KPMG report into the adequacy and efficiency of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—no later than 3 March 2014—notice given by Senator Ludlam
- The Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment—Korea-Australia free trade agreement—no later than 3 March 2014—notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson

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 contracts published on the Internet

A letter of advice for the Communications portfolio 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

- Auditor-General report no. 19 of 2013-14
- Government documents [and considered]
- Odgers' Australian Senate Practice—Supplement to the 13th edition

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) tabled a ministerial statement about 'Closing the Gap' [a motion to take note of the statement was debated - first speaker]

Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question

Matters of public interest debate—first speaker

Adjournment debate—first speaker

Motions agreed to

- Education—Schools—Australian Curriculum—moved by Senator Wright
- Environment—Great Barrier Reef coastline—moved by Senator Waters
- Environment—Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- Environment—Western Australia—Great White Sharks—moved by Senator Siewert
- Foreign affairs—Syrian conflict—Humanitarian aid—moved by Senator Stephens [a statement was made]

- ❑ Health—[Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month](#)—moved by the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash) and Senators Moore and Waters
- ❑ Sport—[Australian Winter Olympic Team](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ Women—[International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation](#)—moved by the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash) and Senators Kroger, Moore and Waters

Matter of public importance discussed

Employment—Job losses—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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