



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 6 March 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.20 pm

[The Senate](#) will meet again on 17 March 2014.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Flags Amendment Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 March 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]

The following bill was debated and negatived

- ❑ Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2013—defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were [exempted](#), debated and passed

- ❑ Governor-General Amendment (Salary) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Dairy Produce) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2014 and a related bill [[first speaker](#)] [The bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

[Notice of motion](#)

To introduce a private senator's bill

Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Ban on Cruel Cosmetics) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Rhiannon

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

[Additional information](#) received relating to estimates hearings was tabled

Report tabled

Claim of a public interest immunity raised over documents—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)] [a [motion](#) to adopt the recommendation of the report was agreed to – see entry under ‘new inquiries’ for details of the reference to the Procedure Committee]

Documents tabled

[Access to unpublished committee documents](#)—Reports where access granted—

- Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Legislation Joint Select Committee(1971 to 1973)
- Public Works Joint Committee

[Government responses](#) tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—Report—Care of ADF personnel wounded and injured on operations
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—The importance of the Indian Ocean rim for Australia’s foreign, trade and defence policy

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report no. 2 of 2014](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 15 May 2014
- Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—to report by 5 June 2014
- Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill 2014—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 24 March 2014
- Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 24 March 2014
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 25 March 2014
- Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—to report by 16 June 2014
- Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 16 June 2014

Other references

The Senate agreed to refer the following matters to committees:

- ❑ [Australian Federal Police](#)—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 15 May 2014 [a statement was made]
- ❑ [Independent arbitration](#)—Procedure Committee
- ❑ [Qantas](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 27 March 2014 [a statement was made]

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) to refer to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee a matter relating to the Southern Ocean and Antarctic waters

[Membership](#)

The Senate agreed to various changes to the membership of committees

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

[Notices withdrawn](#)

Notices of motion to disallow two veterans' entitlements regulations were withdrawn

Motions to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to motions to which would have disallowed the following regulations:

- ❑ Civil Aviation Order 48.1 Instrument 2013 [[F2013L00628](#)] [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Clean Energy Auction Revocation Determination 2014 [[F2014L00176](#)] [[first speaker](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

[Statements of compliance](#) for various portfolios were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

[Ministerial statement](#)

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) tabled a ministerial statement about International Women's Day

Documents tabled and discussed

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report no. 22 of 2013-14](#)
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ [Petitions](#) [statements were made]

Other business

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

Motion negatived

Environment—[Coal and gas mining](#)—moved by Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]

Motion debated

Industry—Australian shipbuilding industry—moved by Senator Farrell, at the request of Senator Carr [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Statistics

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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