



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 19 March 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.27 pm

## **Senators**

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Senator O'Sullivan gave his [first speech](#)

## **Legislation**

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### **Bills considered**

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Farm Household Support Bill 2014 and the Farm Household Support (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 March 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Increased Employment Participation) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 March 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

### **Message from the House of Representatives**

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—agreeing to certain amendments, and disagreeing to 2 amendments and making amendments in place of those amendments [The Senate will consider the amendments disagreed to by the House, and the amendments made in their place, on a future sitting day]

### **Notices of motion**

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration during this period of sittings]

- ❑ Civil Aviation Amendment (CASA Board) Bill 2014
- ❑ Farm Household Support Bill 2014
- ❑ Farm Household Support (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014

- Quarantine Charges (Collection) Bill 2014
- Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2014
- Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2014
- Quarantine Charges (Imposition—General) Bill 2014

To introduce a private senator's bill

Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Singh

### **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**

- 2012-13 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Alert [Digest](#) No. 3 of 2014 and 3rd [report](#) of 2014—Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- Annual reports tabled by 31 October 2013—
  - Community Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
  - Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
  - Education and Employment 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 [\[report\]](#)
- Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)—Community Affairs References Committee [\[interim report\]](#) [a [motion](#) was moved and agreed to relating to the presentation of the final report]
- Delegated legislation monitor [no. 3 of 2014](#)—Regulations and Ordinances Committee

### **[Notice of motion](#)**

To hold meeting when the Senate is sitting

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—26 March 2014 from 5 pm—public meeting—Australia Post

## Membership

[Messages](#) were received from the House of Representatives notifying changes in the membership of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit and the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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]

### Disallowance motions

#### Proposed disallowance motion

The Senate commenced debate on a [motion](#) to disallow the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Delegation) Regulation 2013 [F2013L02122]—matter to be determined [[first speaker](#)]

#### Disallowance notice

The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Edwards) gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow the Declaration of ‘corresponding State laws’ under subsection (7) of the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002* [F2013L02043]

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Notice of motion

Senator Carr gave a [notice of motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Industry to table documents on the review of the South Australian economy and the Victorian manufacturing and industry economic review—no later than noon on 24 March 2014

#### Orders with continuing effect

*Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

A [letter of advice](#) for the Immigration and Border Protection 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]

*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 Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) tabled a ministerial statement on deregulation [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]

### **Documents tabled**

[Government documents](#) [and [considered](#)]

### **Other business**

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[Questions without notice—first question](#)

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

### **Hours of meeting and routine of business**

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business on 20 March 2014 [[statements](#) were made]

### **Statement by the President—Suspension of standing orders—Conduct of the Assistant Treasurer**

The President made a statement relating to questions, asked of the Assistant Treasurer, which he ruled out of order during question time on 18 March 2014

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion relating to the conduct of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) and that motion was agreed to [[first speaker](#)] [consequential statements were made by [Senator Sinodinos](#) and [Senator Wong](#) during matters of public interest debate]

### **Matter of public importance discussed**

Administration—Ministerial standards—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

### **Motions agreed to**

- Family and community services—[Carers](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- Foreign affairs—[South Sudan](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) and Senator Singh
- Industrial relations—[Construction industry](#)—Safety—moved by Senator Rhiannon [[statements](#) were made]

### **Motion negated**

Environment—[Coal seam gas](#)—moved by Senator Waters

### **Notices of motion**

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

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