



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 27 March 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.12 pm

The Senate has now completed the autumn sittings and will commence the Budget sittings on 13 May 2014

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Amending Acts 1901 to 1969 Repeal Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 March 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2] [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 March 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014 [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Omnibus Repeal Day (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 March 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 1) 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 March 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was debated

Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were exempted, introduced, debated and passed Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Bill 2014 and the Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]

The following bill was exempted, debated and passed

Defence Force Retirement Benefits Legislation Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]

[Notices of motion](#) to introduce private senators' bills

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Alpine Grazing) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Di Natale
- Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Community Affairs References Committee—Prevalence of different types of speech, language and communication disorders and speech pathology services [interim [report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved and agreed to relating to the presentation of the final report]
- Education and Employment References Committee—
 - Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy [final [report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
 - Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
 - Government's approach to re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—
 - Australia's overseas aid and development assistance program [[report](#)] [a motion was moved to take note of the report]
 - Breaches of Indonesian territorial waters [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Qantas' future as a strong national carrier supporting jobs in Australia [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Documents tabled

- Environment and Communications References Committee—Direct Action Plan—Corrigendum
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Public interest immunity claim—Additional information

[Government response](#) tabled

Treaties Joint Committee—128th report: Treaties Ratification Bill 2012

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Community Affairs References Committee—Prevalence of different types of speech, language and communication disorders and speech pathology services—to report by 26 June 2014

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Australia Post–to report by 27 August 2014
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Illegal fishing–to report by 28 August 2014
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Public transport–to report by 4 December 2014
- School Funding Select Committee–to report by 26 June 2014

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted [report](#) no. 4 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Repeal) (No. 1) Bill 2014–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 16 June 2014
- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and Other Measures) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 19 June 2014
- Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report by 13 May 2014
- Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2014–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 16 June 2014
- Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Repeal Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 2 June 2014
- Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Repeal Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 6 June 2014
- Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 6 June 2014
- National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 26 June 2014
- Omnibus Repeal Day (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 14 May 2014
- Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 8 May 2014

Other inquiries

- [Abuse in Defence](#)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 28 August 2014
- [Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement](#)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report within in one month of the tabling of the report of the Treaties Joint Committee

Committee–variation of appointment

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the appointment of the Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit Select Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) in 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

[Notice](#) withdrawn

The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Edwards) withdrew a notice of motion to disallow a regulation

Regulation disallowed

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to disallow the amendments to the Migration Regulations 1994 made by the Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrival) Regulation 2013 [[F2013L02104](#)] [[statements](#) were made]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) that the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) to comply with the existing order of the Senate of 25 March 2014 concerning jobs data—no later than 2 pm today

Document tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) tabled a [document](#) relating to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the dredging at Abbot Point [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 18 March 2014] [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]

Documents tabled and discussed

- 1 [petition](#), and 2 petitioning documents
- Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- [Response](#) to Senate resolution about schools funding in rural areas—from the Minister for Education (Mr Pyne) [resolution agreed to on 11 December 2013]

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [Hours of meeting and routine of business for Budget week](#)—moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)

Motions agreed to

- Visit to Australia of their [Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge](#)—moved by the Senator Smith
- Transport—[Barton Highway](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon
- Health—South-East Asia region—[Polio](#)—moved by Senators Moore and Rhiannon
- Science and technology—[Research funding](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Motion debated

Administration—[Commonwealth procurement policy](#)—moved by the Senators Madigan and Xenophon [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Statistics

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