



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 7 July 2014

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.28 pm

Senators

[Certificates of election](#) for senators elected on 7 September 2013, and the certificate of the choice by Parliament of New South Wales of Deborah O'Neill, to serve in the Senate from 1 July 2014 were tabled. The senators made and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance (except for Senator Bilyk who was absent for personal reasons)

Election of officers

Senator Parry (LP, Tas) and Senator Ludlam (AG, WA) were both proposed to take the office of President of the Senate. Senator Parry was declared elected after a [ballot](#) was held (Senator Parry 63 votes, Senator Ludlam 10 votes) [[statements](#) were made]

Senator Marshall (ALP, Vic) was elected unopposed to take the office of Deputy President of the Senate and Chair of Committees [[statements](#) were made]

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

The following bills were introduced

- Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2] [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 June 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013 [No. 2] [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 June 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced and debated

- Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
–1 Opposition second reading amendment to be determined, in respect of the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
[bills passed by the House of Representatives on 26 June 2014; a [motion](#) for the bills to proceed without formalities was debated and negatived – [first speaker](#); a further [motion](#) was moved, and agreed to, to consider the bills immediately and have precedence over all government business – [first speaker](#)]

Message from the House of Representatives

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014–agreeing to the amendment made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

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

Private senators' bills to be debated

On 14 November 2013 the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 10 July 2014 the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014 and the Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014 are scheduled for debate

[See committees for details of reports on legislation]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)
[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Economics Legislation Committee–Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014 and related bills [[report](#)]
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014 [[report](#)]

Government response to committee report tabled

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Report–Breaches of Indonesian territorial waters

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–17 July 2014–private meeting, followed by a public meeting
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–14 July, 17 July, 28 August and 4 September 2014–private meetings, followed by public meetings
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee–14 July 2014–public meeting

Membership

The Senate [agreed](#) to vary 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]

Documents tabled

- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [Rulings of the President of the Senate](#) (Volume 17)

Other business

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

Death of Lance Corporal Todd John Chidgey

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) moved that the Senate records its deep sorrow at the death, on 1 July 2014, of Lance Corporal Todd John Chidgey, in Kabul, Afghanistan. The [motion](#) was supported

First speeches

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing dates for new senators to make their first speeches

Motion agreed to

Industrial relations–[Commonwealth Cleaning Services Guidelines Repeal Instrument 2014](#)–moved by Senator Lines, at the request of Senator Moore [debated as a matter of urgency – [first speaker](#)]

Party appointments

The [Leader of Opposition in the Senate](#) (Senator Wong), the [Leader of the Australian Greens](#) (Senator Milne) and the [Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate](#) (Senator Lazarus) advised the Senate of various party appointments

Proposed suspensions of standing orders

- The Senate commenced debate on a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2] and related bills [\[first speaker\]](#)
- The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Whish-Wilson to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion relating to human rights in Brunei Darussalam [\[first speaker\]](#)

Suspension of standing orders

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2] and related bills, and the Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2] [\[first speaker\]](#)

Question on notice—Answer and explanation

Senator Ludlam asked the Acting Assistant Treasurer (Senator Cormann) why an answer had not been provided to a question placed on notice relating to native timber from Western Australia. Senator Cormann provided an explanation. A [motion](#) moved by Senator Ludlam to take note of the explanation was debated and agreed to

Temporary chairs of committees

[Warrants](#) were tabled nominating, and revoking, the nomination of senators as temporary chairs of committees

Notices of motion

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

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