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## Section 1: Business conducted in the Senate



## 1.1 General statistics

	Autumn	Budget/Winter	Spring	Total
Number of sittings days	14	12	11	37
Hours of sitting	137 hrs 09 mins	127 hrs 32 mins	104 hrs 7 mins	368 hrs 48 mins
Average length of a sitting day	9 hrs 48 mins	10 hrs 38 mins	9 hrs 28 mins	9 hrs 58 mins
Longest sitting day	12 hrs 14 mins (20 March)	13 hrs 45 mins (25 June)	11 hrs 25 mins (2 December)	13 hrs 45 mins (25 June)
Shortest sitting day	6 hrs 17 mins (21 March)	6 hrs 7 mins (28 June)	3 hrs 42 mins (12 November)	3 hrs 42 mins (12 November)
Questions placed on notice	232 (1/1 – 21/3)	121 (22/3 – 30/6)	97 (1/7 – 31/12)	450
Questions without notice* Question time held on:	354 14 sitting days	312 11 sitting days	312 10 sitting days	978 35 sitting days
Average daily number of questions without notice*	25.3	28.4	31.2	27.9
Petitions presented	6	8	10	24
Signatories to petitions	24 046	9 342	17 561	50 949
Delegated legislation—Notices of motion for disallowance:				
Given	3	11	6	20
Agreed to	0	0	3	3
Negatived	1	2	0	3
Withdrawn	0	2	0	2
Still before the Senate	3	10 (at the end of the 43rd Parliament)	3	N/A
Statements by the President, Deputy President and the Chair of Committees	1	3	1	5
Ministerial statements	6	7	4	17
Matters of public importance	9	4	4	17
Urgency motions	0	0	3	3
Principal motions agreed to	35	36	39	110
Condolence motions	4	4	3	11
Censure motions	2	0	0	2
Orders made for the production of documents	6	2	10	18
Government responses to committee reports tabled	10	23	6	39
Divisions	56	116	41	213

\* Includes supplementary questions.





## 1.2 Senate sittings 2013

A sitting period is defined as a period during which the Senate adjourns for not more than 20 days (standing order 111).

### Number of sitting days:

Autumn sitting period—5 February to 21 March .....	14
Budget sitting period—14 to 16 May .....	3
Winter sitting period—17 to 28 June.....	9
Spring sitting period—12 to 14 November, 2 to 12 December .....	11
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>37</b>

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October							November							December						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
														30	31					

Parliament prorogued on 5 August 2013

General election held on 7 September 2013



## 1.3 Business conducted in the Senate

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This section contains graphs showing a breakdown of how the Senate spent its time in 2013, as well as comparisons with previous years. For this purpose, business has been broken down into the following categories:

**Business of the Senate** includes disallowance motions, motions to refer matters to standing committees and motions concerning the qualification of a senator. It has precedence over government business and general business for the day on which it is listed, except on Monday between 10 am and 2 pm, Tuesday between 12.30 pm and 2 pm, and Wednesday between 9.30 am and 12.45 pm.

**Government business** is business initiated by a minister and includes all debate on government bills. Government business takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours on Thursdays.

**General business** is initiated by senators who are not ministers. It includes motions to take note of answers, most notices of motion, consideration of committee reports and government responses and matters of public interest. General business takes precedence over government business on Thursdays as described above.

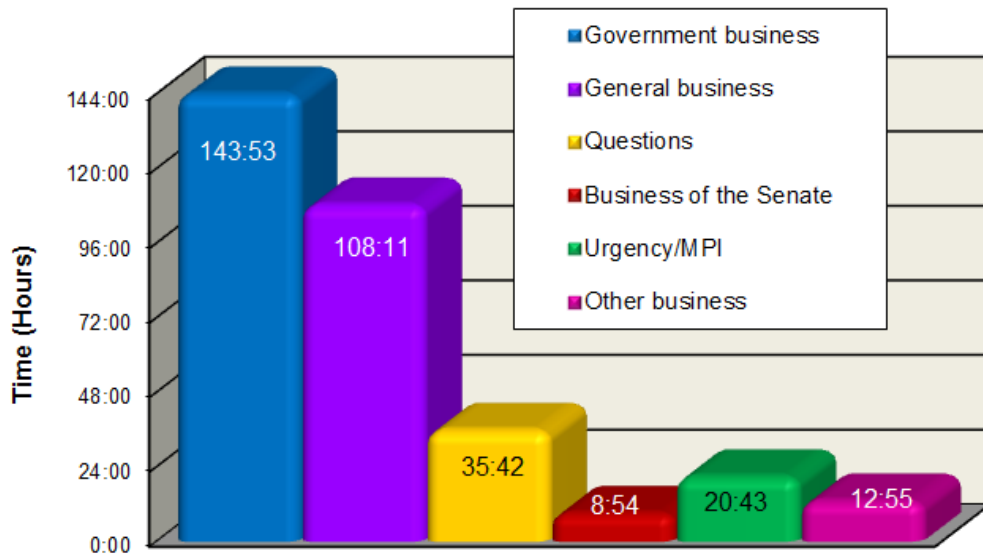
**Questions** include question time and additional answers given by ministers at the end of question time.

**Urgency motions and matters of public importance (MPIs)** may be proposed by senators on any sitting day pursuant to standing order 75. At the conclusion of the debate there is no vote taken on the substantive issue of the matter or motion. However, in the case of urgency motions, a procedural vote is taken as to whether the matter is considered urgent or not.

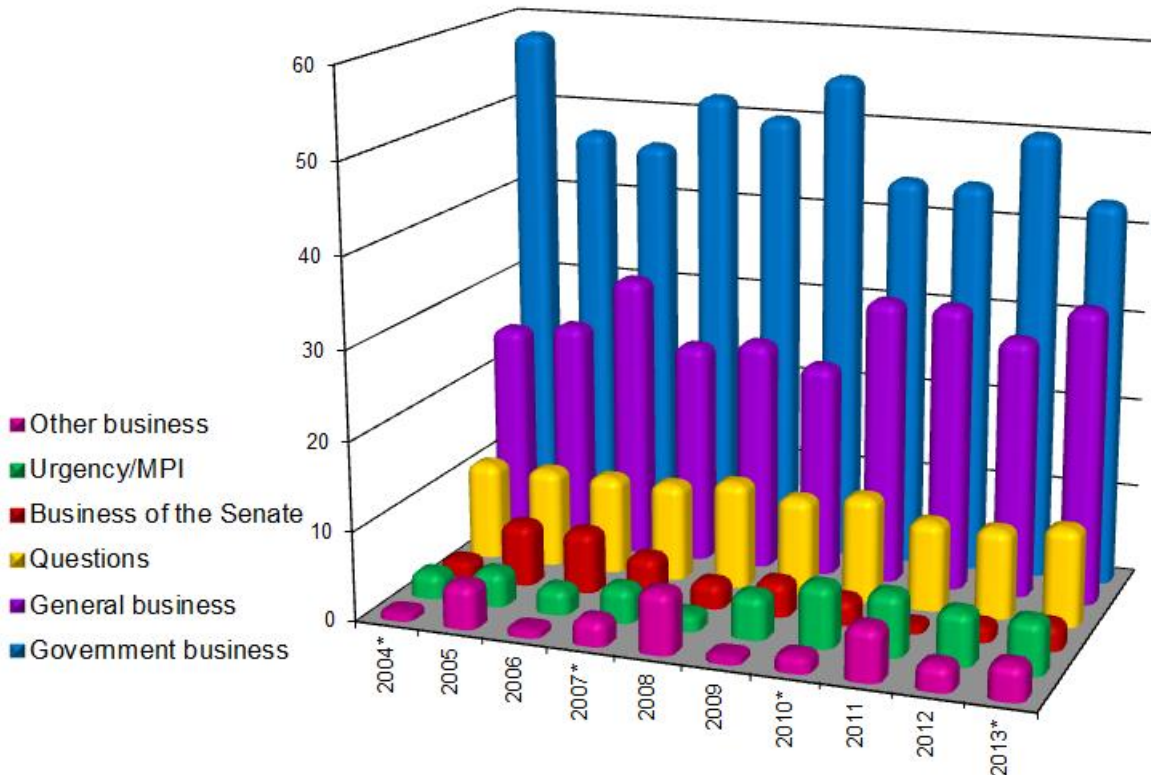
**Other business** includes prayers, petitions, postponements and ceremonial business.

**Adjournment:** Note that the time for the adjournment debate is not included in the figures shown.

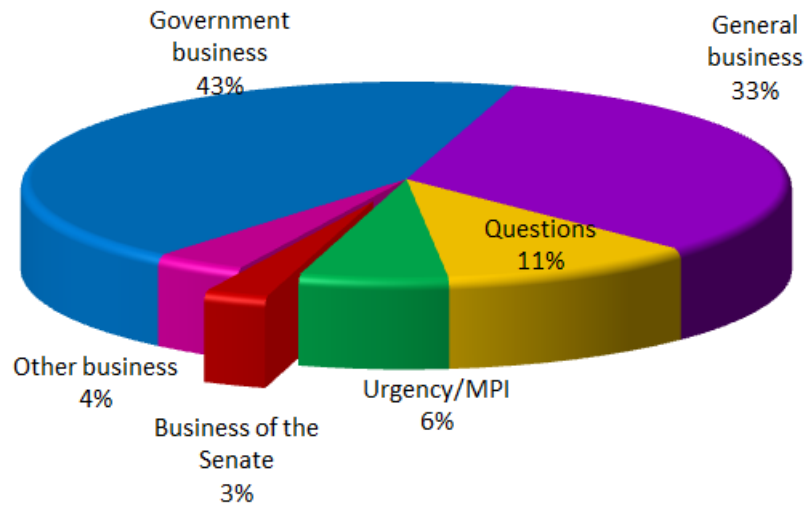
**Total time, by type of business - 1 January to 31 December 2013**



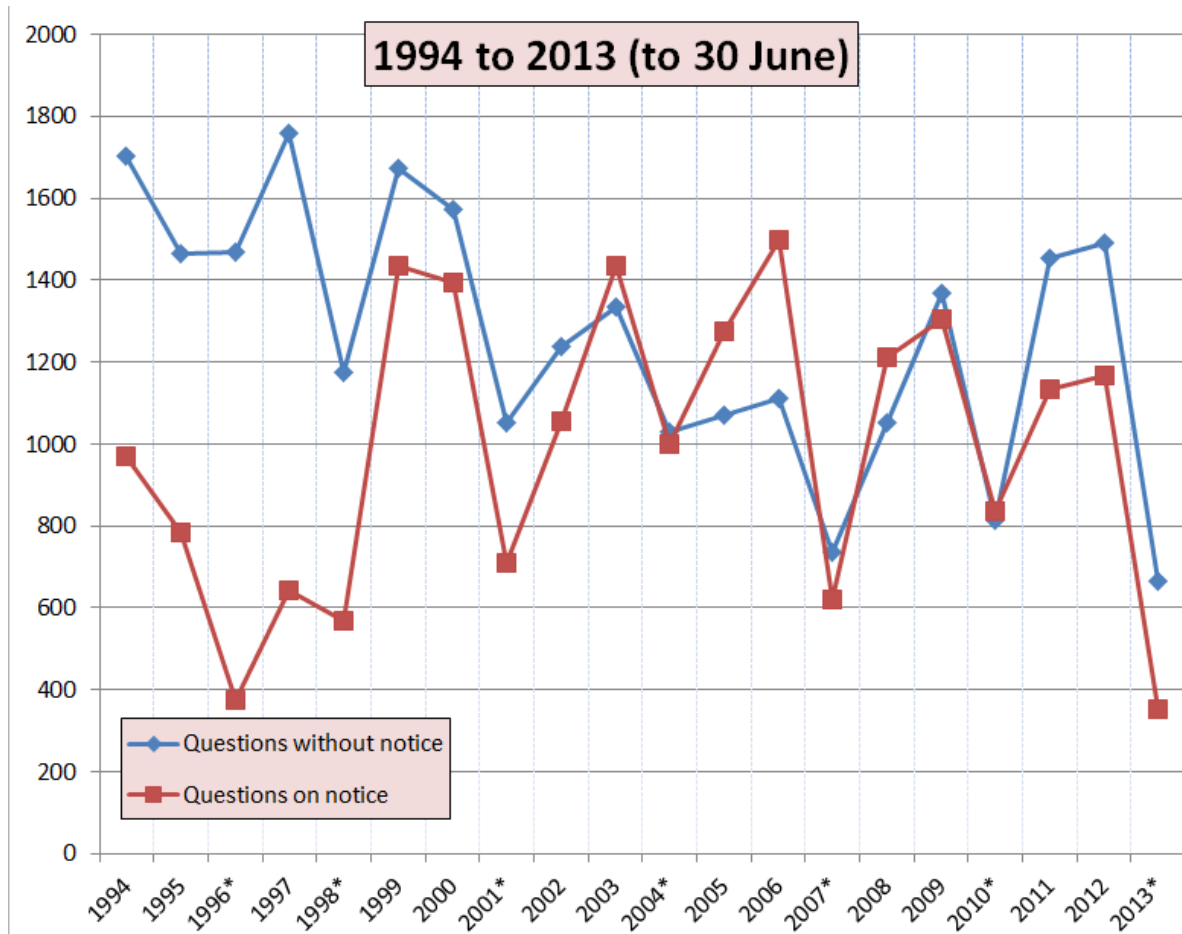
**Proportion of time spent according to the type of business: 2004 to 2013**

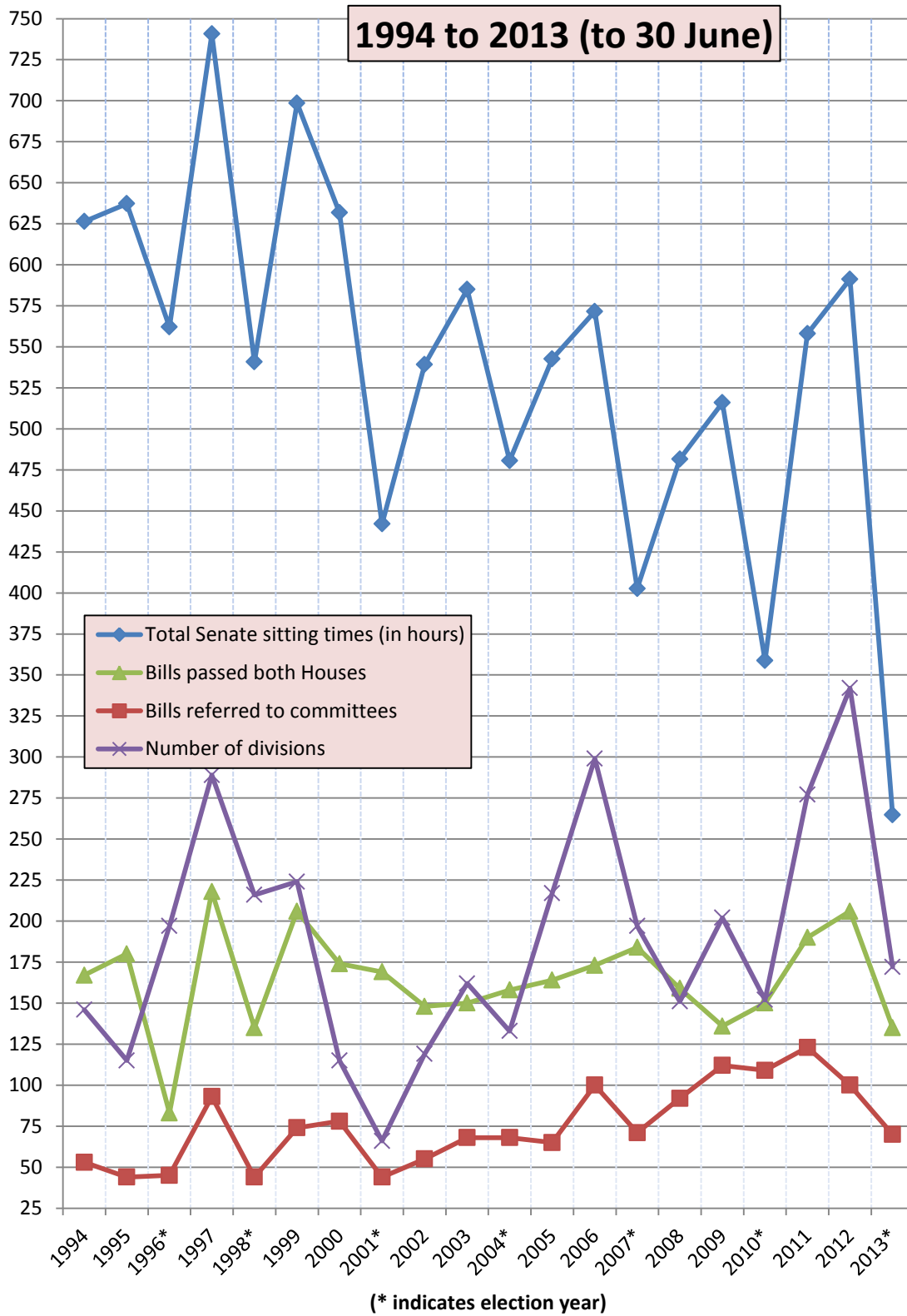


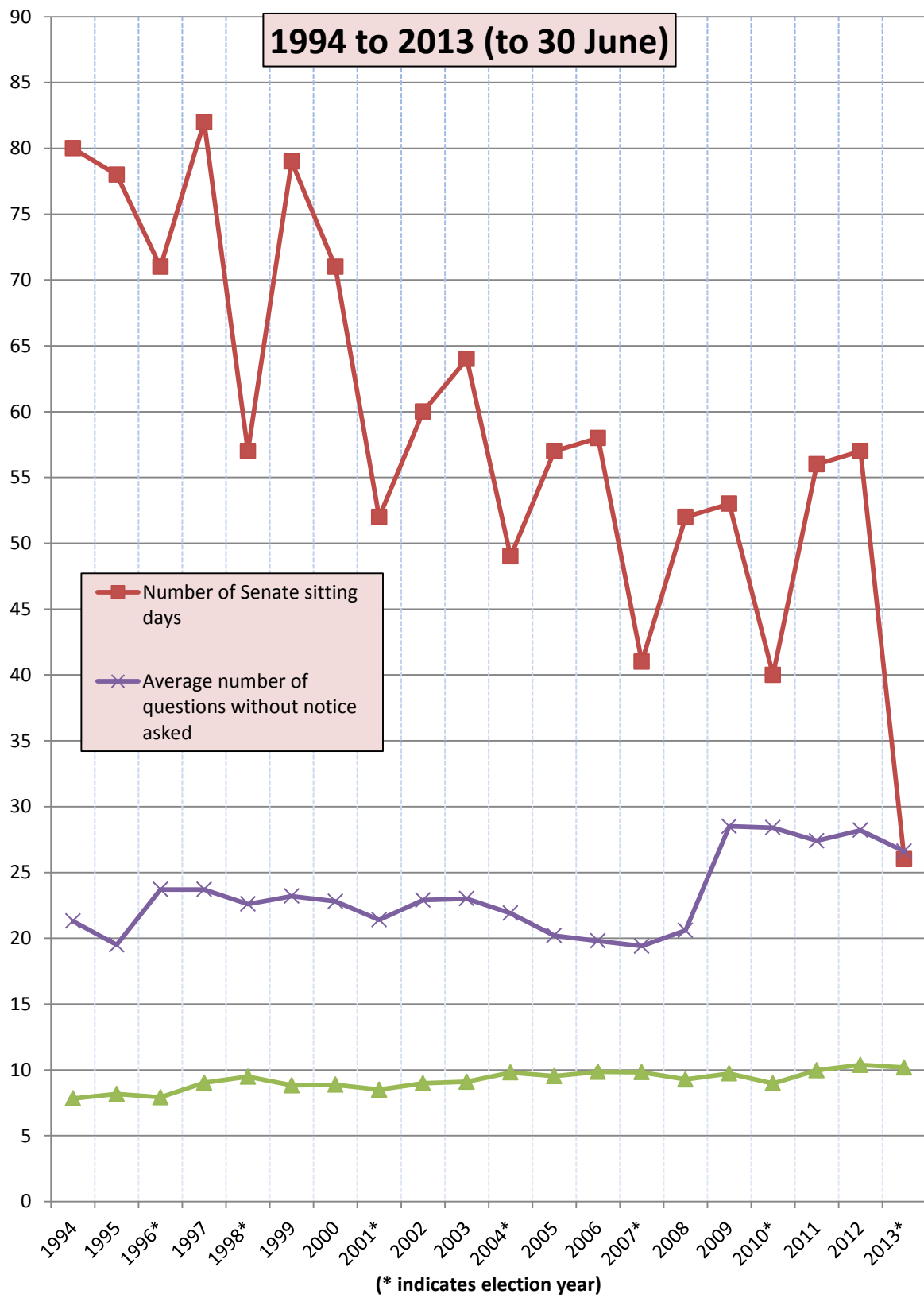
**Percentage of time, by type of business: 1 January to 31 December 2013  
and breakdown of government business**



- government legislation – 38%
- other government business – 5%







(On 24 November 2008 the format of question time was changed to allow 2 supplementaries per question)





## Section 2: Legislation



## 2.1 Legislation statistics

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### 43rd Parliament

#### Bills considered by the Senate in the period 1 January to 30 June 2013

##### Origin

On Senate or House of Representatives Notice Paper as at 1 January 2013:		
Government bills (received from the House of Representatives)	10	
Private senators' bills (originating in Senate 2010, 2011, 2012)	11	
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>
Private senators' bill on the House of Representatives Notice Paper (as at 1 January 2013):		<b>1</b>
Introduced in the Senate:		
Government bills	3	
Private senators' bills	25	
<b>Total</b>		<b>28</b>
Government bills received from the House of Representatives		<b>142</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>192</b>

##### Outcome

Bills passed by Senate 2013:		
Government bills	133	
Private senators' bills	1	
<b>Total</b>		<b>134</b>
Private senator's bill passed by the Senate in 2012, passed both Houses in 2013		<b>1</b>
Private senator's bill not yet introduced in the House of Representatives		<b>1</b>
Bills before the Senate:		
Government bills	22	
Private senators' bills	27	
<b>Total</b>		<b>49</b>
Private senators' bill negatived at second reading in the Senate		<b>3</b>
Private senators' bills discharged from the Senate Notice Paper		<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>192</b>

NB: Bills still before the House of Representatives at the end of the 43rd Parliament lapsed at prorogation. Bills still before the Senate at the end of the 43rd Parliament lapsed immediately before the commencement of the 44th Parliament.

## 44th Parliament

### Bills considered by the Senate in the period 12 November to 12 December 2013

#### Origin

Introduced in the Senate (12 November to 12 December 2013):	
Government bills	2
Private senators' bills	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
Private senators' bills restored to the Notice Paper:	
	<b>8</b>
Received from the House of Representatives:	
Government bills	<b>34</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

#### Outcome

Bills passed by the Senate (from 12 November to 12 December 2013)	
Passed by both Houses:	
Government bills	14
Private senators' bills	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>
Still before the Senate:	
Government bills	21
Private senators' bills	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>
Government bill negatived at second reading	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

## Annual statistics

**Bills on which there was disagreement between the Houses** ..... 1

#### Bills to which amendments and requests were moved during 2013

Bills to which second reading amendments were moved .....	9
Bills to which second reading amendments were agreed .....	1
Bills to which second reading amendments were negatived.....	7
Bills to which amendments were moved in committee of the whole .....	31
Bills to which amendments were agreed to in committee of the whole .....	8
Bills to which amendments were moved in committee of the whole and subsequently withdrawn .....	3
Bills to which requests were moved in committee of the whole and subsequently withdrawn .....	1
Bills to which requests were agreed to in committee of the whole.....	0
Bills in which provisions were opposed and negatived in committee of the whole .....	0
Bills in which provisions were opposed but agreed to in committee of the whole.....	13

**Amendments, requests moved in committee of the whole:**

<b>Moved by</b>	<b>Agreed to</b>	<b>Negatived</b>
Government	69	0
Opposition	1	131
Australian Greens <sup>1</sup>	11	74
The Nationals	0	6
Independent (Senator Xenophon) <sup>2</sup>	0	16
Democratic Labor Party	0	5
Democratic Labor Party / Independent (Senator Xenophon)	0	11
President (Senator Hogg)	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>243</b>

<sup>1</sup> 2 amendments and 2 requests were withdrawn.

<sup>2</sup> 4 amendments were withdrawn.

These figures are broken down in detail on pages 23 to 26.

Total amendments, requests moved ..... 334

Details of bills considered by the Senate during the period 1 January to 31 December 2013 can be found in the [Senate bills list](#) (2013 final edition, as at cob 17 December 2013).



## 2.2 Bills still before the Senate

### Number of bills still before the Senate at 31 December 2013:

Number of government bills: .....	21
Number of private senators' bills: .....	18
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>39</b>

### Government bills

Bill short title	Origin
Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Higher Education Support Amendment (Savings and Other Measures) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia's Protection Obligations) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013	House of Representatives
National Health Amendment (Simplified Price Disclosure) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013	House of Representatives

<b>Bill short title</b>	<b>Origin</b>
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	House of Representatives

#### **Private senators' bills**

<b>Bill short title</b>	<b>Senator</b>
Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) 2012 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013	Farrell (ALP)
Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013	Madigan (DLP)
Fair Trade (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013	Madigan (DLP)
Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) 2010 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind) and Milne (AG)
Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013	Madigan (DLP)
Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2013	Waters (AG)



<b>Bill short title</b>	<b>Senator</b>
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Visa Maximum Numbers Determinations) Bill 2013	Hanson-Young (AG)
National Integrity Commission Bill 2013	Milne (AG)
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Poker Machine Harm Reduction (\$1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]	Di Natale (AG), Madigan (DLP) and Xenophon (Ind)
Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind) and Madigan (DLP)

#### **KEY**

<b>AG</b>	<b>Australian Greens</b>
<b>ALP</b>	<b>Australian Labor Party</b>
<b>DLP</b>	<b>Democratic Labor Party</b>
<b>Ind</b>	<b>Independent</b>

## 2.3 Second reading—Amendments moved

The second reading debate is a policy debate relating to the principles of a particular bill. A senator may speak for up to 20 minutes and make a further contribution if a second reading amendment is moved. The second reading debate is opened by a minister who outlines the policies of the bill, and is usually closed by a minister who may respond to issues raised during the debate. The debate culminates in a vote signifying that the bill is agreed to, or rejected, in principle.

Second reading amendments do not affect the text of a bill. The amendment is moved to the motion for the second reading (“That this bill be now read a second time”), and is generally used to express an opinion about the bill or related policy issues; to propose the reference of the bill or related matters to a committee; or to delay further consideration of the bill. In some circumstances the effect of the amendment, if agreed to, is to defeat the bill.

For more information on the legislative process see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation*.

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	Total for 2013
<b>Number of bills, or packages of bills, to which second reading amendments were moved:</b> .....	7	2	9
<b>Number of second reading amendments moved:</b> .....	7	3	10
Second reading amendments agreed to.....	0	2	2
Second reading amendments negated.....	7	0	7
Second reading amendments pending.....	0	1	1

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Bill short title	Moved by	Outcome
Australian Education Bill 2013; Australian Education (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013	1 Opp 1 AG	Negated Negated
Constitution Alteration (Local Government) 2013	1 Opp	Negated
Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill 2013	1 DLP/ Xenophon	Negated
Fair Work Amendment Bill 2013	1 Opp	Negated

<b>Bill short title</b>	<b>Moved by</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Sex Discrimination Amendment (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex Status) Bill 2013	1 AG	Negated
Social Security Amendment (Supporting More Australians into Work) Bill 2013	1 AG	Negated

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<b>Bill short title</b>	<b>Moved by</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013	2 Opp	Agreed to
Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013	1 Opp	Pending

## 2.4 Committee of the whole—Consideration

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The committee of the whole process provides an opportunity for senators to consider bills in detail. Amendments moved in committee of the whole seek to change, delete or add words in the bill that may affect the final content of the law. Under section 53 of the Constitution the Senate cannot amend a bill imposing taxation, or a bill appropriating money for the ordinary annual services of government (an appropriation bill). It also may not amend a bill in a way which will increase any proposed charge or burden. If the Senate wishes to make such amendments, it must *request* the House of Representatives to amend the bill on its behalf.

For more information on the legislative process see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation*.

### Number of bills:

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
to which amendments were moved in committee of the whole .....	30	1	31
to which requests were moved in committee of the whole .....	1	0	1
in which items (etc.) were opposed in committee of the whole .....	13	0	13
	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
<b>Number of amendments moved:</b> .....	270	1	268
Number of amendments agreed to:.....	82	1	83
Number of amendments negatived:.....	182	0	182
Number of amendments withdrawn:.....	6	0	6
<b>Number of requests moved:</b> .....	2	0	2
Number of requests agreed to:.....	0	0	0
Number of requests negatived:.....	0	0	0
Number of requests withdrawn:.....	2	0	2
<b>Number of amendments moved to amendments:</b> .....	0	0	0
<b>Number of items (etc.) opposed and negatived:</b> .....	0	0	0
<b>Number of items (etc.) opposed but agreed to:</b> .....	61	0	61

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<b>Bill short title</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Bill 2013	<b>2 requests withdrawn</b> (AG) <b>34 amendments agreed to</b> (30 Govt; 4 AG) <b>1 amendment negated</b> (Xenophon) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (3 items, 1 clause Opp)
Australia Council Bill 2013	<b>8 amendments negated</b> (Opp)
Australian Education Bill 2013	<b>3 amendments negated</b> (AG)
Australian Jobs Bill 2013	<b>3 amendments negated</b> (DLP/Xenophon) <b>2 amendments withdrawn</b> (AG)
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2013	<b>14 amendments agreed to</b> (8 Govt; 6 AG)
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Convergence Review and Other Measures) Bill 2013	<b>2 amendments negated</b> (AG) <b>1 amendment withdrawn</b> (Xenophon) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (1 item Opp)
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012	<b>9 amendments negated</b> (5 Opp; 4 DLP)
Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill 2013	<b>10 amendments negated</b> (2 AG; 8 DLP/ Xenophon)
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Administration) Bill 2013	<b>6 amendments negated</b> (Opp) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (36 items Opp)
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Procedure) Bill 2012	<b>2 amendments negated</b> (1 DLP; 1 Xenophon) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (1 Schedule AG)
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013	<b>11 amendments negated</b> (4 Opp; 7 AG) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (3 items Opp)
Fair Work Amendment Bill 2013	<b>28 amendments negated</b> (Opp) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (1 Schedule, 1 Part Opp)
Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012	<b>2 amendments negated</b> (Opp) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (3 items Opp)

Bill short title	Outcome
Maritime Powers Bill 2012	<b>4 amendments negated</b> (Opp)
Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Bill 2012	<b>3 amendments agreed to</b> (Govt) <b>8 amendments negated</b> (AG)
National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2013	<b>17 amendments agreed to</b> (16 Govt; 1 AG) <b>13 amendments negated</b> (6 AG; 6 Xenophon; 1 Opp)
Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2013 <i>(previous title: Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2012 [2013])</i>	<b>2 amendments agreed to</b> (President)
Parliamentary Service Amendment (Freedom of Information) Bill 2013	<b>3 amendments negated</b> (AG)
Private Health Insurance Amendment (Lifetime Health Cover Loading and Other Measures) Bill 2013	<b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (1 Schedule Opp)
Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2013	<b>11 amendments negated</b> (10 AG; 1 Xenophon)
Public Interest Disclosure (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2013	<b>2 amendments negated</b> (AG)
Public Service Amendment Bill 2012	<b>5 amendments negated</b> (AG)
Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Amendment Bill 2013	<b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (3 items, 1 clause Opp)
Royal Commissions Amendment Bill 2013	<b>7 amendments agreed to</b> (Govt)
Sex Discrimination Amendment (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex Status) Bill 2013	<b>5 amendments agreed to</b> (Govt) <b>1 amendment negated</b> (Opp)
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Service Providers and Other Governance Measures) Bill 2013	<b>7 amendments negated</b> (Opp)
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013	<b>1 amendment negated</b> (Opp) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (2 Schedules Opp)

<b>Bill short title</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 6) Bill 2012	<b>2 amendments negatived</b> (Opp) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (2 Schedules Opp)
Tax Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013	<b>1 amendment negatived</b> (Opp) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (1 Schedule Opp)
Tax Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 2) Bill 2013	<b>1 amendment negatived</b> (Opp) <b>Opposed/agreed to</b> (1 Schedule Opp) <b>3 amendments withdrawn</b> (Xenophon)
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Military Compensation Review and Other Measures) Bill 2013	<b>2 amendments negatived</b> (Xenophon)
Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012	<b>36 amendments negatived</b> (25 AG; 6 Nats; 5 Xenophon)

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<b>Bill short title</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013	<b>1 amendment agreed to</b> (Opp)

## 2.5 Bills negated or discharged from *Notice Paper*

The Senate often indicates its disagreement with a bill by rejecting the motion for the second or third reading, and that action is taken to be a rejection of the bill.

A senator may also move that an order of the day (a matter which the Senate has ordered to be considered on a particular day) relating to a bill be discharged from the *Notice Paper*, pursuant to standing order 97(4).

When the two Houses do not initially agree on the contents of a bill, it is usual for negotiations to continue. Amendments to amendments may be made or alternative amendments proposed until an acceptable compromise is reached. Occasionally, the impasse cannot be broken and a bill is laid aside and not proceeded with.

For more information on the legislative process, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation*.

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
<b>Number of bills negated at second reading:</b> .....	3	1	4
<b>Number of bills discharged from Notice Paper:</b> ...	4	0	4

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Bill short title	Origin
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (International Broadcasting Services) Bill 2011 (Discharged from <i>Notice Paper</i> 15 May 2013)	Senate (Senator Ludlam (AG))
Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2010 (Discharged from <i>Notice Paper</i> 15 May 2013)	Senate (Senator Ludlam (AG))
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012 (No. 2) (Discharged from <i>Notice Paper</i> 15 May 2013)	Senate (Senator Milne (AG))
Marriage Act Amendment (Recognition of Foreign Marriages for Same-Sex Couples) Bill 2013 (Negatived at second reading 20 June 2013)	Senate (Senator Hanson-Young (AG))
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010 (Discharged from <i>Notice Paper</i> 25 February 2013)	Senate (Senator Hanson-Young (AG))
Migration Amendment (Reinstatement of Temporary Protection Visas) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived at second reading 27 June 2013)	Senate (Senator Cash (LP))



Bill short title	Origin
Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012 (Negatived at second reading 28 February 2013)	Senate (Senators Madigan (DLP) and Xenophon (Ind))

#### 44th Parliament

Bill short title	Origin
Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013 (Negatived at second reading 10 December 2013)	House of Representatives



## 2.6 Amendments and requests—Disagreements

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Before it can become a law, a bill must be agreed to by both the Senate and the House of Representatives in precisely the same form. If there is a disagreement over amendments or requests, a bill may be transmitted between the two Houses a number of times until the Houses finally agree to it in the same form or it is abandoned. These negotiations on amendments and requests are conducted by the consideration of *messages* between the Houses.

For more information on the legislative process, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation* and *No. 18 – Communication Between the Houses - Dealing with Messages*.

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
<b>Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses:</b> .....	0	1	1

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#### Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013

The Senate made 1 amendment to the bill.

The House disagreed to the amendment made by the Senate (14 November 2013).

The Senate did not insist on its amendment but made further amendments and a request for amendments in its place (9 December 2013).

The House agreed to the Senate's request for an amendment, and agreed to the further amendments made by the Senate (9 December 2013).

Bill passed both Houses.



## 2.7 Bills, or provisions of bills, referred to committees

Bills may be referred to committees at any stage for inquiry and report. The *provisions* of many bills are referred before the bill is received from the House of Representatives to maximise the time available for the committee inquiry.

Committees may table reports on any sitting day, or may present them when the Senate is not sitting, in which case the report is tabled on the next available sitting day.

For more information refer to *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation* and *No. 13 – Referring Matters to Committees*.

### Number of bills referred to committees:

	43rd Parliament*	44th Parliament	Total for 2013
Referred in 2012, report tabled 2013 .....	22	..... N/A	..... <b>22</b>
Referred in 2013 .....	70	..... 29	..... <b>99</b>

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Bill short title	Committee		
<i>Where the bill is a private senator's bill or a private member's bill the name of the senator or member who introduced it is shown</i>			
Aboriginal Land Rights and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	CA	Referred	21/03/13
		Presented	28/05/13
		Tabled	17/06/13
African Development Bank Bill 2013	FADT	Referred	18/06/13
		Presented	20/08/13
		Tabled	12/11/13
Aged Care (Bond Security) Amendment Bill 2013	CA	Referred	14/03/13
		Presented	31/05/13
		Tabled	17/06/13
		Additional information tabled	24/06/13
Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Amendment Bill 2013	CA	Referred	14/03/13
		Presented	31/05/13
		Tabled	17/06/13
		Additional information tabled	24/06/13

Bill short title	Committee		
Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Bill 2013	CA	Referred	14/03/13
		Presented	31/05/13
		Tabled	17/06/13
		Additional information tabled	24/06/13
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2012	RRAT	Referred	29/11/12
		Tabled	27/02/13
Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012 ( <i>Senator Xenophon</i> )	GR	Referred	01/11/12
		Tabled	24/06/13
Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Bill 2013	EEWR	Referred	21/03/13
		Tabled	14/05/13
Australia Council Bill 2013	RRAT	Referred	21/03/13
		Presented	09/05/13
		Tabled	14/05/13
Australia Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013	RRAT	Referred	21/03/13
		Presented	09/05/13
		Tabled	14/05/13
Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Bill 2013	CA	Referred	14/03/13
		Presented	31/05/13
		Tabled	17/06/13
		Additional information tabled	24/06/13
Australian Aged Care Quality Agency (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013	CA	Referred	14/03/13
		Presented	31/05/13
		Tabled	17/06/13
		Additional information tabled	24/06/13
Australian Capital Territory Water Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	EC	Referred	30/05/13 <sup>1</sup>
		Presented	31/05/13 <sup>2</sup>
		Tabled	17/06/13

Australian Education Bill 2013 (previous citation: Australian Education Bill 2012)	EEWR	Referred	29/11/12
		Tabled	13/03/13
		Additional information tabled	19/03/13
		Referred	18/06/13 <sup>3</sup>
		Tabled	24/06/13
Australian Education (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013	EEWR	Referred	18/06/13
		Tabled	24/06/13
Australian Jobs Bill 2013	Eco	Referred	16/05/13
		Presented	03/06/13
		Tabled	17/06/13
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2013	RRAT	Referred	07/02/13
		Tabled	12/03/13
Biosecurity Bill 2012 [2013]	RRAT	Referred	29/11/12
		Interim report presented	12/02/13
		Interim report tabled	25/02/13
		Final report due ( <i>lapsed</i> )	27/11/13
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Convergence Review and Other Measures) Bill 2013	EC	Referred	14/03/13
		Tabled	20/03/13
		Additional comments by Opposition senators tabled	20/03/13
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (News Media Diversity) Bill 2013	EC	Referred	14/03/13
		Tabled	20/03/13
		Additional comments by Opposition senators tabled	20/03/13
Broadcasting Services Amendment (Material of Local Significance) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Xenophon</i> )	EC	Referred	13/03/13
		Interim report presented	29/04/13
		Interim report tabled	14/05/13
		Report tabled	18/06/13
Citizen Initiated Referendum Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Madigan</i> )	FPA	Referred	14/03/13
		Tabled	24/06/13
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012 (No. 2) ( <i>Senator Milne</i> )	RRAT	Referred	20/09/12
		Presented	25/03/13
		Tabled	14/05/13
Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Go for Fair Use) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Ludlam</i> )	EC	Referred	27/06/13
		Presented	20/09/13
		Tabled	12/11/13

Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012	LCA	Referred Tabled	01/11/12 25/02/13
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Law Enforcement Integrity, Vulnerable Witness Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Tabled	18/06/13 26/06/13
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012	LCA	Referred Tabled	29/11/12 13/03/13
Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Xenophon</i> )	LCA	Referred Tabled	28/02/13 27/06/13
Customs Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2012	LCA	Referred Tabled	29/11/12 13/03/13
Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013	FADT	Referred Report presented Erratum presented Report and erratum tabled	18/06/13 20/08/13 21/08/13 12/11/13
Early Years Quality Fund Special Account Bill 2013	EEWR	Referred Tabled	30/05/13 17/06/13
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013	EC	Referred Presented Tabled	14/03/13 13/05/13 14/05/13
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Great Barrier Reef) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Waters</i> )	EC	Referred Presented Tabled	21/03/13 13/06/13 17/06/13
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012 ( <i>Senator Waters</i> )	EC	Referred Tabled	29/11/12 12/03/13
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (New Mandate and Other Measures) Bill 2013	FADT	Referred Presented Tabled Additional information tabled	21/03/13 13/06/13 17/06/13 28/06/13
Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2013	FADT	Referred Tabled	16/05/13 17/06/13



Fair Trade (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Madigan</i> )	FADT	Referred Report due first sitting day in February 2014 ( <i>lapsed</i> )	27/06/13
Fair Work Amendment Bill 2013	EEWR	Referred Tabled	21/03/13 14/05/13
Fair Work Amendment (Small Business—Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012 ( <i>Senator Xenophon</i> )	EEWR	Referred Tabled	23/08/12 12/03/13
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Towards Transparency) Bill 2012 ( <i>Senator Abetz</i> )	EEWR	Referred Tabled	29/11/12 12/03/13
Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	CA	Referred Tabled	28/02/13 19/03/13
	Eco	Referred Tabled	28/02/13 18/03/13
Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Madigan</i> )	FPA	Referred Tabled	21/03/13 27/06/13
Homelessness Bill 2013	CA	Referred Presented Tabled	18/06/13 12/08/13 12/11/13
Homelessness (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2013	CA	Referred Presented Tabled	18/06/13 12/08/13 12/11/13
Inspector-General of Biosecurity Bill 2012 [2013]	RRAT	Referred Interim report presented Interim report tabled Final report due ( <i>lapsed</i> )	29/11/12 12/02/13 25/02/13 27/11/13
Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2013	Eco	Referred Presented Tabled	21/03/13 10/05/13 14/05/13
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2013	Eco	Referred Presented Tabled	30/05/13 <sup>1</sup> 06/06/13 <sup>4</sup> 17/06/13
Interactive Gambling Amendment (Virtual Credits) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Xenophon</i> )	GR	Referred Tabled	16/05/13 <sup>5</sup> 24/06/13

International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Amendment Bill 2013	FADT	Referred Presented Tabled	21/03/13 04/06/13 17/06/13
Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Tabled	21/03/13 19/06/13
Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Tabled	21/03/13 19/06/13
Migration Amendment (Health Care for Asylum Seekers) Bill 2012 ( <i>Senators Hanson-Young and Di Natale</i> )	LCA	Referred Presented Tabled	13/09/12 07/12/12 05/02/13
Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Tabled	18/06/13 26/06/13
Migration Amendment (Temporary Sponsored Visas) Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Tabled	18/06/13 24/06/13
Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Bill 2012	LCA	Referred Tabled	01/11/12 25/02/13
Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012 ( <i>Senator Hanson-Young</i> )	LCA	Referred Presented Tabled	11/10/12 30/04/13 14/05/13
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment (Protecting Revenue) Bill 2012 ( <i>Senator Milne</i> )	Eco	Referred Tabled	11/10/12 27/02/13
National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2012	CA	Referred Tabled Additional information tabled	29/11/12 13/03/12 19/03/12
Native Title Amendment Bill 2012	LCA	Referred Tabled Correction tabled	29/11/12 18/03/13 19/03/13
News Media (Self-regulation) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Tabled Additional comments by Opposition senators tabled	14/03/13 20/03/13 20/03/13

News Media (Self-regulation) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Tabled Additional comments by Opposition senators tabled	14/03/13 20/03/13 20/03/13
Overseas Aid (Millennium Development Goals) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Rhiannon</i> )	FADT	Referred Report due ( <i>lapsed</i> )	27/06/13 30/11/13
Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2012 ( <i>the President</i> )	FPA	Referred Tabled	29/11/12 05/02/13
Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Tabled	18/06/13 24/06/13
Private Health Insurance Amendment (Lifetime Health Cover Loading and Other Measures) Bill 2012	CA	Referred Tabled	29/11/12 12/03/13
Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Base Premium) Bill 2013	CA	Referred Tabled	16/05/13 17/06/13
Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012 ( <i>Mr Bandt</i> )	EEWR	Referred Tabled	23/08/12 12/03/13
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill 2013	FPA	Referred Presented Tabled	16/05/13 30/05/13 17/06/13
Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Presented Tabled	21/03/13 13/06/13 17/06/13
Public Interest Media Advocate Bill 2013	EC	Referred Tabled Additional comments by Opposition senators tabled	14/03/13 20/03/13 20/03/13
Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012	LCA	Referred Tabled	28/11/12 18/03/13
Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2012 ( <i>Senator Di Natale</i> )	LCA	Referred Presented Tabled	21/03/13 25/03/13 14/05/13
Sex Discrimination Amendment (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex Status) Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Presented Tabled	21/03/13 14/06/13 17/06/13

Small Business Commissioner Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Whish-Wilson</i> )	Eco	Referred Presented Tabled	28/02/13 18/04/13 14/05/13
Social Security Amendment (Supporting More Australians into Work) Bill 2013	EEWR	Referred Tabled Additional information tabled	29/05/13 <sup>1</sup> 17/06/13 12/11/13
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Public Housing Tenants' Support) Bill 2013	CA	Referred Presented Tabled	18/06/13 12/08/13 12/11/13
Student Identifiers Bill 2013	EEWR	Referred Tabled	21/03/13 19/06/13
Sugar Research and Development Services Bill 2013	RRAT	Referred Presented Tabled	05/06/13 <sup>1</sup> 06/06/13 <sup>2</sup> 17/06/13
Sugar Research and Development Services (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013	RRAT	Referred Presented Tabled	05/06/13 <sup>1</sup> 06/06/13 <sup>2</sup> 17/06/13
Superannuation Laws Amendment (MySuper Capital Gains Tax Relief and Other Measures) Bill 2013	Eco	Referred Tabled	18/06/13 24/06/13
Tax Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 2) Bill 2013	Eco	Referred Tabled	29/05/13 <sup>1</sup> 17/06/13
Tax Laws Amendment (Countering Tax Avoidance and Multinational Profit Shifting) Bill 2013	Eco	Referred Tabled	14/03/13 14/05/13
Telecommunications Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Ludlam</i> )	LCA	Referred Presented Tabled	20/06/13 20/08/13 12/11/13
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Consumer Protection) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Presented Tabled	21/03/13 13/06/13 17/06/13
Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2013	EC	Referred Tabled Additional comments by Opposition senators tabled	14/03/13 20/03/13 20/03/13
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013	CA	Referred Tabled	21/03/13 17/06/13

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Pharmaceutical Transparency) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Di Natale</i> )	FPA	Referred Tabled	21/03/13 17/06/13
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Military Compensation Review and Other Measures) Bill 2013	FADT	Referred Tabled	21/03/13 17/06/13
Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2013 [No. 2] ( <i>Senator Rhiannon</i> )	RRAT	Referred Report due ( <i>lapsed</i> )	27/06/13 30/11/13
Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment (Registration Fees) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Presented Tabled	14/03/13 31/05/13 17/06/13
Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (Registration Fees) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Presented Tabled	14/03/13 31/05/13 17/06/13

- 1 On 15 May 2013 the Senate agreed that all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 16 May 2013 and before 6 June 2013 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2013 be referred to committees for inquiry and report by 17 June 2013.
- 2 Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 15 May 2013, the committee determined that the bill had no substantive matters requiring examination.
- 3 The bill referred to the committee was in the amended form as agreed to by the House of Representatives.
- 4 The committee reported that, given the House of Representatives referred the bill to the House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs, it would not proceed with its own inquiry.
- 5 The bill was referred to the Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform pursuant to the resolution of appointment of the committee.

## Abbreviations

CA	Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Eco	Economics Legislation Committee
EC	Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
EEWR	Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
FPA	Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
GR	Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform
LCA	Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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Bill short title	Committee		
<i>Where the bill is a private senator's bill or a private member's bill the name of the senator or member who introduced it is shown</i>			
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013	EE	Referred	14/11/13
		Report tabled	02/12/13
		Correction tabled	03/12/13
Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013	EE	Referred	14/11/13
		Report tabled	02/12/13
		Correction tabled	03/12/13
Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013	EC	Referred	14/11/13
		Report tabled	02/12/13
		Additional information tabled	11/12/13
Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013	EC	Referred	14/11/13
		Report tabled	02/12/13
		Additional information tabled	11/12/13
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	EC	Referred	14/11/13
		Report tabled	02/12/13
		Additional information tabled	11/12/13
Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013	EC	Referred	14/11/13
		Report tabled	02/12/13
		Additional information tabled	11/12/13
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Xenophon</i> )	FPA	Referred	14/11/13
		Report tabled	12/12/13
	EM	Referred	12/12/13
		No reporting date	
Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Xenophon</i> )	LCA	Referred	12/12/13
		Report due	04/03/14
Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Xenophon</i> )	LCA	Referred	12/12/13
		Report due	19/02/14

Bill short title	Committee		
Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Report tabled Additional information tabled	14/11/13 02/12/13 11/12/13
Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Farrell</i> )	FADT	Referred Report due	12/12/13 11/02/14
Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	EC	Referred Report due	12/12/13 12/02/14
Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Report tabled Additional information tabled	14/11/13 02/12/13 11/12/13
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013	EE	Referred Report tabled Additional information tabled	14/11/13 02/12/13 11/12/13
	EERC	Referred Report due on the last sitting day in March 2014	09/12/13
Fair Work (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Madigan</i> )	FADT	Referred Report due	04/12/13 04/03/14
Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013	RRAT	Referred Report due	05/12/13 17/03/14
Migration Amendment Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Report due	12/12/13 12/02/14
Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia's Protection Obligations) Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Report due	05/12/13 03/03/14
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013	Eco	Referred Report tabled	14/11/13 02/12/13
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Report tabled Additional information tabled	14/11/13 02/12/13 11/12/13

Bill short title	Committee		
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Report tabled Additional information tabled	14/11/13 02/12/13 11/12/13
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Report tabled Additional information tabled	14/11/13 02/12/13 11/12/13
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013 ( <i>Senator Xenophon</i> )	EC	Referred Report due by the first sitting Wednesday in February 2014	14/11/13
Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013 ( <i>Senators Xenophon and Madigan</i> )	Eco	Referred Report due	12/12/13 26/03/14
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013			
Schedules 6 and 9	EE	Referred Report tabled	05/12/13 11/12/13
Schedule 2	FPA	Referred Report tabled	05/12/13 11/12/13
Remaining provisions	CA	Referred Report tabled Additional information presented	05/12/13 12/12/13 23/12/13
Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013	Eco	Referred Report due	05/12/13 17/03/14
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Report due	05/12/13 31/03/14
True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Report tabled Additional information tabled	14/11/13 02/12/13 11/12/13



<b>Bill short title</b>	<b>Committee</b>		
True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	EC	Referred	14/11/13
		Report tabled	02/12/13
		Additional information tabled	11/12/13

### Abbreviations

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EERC	Education and Employment References Committee
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## Section 3: Other business



## 3.1 Notices of motion for disallowance

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Many Acts of Parliament delegate to the executive government the power to make detailed rules and regulations (*legislative instruments*). Instruments made in this way are subject to the power of either House to veto or *disallow* them.

In most cases, within 15 sitting days after tabling a senator may give notice of a motion to disallow the legislative instrument. If the motion is agreed to, the instrument is disallowed and ceases to have effect. If a notice of motion to disallow a legislative instrument has not been resolved or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after having been given, the instrument is *deemed* to have been disallowed and automatically ceases to have effect.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 19 – Disallowance*.

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
<b>Disallowance motions moved:</b>			
Moved and agreed to .....	0	3	3
Moved and negatived .....	3	0	3
<b>Notices of motion for disallowance:</b>			
Given and subsequently withdrawn .....	2	0	2
Still before the Senate .....	10*	3	13

\* at the end of the 43rd Parliament

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#### Disallowance motions moved and negatived:

*Fair Work (Building Industry) Act 2012*—Building Code 2013, made under subsection 27(1) of the Act

Notice given 25 February 2013 (Senator Abetz)

Moved, debated and negatived 15 May 2013

*Migration Act 1958*—Migration Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 5), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2012 No. 230

Notice given 20 November 2012 (Senator Hanson-Young)

Moved, debated and negatived (division) 6 February 2013

*Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*—Social Security (Administration) (Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient) Principles 2013, made under subsection 123UGA(2) of the Act

Notice given 25 June 2013 (Senator Siewert)

Moved and negatived 27 June 2013

### **Notices of motion for disallowance given and subsequently withdrawn:**

*Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*—Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 22

Notice given 21 March 2013 (Senator Fifield)

Withdrawn 27 June 2013

*Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*—Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Amendment Regulation 2013 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 23

Notice given 21 March 2013 (Senator Fifield)

Withdrawn 27 June 2013

### **Notices of motion for disallowance still before the Senate at the end of the 43rd Parliament:**

*Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011*—All items in Schedule 1, except for item 12, to the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Amendment Regulation 2013 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 77 and made under the Act

Notice given 24 June 2013

Notice of intention to withdraw given 27 June 2013

*Civil Aviation Act 1988*—Civil Aviation Order 48.1 Instrument 2013, made under subregulations 5(1), 5.55(1) and 215(3), and regulation 210A of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, subregulation 11.068(1) of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, section 4 and subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, and paragraph 28BA(1)(b) and subsection 98(4A) of the Act

Notice given 24 June 2013 (Senator Xenophon)

*Customs Administration Act 1985*—Customs (Drug and Alcohol Testing) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 2

Notice given 18 June 2013 (Senator Stephens)

*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*—

Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve Management Plan 2014-2024, made under section 370 of the Act

Notice given 24 June 2013 (Senator Colbeck)

North Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2014-2024, made under section 370 of the Act

Notice given 24 June 2013 (Senator Colbeck)

North-west Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2014-2024, made under section 370 of the Act

Notice given 24 June 2013 (Senator Colbeck)

South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023, made under section 370 of the Act

Notice given 24 June 2013 (Senator Colbeck)

South-west Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2014-2024, made under section 370 of the Act

Notice given 24 June 2013 (Senator Colbeck)

Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2014-2024, made under section 370 of the Act

Notice given 24 June 2013 (Senator Colbeck)

*Export Market Development Grants Act 1997*—Export Market Development Grants (Extended Lodgement and Consultant Quality Incentive) Determination 2012, made under subsection 70(4) of the Act

Notice given 18 June 2013 (Senator Xenophon)

\* The prorogation of the Parliament on 5 August 2013 brought the 43rd Parliament to a close. Any instruments which were the subject of unresolved notices of motion for disallowance at that time will be deemed to have been tabled again on the first sitting day of the new Parliament, allowing the disallowance process to recommence.

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### **Disallowance motions moved and agreed to:**

*Aged Care Act 1997*—Residential Care Subsidy Amendment (Workforce Supplement) Principle 2013, and the Aged Care Subsidies Amendment (Workforce Supplement) Determination 2013

Notices [2] given 10 December 2013 (Senator Polley)

Moved and debated 11 December 2013, agreed to (division) 12 December 2013

*Migration Act 1958*—Migration Amendment (Temporary Protection Visas) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 234

Notice given 12 November 2013 (Senator Hanson-Young)

Moved together, debated and agreed to (division) 2 December 2013

### **Notices of motion for disallowance still before the Senate:**

*Civil Aviation Act 1988*—Civil Aviation Order 48.1 Instrument 2013, made under subregulations 5(1), 5.55(1) and 215(3), and regulation 210A of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, subregulation 11.068(1) of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, section 4 and subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, and paragraph 28BA(1)(b) and subsection 98(4A) of the Act

Notice given 9 December 2013 (Senator Xenophon)

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*—Veterans' Entitlements (Actuarial Certificate—Life Expectancy Income Stream Guidelines) Determination 2013, made under subsection 5JB(1C), paragraph 5JB(1A)(b) and subsection 5JB(5)

Notice given 2 December 2013 (Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Edwards)

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*—Veterans' Entitlements (Actuarial Certificate—Lifetime Income Stream Guidelines) Determination 2013, made under subsection 5JA(1B), paragraph 5JA(1)(b) and subsection 5JA(6)

Notice given 2 December 2013 (Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Edwards)



## 3.2 Statements by the President

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During the course of a sitting day, the President may inform the chamber of a decision or address concerns raised in previous debates.

The Chair of Committees may make a statement during the committee of the whole debate on a bill relating to orders of the Senate concerning the passage of legislation. These statements are often to advise of the outcome of certain divisions where the votes are equally divided.

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Number of statements made by:			
The President of the Senate .....	3	1	4
The Chair of Committees .....	1	0	1

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Statement	Date	Journals page
Legislation—Amendments and requests for amendments*	06/02/13	3561
Parliament—		
ParlView	24/06/13	4134
Mr Terry Malcolm—Retirement	26/06/13	4217
Senate Chamber—Debate timing clocks	26/06/13	4201

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Statement	Date	Journals page
End of 2013 sittings	12/12/13	399

\* Statement by the Chair of Committees



### 3.3 Ministerial statements

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A ministerial statement is used to inform the Senate of policy or other issues or decisions relating to the minister's portfolio, or to portfolios the minister represents in the Senate.

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
<b>Number of ministerial statements:</b> .....	13	4	17

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Statement	Date
<b>Defence—Afghanistan</b> Senator Lundy (for the Minister for Defence)	20/06/13
<b>Defence—Afghanistan—Detainee management</b> Senator Thistlethwaite (for the Minister for Defence)	17/06/13
<b>Defence—Afghanistan transition</b> Senator McLucas (for the Minister for Defence)	25/02/13
<b>Defence—Defence Abuse Response Taskforce</b> Senator Lundy (for the Minister for Defence)	18/03/13
<b>Defence—Defence Abuse Response Taskforce</b> Senator Farrell (for the Minister for Defence)	24/06/13
<b>Defence—Defence facilities</b> Senator Collins (for the Minister for Defence)	27/06/13

<b>Statement</b>	<b>Date</b>
<p><b>Foreign Affairs—Indonesia—Transport safety and security cooperation</b>  Senator McLucas  (for the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)</p>	25/02/13
<p><b>Historical events—Planning for the ANZAC Centenary 2014 to 2018</b>  Senator Thistlethwaite  (for the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Centenary of ANZAC)</p>	18/06/13
<p><b>Indigenous Australians—Closing the gap</b>  Senator Collins  (for the Prime Minister)</p>	07/02/13
<p><b>Taxation—Tax system</b>  Senator Collins  (for the Assistant Treasurer)</p>	27/06/13
<p><b>Transport—Progress of the National Road Safety Strategy</b>  Senator Thistlewaite  (for the Minister for Road Safety)</p>	18/06/13
<p><b>Women—57th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)</b>  Senator McLucas  (for the Minister for the Status of Women)</p>	19/03/13
<p><b>Women—International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation</b>  Senator Collins  (for the Minister for Health)</p>	07/02/13

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<b>Statement</b>	<b>Date</b>
<p><b>Administration—Approval of exemption to guidelines on information and advertising campaigns by Australian Government departments and agencies</b>  (Special Minister of State and Minister for Public Service and Integrity)</p>	12/11/13

Statement	Date
<p><b>Defence—Afghanistan</b>            Senator Johnston            (Minister for Defence)</p>	11/12/13
<p><b>Historical Events—Centenary of ANZAC</b>            Senator Ronaldson            (Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime            Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC)</p>	14/11/13
<p><b>Transport—Aviation—Australian Government's aviation safety            regulation review</b>            Senator Fifield            (for the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development)</p>	2/12/13



## 3.4 Matters of public importance

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A matter of public importance (or urgency motion) may be proposed by a senator for consideration on any sitting day and must have the support of four other senators before the matter can be considered. Notice is not required so that newly emerging matters can be considered by the Senate. There is no question before the chair during debate on matters of public importance so no vote is taken at the end of the discussion.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 9 – Matters of Public Importance and Urgency Debates*.

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
<b>Number of matters of public importance discussed:</b> .....	13	4	17

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Matter	Date	Journals page
<b>Administration—Gillard Government</b> Senator Fifield	05/02/13	3524
<b>Administration—Gillard Government</b> Senator Fifield	25/02/13	3633
<b>Administration—Gillard Government</b> Senator Fifield	26/02/13	3661
<b>Administration—Gillard Government</b> (Senator Fifield)	17/06/13	3997
<b>Administration—Local government referendum funding</b> (Senator Fifield)	19/06/13	4089
<b>Budget 2013-14</b> Senator Fifield	15/05/13	3935

<b>Matter</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Journals page</b>
<b>Communications—Free press</b> Senator Fifield	18/03/13	3786
<b>Education—Reform</b> Senator Fifield	12/03/13	3723
<b>Environment—Renewable energy</b> Senator Siewert	06/02/13	3578
<b>Environment—Renewable energy—Funding cuts</b> Senator Siewert	14/05/13	3885
<b>Health—Funding cuts</b> Senator Fierravanti-Wells	27/02/13	3680
<b>Regional Australia—Northern Australia— Sustainable development</b> Senator Fifield	19/03/13	3809
<b>Taxation—Minerals Resource Rent Tax</b> Senator Siewert	13/03/13	3749

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<b>Matter</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Journals page</b>
<b>Education—Schools funding</b> Senator Moore	3/12/13	216
<b>Environment—Queensland—Abbot Point</b> Senator Siewert	11/12/13	347
<b>Industry—Automotive industry</b> Senator Moore	9/12/13	289
<b>Law and Justice—Data collection</b> Senator Siewert	4/12/13	233



## 3.5 Urgency motions

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An urgency motion (or matter of public importance) may be moved on any sitting day, and must have the support of four other senators before the matter can be debated. Notice is not required so that newly emerging matters can be considered by the Senate. The urgency motion is debated and at the conclusion of the debate a vote is taken as to whether the matter is considered urgent or not.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 9 – Matters of Public Importance and Urgency Debates*.

	43nd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
<b>Number of urgency motions:</b> .....	0	3	3

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<b>Matter of urgency</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Journals page</b>
<b>Education—Schools funding</b> Senator Moore Debated and agreed to	02/12/13	162
<b>Industry—Automotive industry</b> Senator Moore Debated and agreed to (division)	13/11/13	103
<b>Industry—Automotive industry</b> Senator Moore Debated and agreed to	10/12/13	314



## 3.6 Motions agreed to

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All decisions of the Senate begin as motions moved by senators. The first step is usually for a senator to give notice of his or her intention to move a motion. A notice of motion therefore signals a potential decision of the Senate. Notices of motion may seek the Senate's endorsement on an issue of domestic or foreign policy or recognition of a particular achievement or event. Others relate to the machinery of Senate business and include notices for the introduction of bills or extensions of time for committees to report, among other things.

Most notices of motion fall into one of three main categories. Business of the Senate, Government Business or General Business. Many notices of motion are dealt with by the Senate during discovery of formal business. Other notices are dealt with when the time for considering Business of the Senate or Government Business is reached in the program.

This table shows only substantive resolutions relating to public affairs agreed to by the Senate. Routine and procedural motions are not listed.

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
<b>Number of principal motions agreed to:</b> .....	71	..... 39	..... <b>110</b>

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Subject	Notice given	Agreed to	Journals page
Administration—			
Country Fire Authority (Senators Kroger and Humphries)	06/02/13	07/02/13	3593
Fuel reduction burns (Senator Colbeck)	06/02/13	07/02/13	3593
National Asbestos Authority (Senator Milne)	27/02/13	28/02/13*	3699
Communications—Public broadcasting (Senator Ludlam)	17/06/13	18/06/13	4056
Culture and the Arts—Live music (Senator Thistlethwaite)	20/03/13	21/03/13	3861
Death of the Right Honourable The Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, PC, FRS (Senators Mason and Smith)	15/05/13	16/05/13	3960

Defence—			
Australian peacekeepers (Senator Wright)	19/03/13	20/03/13	3827
Military superannuation pension (Senator Ronaldson)	27/02/13	28/02/13	3695
Economics—Climate change policy (Senator Milne)	15/05/13	16/05/13	3961
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Higher education and skills training—Government's response (Senator Back)	19/03/13	20/03/13*	3829
Environment—			
Climate change (Senator Milne)	24/06/13	25/06/13	4179
Climate change—Speech by the President of the United States of America (Senator Milne)	26/06/13	27/06/13	4243
Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area—Offshore dumping (Senator Waters)	25/06/13	26/06/13*	4225
Japan—Whaling (Senator Siewert)	25/06/13	26/06/13	4230
Marine parks (Senators Pratt and Singh)	25/06/13	26/06/13	4228
National parks (Senator Waters)	27/02/13	28/02/13	3700
Northern Territory—Container deposit scheme (Senator Whish-Wilson)	12/03/13	13/03/13*	3744
South Australia—Lake Eyre (Senators Hanson-Young and Waters)	26/02/13	27/02/13	3676
Tasmania—Extension of Wilderness World Heritage area (Senator Milne)	24/06/13	25/06/13*	4179
Tasmania—Forests (Senator Milne)	14/05/13	15/05/13	3933
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (Senator Milne)	05/02/13	06/02/13	3576
Whaling (Senator Siewert)	25/02/13	26/02/13	3660

Family and Community Services—			
Grandcarers Support Scheme (Senator Smith)	20/03/13	21/03/13	3858
Newstart (Senator Siewert)	20/03/13	21/03/13	3858
World Down Syndrome Day (Senators McLucas, Fifield, Boyce and Siewert)	20/03/13	21/03/13	3858
Foreign Affairs—			
Bahrain (Senator Milne)	17/06/13	20/06/13*	4111
Bangladesh—Fire and building standards (Senator Whish-Wilson)	15/05/13	16/05/13	3960
Charter of the Commonwealth (Senator Smith)	18/06/13	19/06/13	4086
China—Organ harvesting (Senator Madigan)	20/03/13	21/03/13*	3860
China—Universal Periodic Review (Senator Singh)	25/06/13	26/06/13	4225
Fiji (Senator Milne)	13/03/13	14/03/13*	3761
Iran—Religious freedom (Senators Bernardi and Stephens)	18/06/13	19/06/13	4085
Iraq—Camp Hurriya (Senators Moore, Williams and Cameron)	18/06/13	19/06/13	4086
Myanmar (Senator Ludlam)	26/06/13	27/06/13*	4250
Peru (Senator Furner)	17/06/13	18/06/13	4053
Roman Catholic Pontiff (Senators Joyce, Abetz, Brandis, Fierravanti-Wells, Stephens, Madigan, Back, Williams, Heffernan, Ryan, Cormann, Mason, Cash, Boswell, Bernardi and Humphries)	18/03/13	19/03/13	3804
Sri Lanka (Senators Madigan and Xenophon)	20/03/13	21/03/13*	3859
Syria (Senator Milne)	05/02/13	07/02/13*	3591
Syria (Senators Moore and Rhiannon)	20/03/13	21/03/13	3861
Tibet (Senator Hanson-Young)	18/03/13	20/03/13*	3827

Health—			
Asbestos planning (Senator Singh)	24/06/13	25/06/13	4176
Central Australia—Renal health services (Senator Siewert)	19/06/13	24/06/13*	4147
Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (Senator Thistlethwaite)	27/02/13	28/02/13	3694
Flying foxes—Public health risks (Senators Williams and Macdonald)	25/02/13	26/02/13	3660
Gene patents (Senators Siewert, Di Natale and Heffernan)	24/06/13	25/06/13	4177
Mental illness (Senator Wright)	15/05/13	16/05/13	3959
Nurses and midwives (Senator Hanson-Young)	14/05/13	15/05/13*	3933
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (Senator Cash)	25/02/13	27/02/13	3675
Sleep disorders (Senator Madigan, Xenophon, Smith and Di Natale)	26/06/13	27/06/13	4252
Vaccination—Australian Vaccination Network (Senator Di Natale)	24/06/13	25/06/13	4178
Historical events—			
2/40 <sup>th</sup> Battalion (Senators Bushby and Polley)	12/03/13	13/03/13	3744
Centenary of Canberra (Senators Humphries and Lundy)	12/03/13	13/03/13	3744
Goulburn—150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary (Senator Stephens)	13/03/13	14/03/13	3761
Immigration—Refugees and asylum seekers (Senator Hanson-Young)	28/02/13	12/03/13	3722
Indigenous Australians—			
National Close the Gap Day (Senators Siewert and Moore)	20/03/13	21/03/13	3859
Yirrkala Bark Petition (Senator Crossin)	18/06/13	19/06/13	4087

Industrial relations—			
Maritime Workers Union (Senator Abetz)	14/03/13	18/03/13*	3786
National Broadband Network—Asbestos concerns (Senator Abetz)	25/06/13	26/06/13*	4227
State public sector employees— Employment conditions (Senator Moore)	25/06/13	26/06/13	4226
Industry—Food processing—Canned produce (Senators McKenzie and Colbeck)	15/05/13	16/05/13	3960
Law and Justice—			
Legal services (Senator Wright)	05/02/13	06/02/13	3574
Stock market trading—Media release hoax (Senator Abetz)	05/02/13	06/02/13	3574
Multiculturalism—Harmony Day—United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Senator Lundy)	20/03/13	21/03/13	3857
National Apology for Forced Adoptions (Senator Conroy)		14/05/13	3877
Parliamentary zone—Capital works proposal—Approval (Senator Thistlethwaite)	18/06/13	20/06/13	4115
Primary Industries—			
Small Pelagic Fishery (Senators Whish-Wilson and Thorp)	19/06/13	20/06/13	4113
Small-scale food producers (Senator Rhiannon)	18/06/13	24/06/13*	4146
Social Issues—			
Antisemitism (Senators Abetz, Birmingham, Kroger, Payne, Ronaldson and Smith)	17/06/13	18/06/13	4053
Homelessness (Senator Ludlam)	24/06/13	25/06/13*	4177
Trade—Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service—Licence fees (Senators Ruston, Xenophon, Madigan and Milne)	27/02/13	28/02/13	3695
Transport—Western Australia—Roe Highway (Senator Ludlam)	26/06/13	27/06/13	4248

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Administration—			
Protection of nationally important species and wilderness places—Responsibility (Senator Waters)	10/12/13	11/12/13	344
West Tropics Management Authority—Board (Senator Waters)	09/12/13	10/12/13	308
Communications—Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Senator Ludlam)	10/12/13	11/12/13	340
Death of His Excellency Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, AC (Senator Abetz)		09/12/13#	276
Death of Mr Craig Gleeson and Mr Alistair Lucas (Senators Urquhart, Singh, Polley, Bilyk, Brown and Thorp)	10/12/13	11/12/13	339
Death of Mr Seamus Heaney (Senators Stephens and Mason)	13/11/13	14/11/13	129
Finance—Commission of Audit (Senator Moore)	13/11/13	14/11/13	146
Education—			
Schools funding (Senator Wright)	02/12/13	03/12/13	210
Schools funding—Rural areas (Senators Siewert and Wright)	10/12/13	11/12/13	341
Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Unanswered estimates questions (Senator McKenzie)	11/12/13	12/12/13	373
Employment—Wage Connect Program (Senator Siewert)	04/12/13	09/12/13*	282
Environment—			
Climate change policy (Senator Milne)	4/12/13	9/12/13	288
Great White Shark (Senator Siewert)	10/12/13	11/12/13	343
New South Wales—Royal National Park (Senators Rhiannon and Waters)	04/12/13	05/12/13	248
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (Senator Milne)	09/12/13	10/12/13	310



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Notice given</b>	<b>Agreed to</b>	<b>Journals page</b>
Whaling (Senator Whish-Wilson)	10/12/13	11/12/13	343
Foreign Affairs—			
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (Senator Rhiannon)	02/12/13	03/12/13*	210
Human rights—Use of torture (Senators Wright and Rhiannon)	09/12/13	10/12/13	309
Russia—Arrest of persons from the <i>Arctic Sunrise</i> (Senator Milne)	13/11/13	02/12/13*	160
Saudi Arabia—Migrant workers (Senator Milne)	10/12/13	11/12/13	344
Sri Lanka—Human rights (Senators Rhiannon and Milne)	13/11/13	14/11/13*	135
Syria (Senators Moore and Rhiannon)	10/12/13	11/12/13	339
Health—			
Central Australia—Renal health (Senator Siewert)	09/12/13	10/12/13	308
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme—Impact of treaties (Senator Di Natale)	11/12/13	12/12/13	370
Rural Clinical Schools (Senators Ruston, Fawcett and McKenzie)	04/12/13	05/12/13	248
World Aids Day (Senators Smith and Pratt)	02/12/13	03/12/13	211
World Sight Day (Senator Rhiannon)	12/11/13	13/11/13*	101
Historical events—			
Holodomor—80th anniversary (Senator Bilyk)	03/12/13	04/12/13	232
Industrial action by waterside workers—75th anniversary (Senators Rhiannon and Moore)	13/11/13	14/11/13	130
Immigration—			
Death of asylum seekers (Senator Hanson-Young)	10/12/13	11/12/13	342
Detention facilities—Children (Senator Hanson-Young)	05/12/13	10/12/13	308

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Notice given</b>	<b>Agreed to</b>	<b>Journals page</b>
Indigenous Australians—Closing the Gap report—Parliamentary consideration (Senators O’Neill, Lines, McLucas, Pratt, Peris and Siewert)	11/12/13	12/12/13	369
Industry—Automotive industry—Financial assistance (Senators Gallacher, Farrell, McEwen and Wong)	13/11/13	14/11/13	130
Social Issues—			
Homelessness (Senator Ludlam)	10/12/13	11/12/13*	341
International Day of Persons with Disability (Senators Siewert, Boyce, Moore and Fifield)	02/12/13	03/12/13	213
Taxation—Goods and Services Tax—Mobile home parks (Senator Siewert)	11/12/13	12/12/13	368
Transport—Qantas (Senator Rhiannon)	11/12/13	12/12/13*	372
Women—			
International Day of the Girl Child (Senators Rhiannon, Moore and Cash)	12/11/13	13/11/13	100
White Ribbon Day (Senators Cash, Moore and Rhiannon)	02/12/13	03/12/13	205

\* Moved or agreed to in an amended form

# Motion moved by leave

## 3.7 Condolence motions

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Condolence motions are moved as a mark of respect on the death of current or former senators and members, and soldiers who lose their lives in the service of Australia. They are also moved on the occasion of significant events involving the loss of Australian lives, such as the Bali terrorist attacks in 2002.

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<b>Number of condolence motions passed:</b> .....	8	3	11

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25 February 2013	<b>The Honourable William (Bill) Lawrence Morrison, AO</b> Former Member and Minister Moved by Senator Faulkner
26 February 2013	<b>The Honourable Joan Child, AO</b> Former Member and Speaker of the House of Representatives Moved by Senator Conroy
27 February 2013	<b>John Joseph Morris</b> Former Senator Moved by Senator Conroy
13 March 2013	<b>Brian Roper Archer</b> Former Senator Moved by Senator Conroy
14 May 2013	<b>The Honourable Ian Bonython Cameron Wilson, AM</b> Former Member and Minister Moved by Senator Conroy
20 June 2013	<b>Jean Isobelle Melzer, OAM</b> Former Senator Moved by Senator Collins
24 June 2013	<b>The Honourable Wiliam Michael Hodgman, AM, QC</b> Former Member and Minister Moved by Senator Conroy
25 June 2013	<b>Corporal Cameron Stewart Baird, MG</b> Moved by Senator Conroy

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12 November 2013

**Janet Frances Powell, AM**  
Former Senator  
Moved by Senator Abetz

12 November 2013

**The Honourable David Scott Thomson, MC**  
Former Member and Minister  
Moved by Senator Abetz

9 December 2013

**His Excellency Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, AC**  
Former President of the Republic of South Africa

## 3.8 Censure motions

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While ministers are neither appointed nor removed by the Senate, they are accountable to it. If there is dissatisfaction with the performance of a particular minister, a censure motion may be moved.

Although a resolution of the Senate censuring the government or a minister can have no direct constitutional or legal consequences, as an expression of the Senate's disapproval of actions or policies they may have significant political impact.

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<b>Number of censure motions proposed:</b>	..... 2	..... 0	..... 2

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Subject	Date	Journals page
<b>Government</b> Handling of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax Debated and negatived (division)	25/02/13	3625
<b>Government</b> A motion to suspend standing orders to give precedence to a censure motion was moved, debated and negatived (division)	21/03/13	3856



## 3.9 Orders for the production of documents

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The power to require the production of information is one of the most significant powers available to a legislature to enable it to carry out its functions of scrutinising legislation and the performance of the executive arm of government.

Orders for the production of documents most frequently require the tabling of documents in the possession of ministers, government departments and agencies, although occasionally an order may require the creation of a document. The order will generally describe the documents sought and specify a date for their tabling.

For more information, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 12 – Orders for Production of Documents*.

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
<b>Number of orders for the production of documents agreed to:</b> .....	8	..... 10	..... 18

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#### Orders for the production of documents:

##### Administration—Court filing fees—Review

Information in relation to the review of the 2010 increases in court filing fees—to be provided by the Minister representing the Attorney-General.

*Order made:* 7 February 2013 (Senator Wright)

*For tabling:* by the next day of sitting

*Document tabled:* 27 February 2013

##### Immigration—Detention centres—Number of detainees

Documents from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship detailing the total number of people and the total number of children and unaccompanied minors held in detention facilities—to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.

*Order made:* 20 March 2013 (Senators Madigan and Xenophon)

*For tabling:* 21 March 2013

*Document tabled:* 21 March 2013

##### Law and Justice—Freedom of information

Report of, and government response to, the review into the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010*—to be tabled by the Minister representing the Attorney-General.

*Order made:* 25 June 2013 (Senator Rhiannon)

*For tabling:* 27 June 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

### **Primary industries—Fisheries management legislation review**

Report of the review of Commonwealth fisheries management legislation undertaken by Mr David Borthwick—to be tabled by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

*Order made:* 20 March 2013 (Senator Siewert)

*For tabling:* 8 May 2013

*Document presented:* 8 May 2013

*Document tabled:* 14 May 2013

### **Taxation—Collective Investment Vehicles**

A copy of the Board of Taxation's review of the tax arrangements applying to Collective Investment Vehicles report as provided to the Assistant Treasurer in December 2011.

*Order made:* 6 February 2013 (Senator Cormann)

*For tabling:* 25 February 2013

*Document tabled:* 26 February 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

### **Taxation—Minerals Resource Rent Tax—Advice**

A copy of any advice concerning the release of data about revenue collected from the Minerals Resource Rent Tax—to be tabled by the Minister representing the Treasurer.

*Order made:* 6 February 2013 (Senator Cormann)

*For tabling:* 7 February 2013

*Document tabled:* 7 February 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

### **Taxation—Minerals Resource Rent Tax—Revenue**

Details of the revenue collected from the Minerals Resource Rent Tax by the Australian Taxation Office since 1 July 2013—to be provided by the Commissioner of Taxation to the Economics References Committee.

*Order made:* 6 February 2013 (Senator Milne)

*To be provided:* 15 February 2013

*Received by committee:* 8 February 2013

*Committee report tabled:* 19 February 2013 (presented out of sitting; tabled 25 February 2013)

### **Transport—Australian Road Rules and Australian Vehicle Standards Rules**

Report by the National Transport Commission, 'Review of the Australian Road Rules and Australian Vehicle Standards Rules: Draft Evaluation Report'—to be provided by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

*Order made:* 26 June 2013 (Senator Rhiannon)

*To be provided:* 27 June 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*



## **Documents tabled pursuant to orders with continuing effect:**

### **Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies**

A list of all appointments made by the Government and existing vacancies to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies.

*Order made:* 24 June 2008 (Senator Minchin) (varied 12 May 2009)

*For tabling:* By not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings

*Documents tabled:* 5, 6 and 25 February, 15 and 16 May and 17 June 2013

Order remains current

### **Departmental and agency contracts**

List of departmental and agency contracts.

*Order made:* 20 June 2001 (varied 27 September 2001, 18 and 26 June and 4 December 2003)

*For tabling:* not later than 30 September each year

*Documents tabled:* 5, 25, 26, 27 and 28 February, 12, 14 and 18 March, 14 and 15 May and 27 June 2013

Order remains current

### **Departmental and agency grants**

A list of all grants approved in each portfolio or agency, including the value of the grant, recipient of the grant and the program from which the grant was made.

*Order made:* 24 June 2008 (Senator Minchin)

*For tabling:* By not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings

*Documents tabled:* 5, 6, 7 and 25 February, 15 and 16 May and 17 June 2013

Order remains current

### **Health Insurance—Anti-competitive practices**

Assessment reports by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on anti-competitive health cover practices.

*Order made:* 25 March 1999 (varied 18 September 2002)

*For tabling:* at the end of each period of 12 months ending on or after June 2003

*Document tabled:* 21 March 2013

Order remains current

## **44th Parliament**

### **Orders for the production of documents:**

#### **Communications—National Broadband Network—Strategic Review**

Strategic Review of the National Broadband Network rollout.

*Order made:* 3 December 2013 (Senator Ludlam)

*For tabling:* 9 December 2013

*Document tabled:* 5 December 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

#### **Environment—Response to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and COP 19 negotiating instructions**

The Government's to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 5th Assessment report and negotiating instructions to the Australian delegation attending COP 19 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

*Order made:* 13 November 2013 (Senator Milne)

*For tabling:* 5 December 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

#### **Finance—Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund—Grant**

Documents relating to the decision to grant \$8.8 billion to the Reserve Bank of Australia Fund.

*Order made:* 13 November 2013 (Senator Cameron)

*For tabling:* 14 November 2013

*Document tabled:* 14 November 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

#### **Immigration—Asylum seekers—Ministerial briefings and correspondence**

All communications relating to 'on water operations'.

*Order made:* 14 November 2013 (Senator Hanson-Young)

*For tabling:* Part (a): 18 November 2013; Part (b): no later than 24 hours after an event relating to 'on water operations'

*Documents tabled:* 18 November 2013 (in response to part (a)) (presented out of sitting, tabled 2 December 2013) and 4 December 2013

*Motion moved:* 3 December 2013 ordering the Minister to comply with the order by 4 December 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

### **Immigration—Asylum seekers—Towing of an Indonesian vessel**

All documents (excluding any publicly available documents) in relation to the reported incident on 15 November 2013 involving the towing of an Indonesian vessel.

*Order made:* 5 December 2013 (Senator Carr)

*For tabling:* 10 December 2013

*Document tabled:* 10 December 2013

Order remains current and on the Notice Paper

### **Immigration—Asylum seekers—Undetected boat arrival**

All documents (excluding any publicly available documents) in relation to an undetected boat arrival suspected to have arrived on Monday, 3 December 2013.

*Order made:* 11 December 2013 (Senator Hanson-Young)

*For tabling:* 12 December 2013

*Document tabled:* 12 December 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

### **Trade—Free Trade Agreements**

Full text of the proposed Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and other bilateral and plurilateral trade agreements.

*Order made:* 11 December 2013 (Senator Wong)

*For tabling:* at least 14 days before signing

*Document tabled:* 12 December 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

### **Trade—Trans-Pacific Partnership Plurilateral Free Trade Agreement**

Final text of the TPP plurilateral free trade agreement.

*Order made:* 4 December 2013 (Senator Whish-Wilson)

*For tabling:* (before the agreement is signed)

*Document tabled:* 5 December 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

### **Transport—East West Link**

All documents in relation to the East West Link project provided by the Victorian Government.

*Order made:* 2 December 2013 (Senator Di Natale)

*For tabling:* 11 December 2013

*Document tabled:* 11 December 2013

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

### **Transport—WestConnex Motorway Project**

Documents relating to the WestConnex motorway project in New South Wales provided to Infrastructure Australia.

*Order made:* 12 December 2013 (Senator Rhiannon)

*For tabling:* 2 January 2014

*Documents tabled:* 23 December 2014 (presented out of sitting)

### **Documents tabled pursuant to orders with continuing effect:**

#### **Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies**

A list of all appointments made by the Government and existing vacancies to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies.

*Order made:* 24 June 2008 (Senator Minchin) (varied 12 May 2009)

*For tabling:* By not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings

*Documents tabled:* 12, 13 and 14 November and 2 December 2013

Order remains current

#### **Departmental and agency contracts**

List of departmental and agency contracts.

*Order made:* 20 June 2001 (varied 27 September 2001, 18 and 26 June and 4 December 2003)

*For tabling:* not later than 30 September each year

*Documents tabled:* 12 November 2013

Order remains current

#### **Departmental and agency grants**

A list of all grants approved in each portfolio or agency, including the value of the grant, recipient of the grant and the program from which the grant was made.

*Order made:* 24 June 2008 (Senator Minchin)

*For tabling:* By not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings

*Documents tabled:* 12, 13 and 14 November and 2 December 2013

Order remains current

#### **Health Insurance—Anti-competitive practices**

Assessment reports by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on anti-competitive health cover practices.

*Order made:* 25 March 1999 (varied 18 September 2002)

*For tabling:* at the end of each period of 12 months ending on or after June 2003

*Document tabled:* 10 December 2013

Order remains current

### **Indexed lists of departmental and agency files**

Indexed lists of files of government departments and agencies.

*Order made:* 30 May 1996 (varied 3 December 1998)

*For tabling:* by the tenth day of the autumn and spring sittings each year or statements of compliance that such indexed lists of files have been placed on the Internet.

*Documents tabled:* 12 November, and 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 December 2013

Order remains current

### **Unproclaimed legislation—Document—Standing order 139(2)**

Document providing details of all provisions of Acts which come into effect on proclamation and which have not been proclaimed, including statements of reasons for their non-proclamation and information relating to the timetable for their operation, as at 30 July 2013.

*Document tabled:* Presented out of sitting 2 September 2013; tabled 12 November 2013



## 3.10 Government responses to committee reports

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Governments give careful consideration to Senate committee reports and may act on their recommendations. Successive governments have undertaken to inform the Senate of their responses to committee reports within a particular period.

The President reports to the Senate twice a year on those responses which are outstanding.

For more information on the role of committees see *Senate Briefs No. 4 – Senate Committees*.

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	Total for 2013
<b>Number of government responses to committee reports:</b> .....	33	6	39

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#### **Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**

Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market—Final report tabled 20 August 2009

Response presented 6 June 2013; tabled 17 June 2013

#### **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Bill 2013 [Provisions]; Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Bill 2013 [Provisions]; Australian Aged Care Quality Agency (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [Provisions]; Aged Care (Bond Security) Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]; Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]—Report presented 31 May 2013; tabled 17 June 2013

Response tabled 20 June 2013

#### **Community Affairs References Committee**

Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices—Report tabled 29 February 2012

Response tabled 21 March 2013

#### **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**

Inquiry into the collapse of Trio Capital—Report presented 16 May 2012; tabled 18 June 2012

Response presented 26 April 2013; tabled 14 May 2013

#### **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report tabled 12 September 2011

Response tabled 7 February 2013

### **Economics Legislation Committee**

Annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 2 of 2011—Report tabled 24 August 2011

Response tabled 14 March 2013

### **Electricity Prices—Select Committee**

Reducing energy bills and improving efficiency—Report tabled 1 November 2012

Response tabled 20 June 2013

### **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012 [Provisions] and Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012 [Provisions]—Report tabled 19 November 2012

Response presented 31 May 2013; tabled 17 June 2013

### **Environment and Communications References Committee**

Operation of the South Australian and Northern Territory container deposit schemes—Report tabled 22 November 2012

Response tabled 20 June 2013

### **Environment and Communications References Committee**

Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources—Report presented 7 October 2012, tabled 25 October 2012

Response presented 31 May 2013; tabled 17 June 2013

### **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Standing Committee**

Conserving Australia: Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas—Report presented 12 April 2007; tabled 9 May 2007

Response tabled 27 June 2013

### **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

Annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 1 of 2012—Report tabled 15 March 2012

Response tabled 16 May 2013

### **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Medicare funding for Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment—Report tabled 28 November 2012

Response presented 22 May 2013; tabled 17 June 2013

### **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee**

Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America—Report tabled 23 August 2011

Response presented 20 December 2012; tabled 5 February 2013

### **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee**

More than just talk: Australia's human rights dialogues with China and Vietnam—Report tabled 21 August 2012

Response tabled 20 June 2013



**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee**

Review of the Defence annual report 2010-11—Report tabled 17 September 2012  
Response tabled 25 February 2013

**Gambling Reform—Joint Select Committee**

National Gambling Reform Bill 2012 and related bills—Report presented 23 November 2012, tabled 26 November 2012  
Response presented 22 May 2013; tabled 17 June 2013

**Gambling Reform—Joint Select Committee**

The prevention and treatment of problem gambling—Report presented 12 October 2012, tabled 29 October 2012  
Response presented 9 May 2013; tabled 14 May 2013

**Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee**

Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi—Report tabled 18 June 2012  
Response tabled 7 February 2013

**Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee**

Review of the re-listing of five terrorist organisations—Report tabled 10 October 2012  
Response tabled 7 February 2013

**Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee**

Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation—Report tabled 14 August 2012  
Response tabled 7 February 2013

**Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee**

Inquiry into Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements—Report tabled 10 May 2012  
Response presented 21 February 2013; tabled 25 February 2013

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011—Report presented 4 April 2012, tabled 10 May 2012  
Response tabled 16 May 2013

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012 [Provisions]—Report tabled 13 September 2012  
Response tabled 16 May 2013

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Migration Amendment (Removal of Mandatory Minimum Penalties) Bill 2012—Report presented 4 April 2012; tabled 10 May 2012  
Response tabled 28 February 2013

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012—Report tabled 18 March 2013  
Response tabled 20 June 2013

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

Detention of Indonesian minors in Australia—Report presented 4 October 2012; tabled 9 October 2012  
Response tabled 16 May 2013

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

Prospective marriage visa program—Report tabled 26 June 2012  
Response tabled 27 June 2013

**National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee**

Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network—Fourth report tabled 28 February 2013  
Response tabled 20 June 2013

**Parliamentary committee reports**

Schedule of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports—  
Tabled by the President of the Senate 29 November 2012  
Response tabled 28 June 2013

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

Implications for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system—Report presented 25 June 2009; tabled 11 August 2009  
Response presented 31 May 2013, tabled 17 June 2013

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

Management of the Murray-Darling Basin system: The Basin Plan—Second interim report presented 3 October 2012; tabled 9 October 2012  
Response presented 31 May 2013; tabled 17 June 2013

**Treaties—Joint Standing Committee**

131st report—Treaties tabled on 21 August, 11 and 18 September 2012—Report tabled 28 November 2012  
Response tabled 16 May 2013

**44th Parliament****Community Affairs References Committee**

The role of the Therapeutic Goods Administration regarding medical devices, particularly Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) breast implants—Report presented 31 May 2012; tabled 18 June 2012  
Response presented 31 July 2013; tabled 12 November 2013

**Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

The performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services—Interim report tabled 27 June 2012  
Response presented 2 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013

**Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

The performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services—Report tabled 28 November 2012

Response presented 2 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013

**National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee**

Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network—Fifth report tabled 17 June 2013

Response presented 2 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013

**National Broadband Network—Select Committee**

Another fork in the road to national broadband—

Second interim reports tabled 12 May 2009

Third report tabled 26 November 2009

Fourth interim report presented 18 May 2011; tabled 15 June 2010

Final report tabled 17 June 2010

Response presented 2 August 2013; tabled 12 November 2013

**Parliamentary committee reports**

Schedule of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports—

Tabled by the President of the Senate on 27 June 2013

Response tabled 11 December 2013



## 3.11 Petitions

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Individuals and organisations may seek to have petitions presented to the Parliament. Petitions generally express views on matters of public policy and ask the Senate or the Parliament to take - or, in some cases, *not* to take - a particular course of action.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 7 – Petitions*.

	43rd Parliament	44th Parliament	<b>Total for 2013</b>
<b>Number of petitions:</b> .....	14	..... 10	..... <b>24</b>
<b>Number of signatories:</b> .....	33 388	..... 17 561	.... <b>50 949</b>

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Signatories</b>
Administration—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Work Life and Family Survey	1	1 191
Australian flag	1	4
Communications—Australia Post—Torquay postal service	1	1 201
Environment—		
Environmental activists	1	2 064
Native forestry industry	1	561
Foreign Affairs—Halal Islamic food	1	193
Health—		
Better access to mental health care initiative	2	11 635
Brain tumours—Research	1	321
Doctors shortages in Colac	1	3 161
Wound management	2	1 160
Law and Justice—‘Refused Classification’ material on the internet	1	10 450

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Signatories</b>
Surveillance—National security inquiry	1	1 447

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Signatories</b>
Australian flag	1	7
Communications—		
Promotion of gambling services	1	27
Wireless radio	1	3 067
Defence—Honours and awards	1	5 159
Economics—Repatriation of the gold reserve	1	548
Environment—		
Federal environmental responsibilities	1	6 101
Pesticides	1	168
Renewable energy certificates	1	1 018
Health—Brain tumours—Research	1	714
Transport—Hume Freeway interchange at Epping North	1	752

## 3.12 Questions

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### Questions without notice

Questions asked of ministers in the Senate at question time are asked *without notice*, although a senator may informally advise a minister of the subject of a proposed question.

	2011	2012	2013
<b>Australian Labor Party</b>	427	420	312
<b>Coalition</b>	739	751	469
<b>Australian Greens</b>	201	237	137
<b>Democratic Labor Party</b>	27	45	27
<b>Family First Party</b>	17	—	—
<b>Senator Xenophon</b>	42	39	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>1453</b>	<b>1492</b>	<b>978</b>

\* On 24 November 2008 the format of question time was changed to allow 2 supplementaries per question.

### Questions on notice

Where a senator seeks a detailed response, particularly where statistical information is sought, that question is more appropriately submitted in written form and placed *on notice*. A senator who places a question on notice and does not receive a reply within 30 days may seek from the relevant minister in the Senate an explanation as to why an answer has not been provided. There is no limit to the number of questions a senator may place on notice.

	2011	2012	2013
<b>Australian Labor Party</b>	1	1	53
<b>Coalition</b>	938	1000	302
<b>Australian Greens</b>	193	165	95
<b>Democratic Labor Party</b>	0	0	0
<b>Senator Xenophon</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>450</b>

For further information about questions, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 6 – Questions* and *Senate Brief No. 12 – Questions*. Further statistics about questions on notice are available in the [Questions on Notice Summary](#)





### 3.13 Attendance of senators

This table lists the attendance of senators in the Senate chamber on sitting days in 2010.

Under section 20 of the Constitution, senators can lose their places if they fail to attend the Senate for two consecutive months without permission. A senator can be granted leave of absence with the consent of the chamber. Senators who are absent without the Senate's approval are shown as "Absent without leave".

**Period:** 1 January to 31 December 2013

**Sitting days:** 37

Senator	Days present	Absent without leave	Absent with leave	Senator	Days present	Absent without leave	Absent with leave
Abetz	37	0	0	Ludlam	37	0	0
Back	25	0	12	Ludwig	37	0	0
Bernardi	37	0	0	Lundy	37	0	0
Bilyk	36	0	1	Macdonald	36	0	1
Birmingham	37	0	0	Madigan	37	0	0
Bishop	26	0	11	Marshall	35	0	2
Boswell	32	0	5	Mason	37	0	0
Boyce	30	0	7	McEwen	36	0	1
Brandis	37	0	0	McKenzie	37	0	0
Brown	36	0	1	McLucas	36	0	1
Bushby	37	0	0	Milne	37	0	0
Cameron	35	2	0	Moore	37	0	0
Carr, B <sup>1</sup>	21	0	5	Nash	36	0	1
Carr, K	37	0	0	O'Neill <sup>9</sup>	8	0	0
Cash	37	0	0	Parry	36	0	1
Colbeck	37	0	0	Payne	37	0	0
Collins	35	0	2	Peris <sup>10</sup>	11	0	0
Conroy	37	0	0	Polley	37	0	0
Cormann	29	0	8	Pratt	37	0	0
Crossin <sup>2</sup>	36	0	1	Rhiannon	37	0	0
Dastyari <sup>3</sup>	11	0	0	Ronaldson	37	0	0
Di Natale	37	0	0	Ruston	36	0	1
Edwards	37	0	0	Ryan	37	0	0
Eggleston	36	0	1	Scullion	36	0	1
Evans <sup>4</sup>	14	0	0	Seselja <sup>11</sup>	11	0	0
Farrell	37	0	0	Siewert	37	0	0
Faulkner	37	0	0	Singh	36	0	1
Fawcett	37	0	0	Sinodinos	37	0	0
Feeney <sup>5</sup>	26	0	0	Smith	37	0	0
Fierravanti-Wells	37	0	0	Stephens	37	0	0
Fifield	37	0	0	Sterle	36	0	1
Furner	36	0	1	Thistlethwaite <sup>12</sup>	26	0	0
Gallacher	37	0	0	Thorp	37	0	0
Hanson-Young	37	0	0	Tillem <sup>13</sup>	11	0	0
Heffernan	36	0	1	Urquhart	37	0	0
Hogg	37	0	0	Waters	37	0	0
Humphries <sup>6</sup>	37	0	0	Whish-Wilson	37	0	0
Johnston	33	0	4	Williams	36	0	1
Joyce <sup>7</sup>	26	0	0	Wong	37	0	0
Kroger	35	0	2	Wright	37	0	0
Lines <sup>8</sup>	20	0	0	Xenophon	35	0	2

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| 1 | Resigned 24 October 2013.      | 8  | Term commenced 15 May 2013.      |
| 2 | Term expired.                  | 9  | Term commenced 13 November 2013. |
| 3 | Term commenced 21 August 2013. | 10 | Term commenced 7 September 2013. |
| 4 | Resigned 12 April 2013.        | 11 | Term commenced 7 September 2013. |
| 5 | Resigned 12 August 2013.       | 12 | Resigned 9 August 2013.          |
| 6 | Term expired.                  | 13 | Term commenced 21 August 2013.   |
| 7 | Resigned 8 August 2013.        |    |                                  |

### 3.14 Attendance of senators in divisions

The voting statistics do not reflect absences as a result of pairing arrangements or leave. Pairing is an unofficial arrangement between the parties, details of which are indicated in the *Hansard*, adjacent to the relevant division.

#### Divisions:

Divisions in the Senate.....	176
Divisions in committee of the whole .....	37
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>213</b>

Senator	Senate	Committee		Senator	Senate	Committee
Abetz	49	7		Ludlam	176	36
Back	120	29		Ludwig	141	26
Bernardi	139	24		Lundy	143	21
Bilyk	143	30		Macdonald	110	25
Birmingham	129	24		McEwen	169	35
Bishop	118	24		McKenzie	168	36
Boswell	79	18		McLucas	161	26
Boyce	105	23		Madigan	139	28
Brandis	73	16		Marshall	140	30
Brown	131	33		Mason	117	17
Bushby	139	28		Milne	174	36
Cameron	154	32		Moore	175	37
Carr	124	14		Nash	117	27
Carr, B <sup>1</sup>	22	10		O'Neill <sup>9</sup>	23	2
Cash	162	26		Parry	168	29
Colbeck	160	34		Payne	120	27
Collins	140	32		Peris <sup>10</sup>	35	3
Conroy	41	14		Polley	160	31
Cormann	88	17		Pratt	165	35
Crossin <sup>2</sup>	129	28		Rhiannon	176	36
Dastyari <sup>3</sup>	37	3		Ronaldson	106	18
Di Natale	176	36		Ruston	162	35
Edwards	145	32		Ryan	123	31
Eggleston	125	24		Scullion	86	18
Evans <sup>4</sup>	39	14		Seselja <sup>11</sup>	35	3
Farrell	126	32		Siewert	176	37
Faulkner	114	22		Singh	162	37
Fawcett	146	28		Sinodinos	113	21
Feeney <sup>5</sup>	121	26		Smith	172	37
Fierravanti-Wells	121	22		Stephens	158	32
Fifield	167	23		Sterle	156	34
Furner	165	28		Thistlethwaite <sup>12</sup>	112	22
Gallacher	172	34		Thorp	157	33
Hanson-Young	176	35		Tillem <sup>13</sup>	38	3
Heffernan	87	20		Urquhart	169	35
Hogg	117	26		Waters	176	37
Humphries <sup>6</sup>	88	21		Whish-Wilson	176	37
Johnston	101	23		Williams	133	33
Joyce <sup>7</sup>	57	15		Wong	44	11
Kroger	160	21		Wright	176	37
Lines <sup>8</sup>	122	18		Xenophon	103	29

- 1 Resigned 24 October 2013.
- 2 Term expired.
- 3 Term commenced 21 August 2013.
- 4 Resigned 12 April 2013.
- 5 Resigned 12 August 2013.
- 6 Term expired.
- 7 Resigned 8 August 2013.
- 8 Term commenced 15 May 2013.
- 9 Term commenced 13 November 2013.
- 10 Term commenced 7 September 2013.
- 11 Term commenced 7 September 2013.
- 12 Thistlethwaite resigned 9 August 2013.
- 13 Term commenced 21 August 2013.