



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 12 March 2013

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.30 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Material of Local Significance) Bill 2013 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Citizen Initiated Referendum Bill 2013 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and a related bill—second reading debate agreed to and committee of the whole commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Bill 2012 [The bill will now be assented to]

[Notices of motion](#)

To introduce bills

- ❑ International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Amendment Bill 2013—notice given by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr)
- ❑ Not-for-profit Sector Freedom to Advocate Bill 2013—notice given by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong)

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings – 5 February to 21 March 2013]

- ❑ Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2013
- ❑ Completion of Kakadu National Park (Koongarra Project Area Repeal) Bill 2013
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Commission) Bill 2013
[\[statements of reasons](#) for passage of the bills during this period of sittings]

Bills assented to

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

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2013—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Fair Work Amendment (Small Business—Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Towards Transparency) Bill 2012—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Private Health Insurance Amendment (Lifetime Health Cover Loading and Other Measures) Bill 2012—Community Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other reports

- Constitutional Recognition of Local Government Joint Select Committee—The majority finding of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government: the case for financial recognition, the likelihood of success and lessons from the history of constitutional referenda [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Implementation of the National Health Reform Agreement [[report](#)]

Report adopted

- Procedure Committee—[First report](#) of 2013 [Accordingly standing order 57(1)(d) was amended and current practices and a temporary order were adopted – see [Journals](#)]

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee into aid to Afghanistan to 16 May 2013.

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To refer matters to committees

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Material of Local Significance) Bill 2013 and delivery of news coverage in rural and regional areas by the ABC—

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 30 April 2013—notice given by Senators Ruston and Xenophon

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—14 March 2013 from 10.00 am—public meeting—Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Reform of Self Managed Superannuation Funds Supervisory Levy Arrangements) Bill 2013
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—14 March 2013 from 4.00 pm—public meeting—Victims of sexual and other abuse in Defence
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—21 March 2013 from 3.00 pm—public meeting—Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012—to report by 28 June 2013

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Senator McKenzie to replace Senator Boswell for the committee’s inquiry into teaching and learning – maximising our investment in Australian schools
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Senator Fawcett to replace Senator Nash on 18 March 2013 for the committee’s inquiry into an aviation accident investigation

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including a Governor-General’s Proclamation]

[Notice of motion](#) to approve a determination

- ❑ Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Amendment Determination 2013 (No. 1), made under subsection 10B(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* [[homepage](#)]
—notice given by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion

Senator Hanson-Young gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood and Childcare to table a report by the Productivity Commission into early childhood education and care—no later than 28 November 2013.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice for the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority and the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

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

Documents tabled

- [2 petitions](#)
- Government documents [see Journals entries [2](#) and [21](#)] [[and considered](#)]
- Response to a Senate resolution about conviction records for offences relating to homosexuality—from the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory (Mr Mills) [resolution agreed to on [22 November 2012](#)]

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [Refugees and asylum seekers](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Matter of public importance discussed

- [School education reform](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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