



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 15 May 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.58 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill considered

The following bill was introduced

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Advertising for Sports Betting) Bill 2013 [[private senator's bill](#)] [[senator's second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Amendment Bill 2013 [this bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were discharged from the Notice Paper

- ❑ Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2010
- ❑ Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012 (No. 2)
- ❑ Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (International Broadcasting Services) Bill 2011

Notices of motion

To suspend standing order 110—roll call

- ❑ Enable third reading of a Constitution alteration bill relating to local government to be passed without a roll call—notice given by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)

To introduce bills

- ❑ Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2013—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ Fair Trade (Compliance of Imported Goods with Australian Standards) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Madigan
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Post-Operative Care for Illegal Organ Transplants) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Madigan

- ❑ Marriage Act Amendment (Recognition of Foreign Marriages for Same-Sex Couples) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings – 14 May to 16 May 2013]

- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Inbound Cargo Security Enhancement) Bill 2013
- ❑ DisabilityCare Australia Fund Bill 2013
- ❑ Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013
- ❑ Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013
- ❑ Income Tax (First Home Saver Accounts Misuse Tax) Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013
- ❑ Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013
- ❑ Income Tax Rates Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013
- ❑ Medicare Levy Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013
- ❑ National Disability Insurance Scheme Legislation Amendment Bill 2013
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Compliance Measures No. 2) Bill 2013
- ❑ Superannuation (Excess Concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013
- ❑ Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013
- ❑ Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Service Providers and Other Governance Measures) Bill 2012
- ❑ Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013
- ❑ Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (DisabilityCare Australia) Bill 2013

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

Committees

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

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—
 - Corporations Amendment (Simple Corporate Bonds and Other Measures) Bill 2013 [[report](#)]
 - Corporations and Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill 2013— [[report](#)]

Other reports

- ❑ Feasibility of a prohibition on charging fees for an unlisted number service—Environment and Communications References Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ 5th report of 2013 and alert digest no. 5 of 2013—Scrutiny of Bills Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Referrals made February to April 2013 (2nd report of 2013)—Public Works Joint Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ 6th report of 2013: Bills introduced 18 to 21 March 2013 and legislative instruments registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments 16 February to 19 April 2013—Human Rights Joint Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

New inquiries

- ❑ Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN)—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—to report by 27 June 2013
- ❑ Time critical bills—Any bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 16 May and before 6 June 2013 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2013—Committees—to report by 17 June 2013

Committee document tabled

- ❑ Draft estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office for 2013-14—Public Accounts and Audit Committee [[report](#)]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—15 May 2013 from 5 pm—Sterilisation of people with disabilities—public meeting
- ❑ Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—16 May 2013 from 1 pm—Broadcasting Services Amendment (Material of Local Significance) Bill 2013 and the delivery of news coverage in rural and regional areas by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—public meeting
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—16 May 2013 from 11 am—review of Defence annual report 2011-12—public meeting

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Great Barrier Reef) Bill 2013—to report by 13 June 2013
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—Protection of Australia's threatened species and ecological communities—to report by 20 June 2013

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—
 - Australia and the countries of the Indian Ocean rim—to report by 17 June 2013
 - Victims of sexual and other abuse in Defence—to report by 27 June 2013
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—Advertising and promotion of gambling services in sport—to report by 28 June 2013
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
 - Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test—to report by 24 June 2013
 - Australian citrus industry—to report by 31 July 2013

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2013—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 17 June 2013—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- ❑ Practice of sports science in Australia—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 27 June 2013—notice given by Senator Di Natale

Membership

A [message](#) was reported from the House of Representatives notifying a change to the membership of a joint committee

Motion agreed to

- ❑ Allocation of departments to committees—Variation—moved by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)

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]

Document tabled

- ❑ Government document [Journal entry [no. 2](#) refers]

Motion to disallow defeated

- ❑ The Senate debated but did not agree to a motion to disallow the Building Code 2013, made under subsection 27(1) of the *Fair Work (Building Industry) Act 2012*, [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for various portfolios were tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings] [Journal entry [no. 41](#) refers]

Departmental and agency grants

A letter of advice for the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio was tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings] [Journal entry [no. 42](#) refers]

Other business

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

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- ❑ Nurses and midwives—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ Tasmanian forests—moved by Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Motions negatived

- ❑ Live animal exports—moved by Senator Rhiannon
- ❑ Jabiluka—moved by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ Leaders' Debate Commission—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ Budget 2013-14—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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