



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 4 March 2014

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.37 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following private senators' bills were introduced

- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Reducing Barriers for Minor Parties) Bill 2014 [[homepage](#)]
- Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2014 [[homepage](#)]

The following bills were debated

Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 and related bills—second reading debate continued—AG second reading amendment pending [[first speaker](#)]

[Notices of motion](#) to introduce bills

- National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Urquhart
- Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson

Document tabled

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—Addendum to the revised explanatory memorandum

Bills assented to

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

[See committees for details of reports on legislation]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—
 - Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013 [\[report\]](#)
 - Fair Trade (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013 [\[report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Human Rights Joint Committee—3rd report of the 44th Parliament—Examination of legislation in accordance with the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*: Bills introduced 11 to 27 February 2014 and legislative instruments received 1 to 21 February 2014 [\[report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to]

Authorisation to publish documents

The Senate [authorised](#) the publication of unpublished documents provided to the former Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee by Fair Work Australia [statements were made] [\[documents\]](#) are available on the Senate's website]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—5, 19 and 26 March 2014 from 9.40 am—public meetings
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—4 March 2014 from 6.45 pm—public meeting—Australia Post
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—5 March 2014 from 1.30 pm—private meeting
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—6, 20 and 27 March 2014—private meetings

Privileges Committee

The Senate [agreed](#) to endorse the conclusion, and adopt the recommendation contained in the 152nd report of the Privileges Committee—Possible unauthorised disclosure of the draft report of the Electricity Prices Select Committee

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on the Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013 to 28 May 2014

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]

[Notices of motion](#) to disallow given

- Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) gave a notice of motion to disallow the Clean Energy Auction Revocation Determination 2014 [[F2014L00176](#)]
- Senator Xenophon gave a notice of motion to disallow the Export Market Development Grants (Extended Lodgement and Consultant Quality Incentive) Determination 2012 [[F2013L00258](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- Correspondence relating to the [former Chief of Staff to the Assistant Minister for Health](#)—by the Assistant Minister for Health—no later than 12.45 pm on 5 March 2014
- Reports received from the [National Commission of Audit](#)—by the Minister for Finance—by no later than noon on 17 March 2014 [a [statement](#) was made]

Debate relating to documents tabled on 3 March 2014

[A motion to take note](#) of the documents tabled on 3 March 2014 relating to the modelling of the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement was agreed to

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

[A letter of advice](#) for the Environment portfolio was 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

[A statement of compliance](#) for Comcare was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- [1 petitioning document](#)
- Auditor-General—[Report no. 21 of 2013-14](#)
- [Government documents](#) [and considered]
- [Letter](#) relating to the proposed arrangements for the Western Australian half Senate election
- Response to a Senate resolution about the International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation—from the Premier of New South Wales (Mr O'Farrell) [resolution agreed to on 12 February 2014]

Other business

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

Personal explanation—Council for the Order of Australia

The Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) [made a personal explanation](#) about press articles concerning the Council for the Order of Australia

Matter of public importance discussed

Immigration—Asylum seekers—Manus Island detention centre—proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Death of Mr Michael Welsh](#)—moved by Senators Urquhart, Bilyk, Brown, Thorp, Singh and Polley
- ❑ Environment—Queensland—[Abbot Point](#)—moved by Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ Environment—[Western Australia—Shark cull](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ Foreign affairs—[Ukraine](#)—moved by Senator Bilyk
- ❑ Health—[National Perinatal Depression Initiative](#)—moved by Senators Wright and McLucas

Motions negatived

- ❑ Culture and the arts—[Biennale of Sydney](#)—Transfield Holdings—moved by Senator Rhiannon
- ❑ [Immigration—Asylum seekers](#)—moved by Senator Madigan [[statements](#) were made]

Notices of motion

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

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