



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 26 March 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.31 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 March 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Defence Force Retirement Benefits Legislation Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 March 2014] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were debated and passed

- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2013-2014
Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2013-2014
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2013-2014
[[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was exempted, debated and passed

Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2014 [[first speaker](#)]
[The bill will now be assented to]

[Notices of motion](#)

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration during this period of sittings]

- ❑ Defence Force Retirement Benefits Legislation Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2014
- ❑ Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Bill 2014
- ❑ Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2014

To introduce bills

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014—notice given by the Minister for Defence (Senator Johnston)
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014—notice given by Senator Di Natale

Committees

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

Reports and documents tabled

- ❑ 4th report—Publications Committee [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]
- ❑ 138th report: Treaties tabled on 11 and 12 December 2013, 20 January 2014 and referred on 15 January 2014—Treaties Joint Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ [4th report](#) of 2014, [Alert Digest](#) No. 4 of 2014 and [work of the committee](#) during the 43rd Parliament: September 2010 to June 2013—Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- ❑ Annual report for 2013—Senators' Interests Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)—Community Affairs References Committee [[final report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Delegated legislation [monitor](#) no. 4 of 2014—Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- ❑ Direct Action: paying polluters to halt global warming?—Environment and Communications References Committee [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ National Broadband Network Select Committee [[interim report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Ticket scalping in Australia—Economics References Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ [Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee](#)—14 May 2014 from 5.30 pm—private meeting
- ❑ [National Broadband Network Select Committee](#)—27 March 2014—private meeting

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to refer to the Community Affairs References Committee matters relating to Australia's healthcare system—to report by 16 July 2014

Notices of motion

To amend a resolution of appointment

Abbott Government's Commission of Audit Select Committee—notice given by Senator Di Natale

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Public transport—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 4 December 2014
- ❑ School Funding Select Committee—to report by 26 June 2014

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ [Proposed Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report within one month of the tabling of the report of the Treaties Joint Committee—notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
- ❑ Review of allegations of sexual and other abuse in Defence—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 28 August 2014—notice given by Senator Xenophon

Membership

The Senate agreed to [changes](#) in the membership of the National Broadband Network Select Committee

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Disallowance motions

Disallowance notices

Senator Rhiannon gave a notice of motion to disallow the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Egypt) Repeal Order 2014, made under section 17 of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* [[F2014L00312](#)]

Notice of intention to withdraw

The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Edwards) gave a notice of intention to withdraw a notice to disallow the Declaration of 'corresponding State laws' under subsection (7) of the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002* [[F2013L02043](#)] [a [statement](#) was made]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion negated

Immigration—[Asylum seeker vessel Riski](#)—Order for the production of documents—moved by Senator Hanson-Young [a [statement](#) was made]

[Notice of motion](#)

Senator Carr gave a notice of motion relating to the Minister for Employment's failure to comply with the Senate order of 25 March 2014 relating to jobs data

Documents tabled

- ❑ Family and Community Services–[Compulsory income management](#)–Open letter from community organisations to the Australian Government [a [statement](#) was made]
- ❑ [Government document](#) [called on but no motion was moved]

Other business

[Questions without notice–first question](#)

[Matters of public interest debate–first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate–first speaker](#)

Question on notice–Failure to provide answers

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) asked the Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash) why answers had not been provided to questions on notice relating to the conduct of ministerial staff. Senator Nash provided an explanation. A motion moved by Senator Wong to take note of the explanation was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

Matter of public importance discussed

Law and justice–Hate speech–proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

Motions agreed to

- ❑ Education–[Teacher quality](#)–moved by Senator McKenzie [[statements](#) were made]
- ❑ Foreign affairs–Laos–[Mr Sombath Somphone](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ Foreign affairs–[Sri Lanka](#)–Human rights–moved by Senator Singh and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [[statements](#) were made]
- ❑ Law and justice–[Detention of people with cognitive impairment](#)–moved by Senator Siewert

Motion negatived

- ❑ Environment–New South Wales–[Development at Middle Head](#)–moved by Senator Rhiannon [a [statement](#) was made]

Address-in-reply

Debate continued on the address-in-reply to the Governor-General's speech and will resume on a later sitting day [[first speaker](#)]

[Advances](#) under the annual Appropriation Acts

The statement of Issues from the advances under the annual Appropriations Acts as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2013 was approved

Notices of motion

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

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