



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 13 May 2014

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 11.34 pm

## **Budget 2014-15**

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Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) [tabled](#) the Budget statement for the year 2014-15 and associated budget papers and ministerial statements

The Senate referred budget documents to legislation committees to enable them to consider estimates. Estimates hearings will take place from 26 May to 5 June 2014

The Opposition and other parties will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday, 15 May 2014

## **Legislation**

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### **Bills considered**

The following bill was introduced

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Alpine Grazing) Bill 2014 [[private senator's bill](#)]

The following bill was debated

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

Private senators' bills to be debated

On 14 November 2013 the Senate [agreed](#) to a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 15 May 2014 the National Integrity Commission Bill 2013 and the Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2014 are scheduled for debate

*[See committees for details of reports on legislation]*

## Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2014—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other reports

- Abbott Government's Commission of Audit Select Committee—[Second interim report](#)
- Conduct of the 2013 federal election: Senate voting practices—Electoral Matters Joint Standing Committee—[Interim report](#)
- Effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia; Effect on Australian ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji; Proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee [\[final report\]](#)
- House Committee

### Government response tabled

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report of the DLA Piper review and the government's response

### Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- [Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee](#)—14 May 2014 from 3.15 pm—private meeting
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme Joint Standing Committee](#)—14 May 2014 from 10.30 am—public meeting

### [Notices of motion](#)

To extend reporting deadlines

- Environment and Communications References Committee—Great Barrier Reef—to report by 27 August 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014—to report by 5 June 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—
  - Manus Island Detention Centre—to report by 16 July 2014
  - Comprehensive revision of the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979*—to report by 27 August 2014

- National Broadband Network Select Committee—to report by the last day of sitting of the 44th Parliament

### To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—16 June 2014 from 11.30 am—private meeting
- Education and Employment Legislation Committee—14 May 2014 from 7 pm—public meeting—Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—15 May 2015 from 5 pm—public meeting—review of administration and expenditure no. 11 and no. 12
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—15 May 2014 from 4.45 pm—public meeting—Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—15 May 2014 from 3.45 pm—private meeting
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—19 June and 26 June 2014 from 10.30 am—private meetings, followed by public meetings
- Treaties Joint Committee—16 June and 23 June 2014 from 11 am—public meetings

## Documents

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### Delegated legislation

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

### Disallowance motions

#### Disallowance notices

The following [notices of motion](#) were given to disallow various legislative instruments:

- Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Edwards) gave a notice of motion to disallow the Australian Jobs (Australian Industry Participation) Rule 2014 made under section 128 of the *Australian Jobs Act 2013* [[F2014L00125](#)]
- Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Edwards) gave a notice of motion to disallow the Migration Amendment (Bridging Visas—Code of Behaviour) Regulation 2013 as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 269 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* [[F2013L02102](#)]
- Senator Carr gave a notice of motion to disallow the Higher Education (Maximum Amounts for Other Grants) Determination 2013 made under sections 41-45(1A) and (1B) of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* [[F2013L02165](#)]
- Senator Hanson-Young gave a notice of motion to disallow the Migration Amendment (Bridging Visas—Code of Behaviour) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. 269, 2013 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* [[F2013L02102](#)]

## Orders for the production of documents

### Documents tabled

The following documents were tabled in response to orders of the Senate:

- Environment–Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority–[Dredging at Abbot Point](#) [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 18 March 2014]
- Environment–[Maules Creek coal project](#) [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 18 March 2014]

### Notices of motion

The following [notices of motion](#) were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- The Assistant Treasurer to table documents relating to the report prepared by KPMG for the Reserve Bank of Australia into the conduct of board members of Note Printing Australia–no later than 5 pm on 16 June 2014–notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- The Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture to table documents relating to Livestock Shipping Services–no later than 23 May 2014–notice given by Senator Rhiannon

### Orders with continuing effect

*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

- [1 petition](#)
- Auditor-General–[Audit report nos 24 to 31 of 2013-14](#)
- Government documents [Journal entries nos [2](#) and [23](#) refers]
- Responses to Senate resolutions about–
  - Great Barrier Marine Park Authority–Dredging at Abbot Point–from the Minister for Environment (Mr Hunt) [resolution agreed to on 4 March 2014] [a motion to take note of the document was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
  - Education–Teacher quality–from the Minister for Education (Mr Pyne) [resolution agreed to on 26 March 2014] [a motion was moved to take note of the document – [first speaker](#)]
  - National Close the Gap Day–from the Premier of Queensland (Mr Newman) [resolution agreed to on 20 March 2014] [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]
  - National Perinatal Depression Initiative–from the Minister for Health (Mr Dutton) [resolution agreed to on 4 March 2014]
  - Pacific region–Development assistance–from the Department of Foreign Affairs [resolution agreed to on 18 March 2014]
  - Science and technology–Research funding–from the Minister for Industry (Mr Macfarlane) [resolution agreed to on 27 March 2014]
  - South Sudan–from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop) [resolution agreed to on 19 March 2014]

- Sri Lanka–Human rights—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop) [resolution agreed to on 26 March 2014]
- Wet Tropics Management Authority–Board—from the Minister for Environment (Mr Hunt) [resolution agreed to on 10 December 2013]
- Youth–Emotional resilience and wellbeing—from the Minister for Health (Mr Dutton) [resolution agreed to on 20 March 2014] [a motion to take note of the document was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

## Other business

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

### Matter of public importance discussed

Budget 2014-15—proposed by Senator Moore [[first speaker](#)]

### Death of former senator

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 14 April 2014, of Brian Harradine, a senator for the state of Tasmania from 1975 to 2005. A motion of condolence moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) was carried [[first speaker](#)]

### Personal explanation

Senator Faulkner made a [personal explanation](#) relating to comments made by the former Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Carr) in the book, *Diary of a Foreign Minister*

### Notices of motion

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

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