



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 2 December 2013

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.25 pm

## Senators

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Senator Deborah O'Neill was sworn in as a senator to fill a vacancy in the representation of New South Wales

## Legislation

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### [Bills and related documents](#)

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

- ❑ True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

### 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 5 December 2013 the following bills are scheduled for debate (subject to restoration to the *Notice Paper*):

- ❑ Poker Machine Harm Reduction (\$1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013 [[homepage](#)]

### [Notices of motion](#)

To restore private senators' bills to the Senate Notice Paper

- ❑ Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Madigan
- ❑ Poker Machine Harm Reduction (\$1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]—notice given by Senator Xenophon

### Message from the House of Representatives

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013—disagreeing to the amendment made by the Senate [The Senate will reconsider the amendment disagreed to by the House on a future sitting day]

## Committees

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### Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and a related bill—Education and Employment Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 and related bills—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013—Education and Employment Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Report relating to inquiries of the 43rd Parliament

The Senate agreed to a recommendation by the Education and Employment References Committee to readopt an [inquiry](#) not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament [a motion to adopt the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

### Documents tabled

- Access to unpublished committee documents—Joint Select Committee on an Australian Card, 1985-86
- Beef imports into Australia—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Additional information [a motion to take note of the documents was debated and agreed to] [[first speaker](#)]

### Privileges Committee

A [motion](#) to amend standing order 18 to vary the membership of the Privileges Committee was moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) and agreed to

### [Notices of motion given](#)

Direction to meet: Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—6 December 2013 from 9 am to 5 pm—Reconvene to resume consideration of the 2013-14 supplementary Budget estimates—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—

- 9 December 2013 from 10 am—Private briefing
- 10 December 2013 from 4 pm—Private briefing

### Memberships

- A message from the House of Representatives was reported informing the Senate of a resolution relating to the appointment of the Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia [The Senate will consider the message on a future sitting day]
- Messages from the House of Representatives were reported informing the Senate of [resolutions re-establishing joint committees](#). The Senate agreed with the resolutions
- The Senate agreed to various changes in the appointment of members to committees [Journals entries nos [27](#) and [37](#) refer]

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

## Documents

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### 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]

### Regulation disallowed

The Senate agreed to a motion to disallow the Migration Amendment (Temporary Protection Visas) Regulation 2013 [motion debated – [first speaker](#)]

[Notice of motion](#) to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Edwards) gave a notice of motion to disallow the following instruments:

- Veterans' Entitlements (Actuarial Certificate—Life Expectancy Income Stream Guidelines) Determination 2013 [[F2013L00671](#)]
- Veterans' Entitlements (Actuarial Certificate—Lifetime Income Stream Guidelines) Determination 2013 [[F2013L00670](#)]

**Orders for the production of documents**

Documents tabled

The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) tabled documents [Journals entries [3](#) and [18](#) refer] [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [14 November 2013](#)] [a [statement](#) was made]

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered that documents relating to the [East West Link project](#) be tabled by noon on 11 December 2013

[Notices of motion given](#)

- Senators Hanson-Young and Carr relating to compliance with the Senate order about asylum seekers
- Senator Ludlam relating to the strategic review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network

Orders with continuing effect

*Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies*

A [letter](#) of advice for the Department of Social Services was 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]

*Departmental and agency grants*

[Letters](#) of advice for various portfolios and agencies were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are required to be tabled 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

*Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

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

**Documents tabled**

Presented since the last sitting of the Senate

[Government documents](#)

### Other documents

- Petition to the Court of Disputed Returns – Australian Electoral Commission v Johnston & Ors for the state of Western Australia
- [2 petitions](#)

### Ministerial statement

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) tabled a ministerial statement by the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development (Mr Truss) about the Australian Government’s aviation safety regulation review [a motion to take note of the statement was debated – [first speaker](#)]

## Other business

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

### Motions agreed to

- [Foreign affairs—Russia—Arrest of persons from the Arctic Sunrise](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) [a [statement](#) was made]
- [Education—Schools funding](#)—moved by Senator Carr, at the request of Senator Moore [debated as a matter of urgency – [first speaker](#)]

### 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]

### Notices of motion

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

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