



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 4 December 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.30 pm

Senators

Senator O'Neill gave her [first speech](#)

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Australian Civilian Corps Amendment Bill 2013 [bill passed by the House of Representatives on 3 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Savings and Other Measures) Bill 2013 [bill passed by the House of Representatives on 3 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2013 [bill passed by the House of Representatives on 3 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was debated

Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]-Opposition second reading amendment to be determined

Notice of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Xenophon

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports and document tabled

- 8th report and alert digest no. 8 of 2013—Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Delegated legislation monitor no. 8 of 2013—Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances [[document](#)]
- Ownership arrangements of grain handling—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee [[report](#)]

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to refer the following matters:

- [Education and Employment References Committee](#)—Australian Building and Construction Commission—to report by the last sitting day in March 2014 [a statement was made]
- [Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee](#)—Fair Trade (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013—to report by 4 March 2014

Proposed reference

The Senate continued debate on a motion to refer the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 to the Education and Employment References Committee [the matter will continue on a future sitting day] [[first speaker](#)]

[Notice of motion](#)

To refer matters to a committee

Referendum to amend the Constitution to provide that the laws about marriage rests with the Commonwealth—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 25 March 2014—notice given by Senator Madigan

Estimates

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing the dates for estimates hearings in 2014

Committee appointed

A [message](#) from the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of the Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia was debated, amended and agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

Membership

- The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee memberships
- The Senate agreed to vary the [resolution of appointment](#) of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters to provide for participating members for its inquiry into the 2013 election

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]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) tabled [documents](#) relating to asylum seekers [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [14 November 2013](#)—a [motion to suspend standing orders](#) (to take note of the documents) was moved, debated and agreed to, and a motion to take note of the documents was then debate and agreed to [first speaker]

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment (Senator Cormann) to table the final text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership plurilateral free trade agreement [a statement was made]

[Notice of motion](#) given

Senator Carr relating to border protection, to be tabled by 10 December 2013

Order with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

[Statements of compliance](#) for various departments 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

- [Government documents](#) [and [considered](#)]
- [Immigration](#)—Detention and community statistical summary
- [Petition to the Court of Disputed Returns](#) – Wang v Johnston & Ors

Other business

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

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Proposed suspension of standing orders

The Senate debated but did not agree to a [motion](#) moved the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion requesting the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to provide an explanation for his reasons for authorising ASIO raids [[first speaker](#)]

Statement by leave

The Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) made a [statement](#) relating to the approval of search warrants executed by ASIO

Motion agreed to

[Historical events–Holodomor](#)–80th anniversary–moved by Senator Bilyk

Matter of public importance discussed

[Law and justice–Data collection](#)–proposed by Senator Siewert [first speaker]

Notices of motion

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

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