



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 5 December 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.26 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Commission Transfer) Bill 2013 [bill passed the House of Representatives on 5 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Simplified Price Disclosure) Bill 2013 [bill passed the House of Representatives on 5 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Cash Bidding) Bill 2013 and a related bill [bills passed the House of Representatives on 4 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013 [[private senator's bill](#)]
- ❑ Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 and 2 related bills [bills passed the House of Representatives on 5 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [bill passed the House of Representatives on 4 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013 [bill passed the House of Representatives on 5 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013—consideration of message in committee of the whole—a motion was moved to not insist on the Senate amendment [[first speaker](#)]
—Australian Greens amendments to be determined

- ❑ Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Poker Machine Harm Reduction (\$1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

Australian Capital Territory Water Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [first speaker] [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]

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 12 December 2013 the following bills are scheduled for debate (subject to introduction):

- ❑ Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2013
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Visa Maximum Numbers Determinations) Bill 2013

[Notices of motion](#)

To introduce private senator's bills

- ❑ Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Waters
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Visa Maximum Numbers Determinations) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

Committees

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

Estimates

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee was tabled

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 10 of 2013](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 17 March 2014
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia's Protection Obligations) Bill 2013—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 3 March 2014

- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013–
 - provisions of Schedule 2 of the bill–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 12 December 2013
 - provisions of Schedules 6 and 9 of the bill–Education and Employment Legislation Committee–to report by 12 December 2013
 - remaining provisions of the bill–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 12 December 2013
- Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 17 March 2014
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 31 March 2014

Proposed reference

The Senate debated a motion to refer the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 to the Education and Employment References Committee—a vote was deferred to the next day of sitting [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- Australia’s overseas aid and development assistance program–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 20 March 2014–notice given by the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Stephens)
- Grandparents’ child care benefits–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 September 2014–notice given by Senator Smith
- Speech, language and communication disorders and swallowing difficulties in Australia–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 27 March 2014–notice given by the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert)

To hold meeting when the Senate is sitting

National Broadband Network Select Committee–Thursday, 12 December 2013 from 9.30 am–notice given by the Chair of the National Broadband Network Select Committee (Senator Lundy)

Committees–variation of appointment

[Messages](#) from the House of Representatives were reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate varying the appointment of the Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia and the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

Membership

- A [message](#) from the House of Representatives was reported advising various appointments to joint committees
- The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee memberships

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) to table documents relating to the towing of an Indonesian vessel [a [statement](#) was made]

Documents tabled

The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) tabled documents in response to the following orders of the Senate:

- National Broadband Network strategic review
- Trans-Pacific Partnership plurilateral free trade agreement

Documents discussed

[Government documents](#), [committee reports and government responses to committee reports and reports of the Auditor-General](#) were discussed

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Health—Rural Clinical Schools](#)—moved by Senators Ruston, Fawcett and McKenzie [a statement was made]
- Environment—New South Wales—[Royal National Park](#)—moved by Senators Rhiannon and Waters [a statement was made]

Advisory Council on Australian Archives

Senator Faulkner was elected as a member of the [Advisory Council on Australian Archives](#) for a period of 3 years

Notices of motion

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

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the Statistical Summary, which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection.

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