



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 10 December 2013

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.41 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 9 December 2013] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was debated and passed

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013 [[first speaker](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

The following bill was debated and negated

Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]-2 Opposition second reading amendments were agreed to [expressing views about the policy of the bill]-[defeated](#) at the second reading

The following bill was debated

Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]-Opposition second reading amendment to be determined

The following private senator's bills were restored to the Notice Paper

- Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012 [2013] [[homepage](#)]
- Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [2013] [[homepage](#)]
- Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2013] [[homepage](#)]
- Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011 [2013] [[homepage](#)]

Message reported from the House of Representatives

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013—agreeing to the further amendments made by the Senate and indicating that the House had made the amendment requested by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

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

Reports tabled

Human Rights Joint Committee—

- 1st report of 44th Parliament: Bills introduced 12 November to 5 December 2013 and legislative instruments received 8 June to 22 November 2013 [[report](#)]
- Report 2012-13 [[report](#)]
[a [motion](#) to take note of the reports agreed to]

Other document

Consolidated register of Senate committee reports—Volume 2—2004-13

New inquiries

- [Departmental and agency contracts](#)—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 14 May 2014
- [Direct Action Plan](#)—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 24 March 2014
- [Public interest immunity claim](#)—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 21 February 2014

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- National Broadband Network Select Committee—on 11 December 2013 from 9.30 am—public meeting
- Northern Australia Joint Select Committee—on 11 December 2013 from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm—public meeting

Proposed establishment of a select committee

The Senate did not agree to a motion relating to the establishment of the Select Committee on Electronic Surveillance [a [statement](#) was made]

[Notices of motion](#)

To establish a select committee

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) gave a notice of motion to establish a Select Committee into the Abbott Government's Commission of Audit—to report by 13 May 2014

To refer matters to committees

- East-West link in Melbourne—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 13 June 2014—notice given by Senator Di Natale
- TAFE education in Australia—Education and Employment References Committee—to report by 13 May 2014—notice given by Senator Rhiannon
- Ticket scalping in Australia—Economics References Committee—to report by 26 March 2014—notice given by Senator Xenophon

Memberships

A [message](#) was received from the House of Representatives appointing members to the Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) in the appointment of members to committees

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]

[Notices of motion](#) to disallow given

Senator Polley gave notices of motion to disallow:

- the Aged Care Subsidies Amendment (Workforce Supplement) Determination 2013, made under the *Aged Care Act 1997* [[F2013L01749](#)]
- the Residential Care Subsidy Amendment (Workforce Supplement) Principle 2013, made under the *Aged Care Act 1997* [[F2013L01748](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) tabled a document relating to the Senate order on the towing of an Indonesian vessel [a [motion](#) was moved and agreed to]

Orders with continuing effect

Health Insurance—Anti-competitive practices

A report by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on anti-competitive and other practices by health funds and providers in relation to private health insurance was tabled [The report was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [25 March 1999](#) on the motion of Senator Harradine and amended on [18 September 2002](#)]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A [statement](#) of compliance for the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

[Notices of motion](#)

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- The Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) to table documents relating to an undetected boat arrival carrying asylum seekers—no later than noon on 12 December 2013—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young
- The Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment (Senator Cormann) to table the full text of proposed free trade agreements—at least 14 days before signing—notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)

Documents tabled

- [2 petitions](#), and a petitioning document
- [Government documents](#) [and [considered](#)]

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- Administration—[Wet Tropics Management Authority—Board](#)—moved by Senator Waters
- Environment—[Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage area](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- Foreign affairs—[Human rights—Use of torture](#)—moved by Senators Wright and Rhiannon
- Health—[Central Australia—Renal services](#)—moved by Senator Siewert [[statements](#) were made]
- Immigration—[Detention facilities—Children](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young [[statements](#) were made]
- Industry—[Automotive industry](#)—moved by Senator Carr [debated as a matter of urgency — [first speaker](#)]

Motion negatived

Education—[University funding](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon [a statement was made]

Notices of motion

To adopt orders relating to the broadcasting of Senate and committee proceedings

A notice of motion was given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) to adopt new orders relating to the broadcasting of Senate and committee proceedings

Other notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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