



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 12 November 2013

The Senate met from 10.30 am until 7.37 pm

Opening of 44th Parliament

The Deputy of the Governor-General opened the 44th Parliament in the Senate chamber. Following a suspension of sitting, the Governor-General addressed the members of both houses assembled in the Senate chamber. The Senate agreed that the speech will be debated and an address-in-reply agreed to.

Senators Dastyari and Tillem were sworn in as senators to fill the vacancies in the representation of New South Wales and Victoria, respectively.

Senators Lundy and Seselja (representing the Australian Capital Territory) and Senators Scullion and Peris (representing the Northern Territory) were sworn in.

The Leader of the Government in the Senate advised the Senate of the First Abbott Ministry and party appointments in the Senate.

The Leader of the Nationals in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and the Leader of the Australian Greens advised the Senate of various party appointments.

A motion moved by Senator Fifield to enable the Senate to meet at 9.30 am on Wednesday, 13 November 2013 was agreed to and a [notice](#) of motion was given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) to establish the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2013.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Notices of motion

To introduce government bills

- Australian Capital Territory Water Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—notice given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham)

- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013—notice given by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion)

To introduce private senators' bills

- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Senate Optional Preferential Voting) Bill 2013—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ National Integrity Commission Bill 2013—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Xenophon

To restore private senators' bills to the Senate Notice Paper

- ❑ Fair Trade (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Madigan
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Madigan

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

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

Committees

Reports tabled

Presented since the last sitting of the Senate

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—
 - Annual reports (No. 2 of 2013) [[report](#)]
 - Homelessness Bill 2013 and a related bill [[report](#)]
 - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Public Housing Tenants' Support) Bill 2013 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—
 - Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD) [[interim report](#)]
 - Impacts on health of air quality in Australia [[interim report](#) and [final report](#)]
 - Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of intersex people in Australia [[report](#)]
 - Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of people with disabilities in Australia [[report](#)]
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission: the role of gatekeepers in Australia's financial services system [[report](#)]
- ❑ Cyber Safety Select Committee—Options for addressing the issue of sexting by minors [[report](#)]

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Go for Fair Use) Bill 2013 [[report](#)]
- Environment and Communications References Committee—
 - Effectiveness of current regulatory arrangements in dealing with radio simulcasts [[report](#)]
 - Effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities’ protection in Australia [[interim report](#), [second interim report](#), [third interim report](#) and [final report](#)]
 - Impacts of imposing a certain carrier licence condition on Telstra Corporation Limited [[report](#)]
 - Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events [[interim report](#), [second interim report](#) and [final report](#)]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—
 - African Development Bank Bill 2013 [[report](#)]
 - Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013 [[report](#)]
- Law Enforcement Joint Committee—Spectrum for public safety mobile broadband [[report](#)]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Telecommunications Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2013 [[report](#)]
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—440th report—Annual report 2012-13 [[report](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
 - Beef imports into Australia [[interim report](#), [first report](#) and [erratum](#) to first report]
 - Citrus industry in Australia [[interim report](#) and [further interim report](#)]
 - Fresh ginger import risk analysis; fresh pineapple imports; New Zealand potatoes import risk analysis [[second interim report](#), [third interim report](#)]
 - Ownership arrangements of grain handling [[interim report](#) and [second interim report](#)]
 - Practice of sports science in Australia [[first interim report](#)] [[second interim report](#)] [[final report](#)]
- Treaties Joint Committee—135th report—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2013 [[report](#)]

Other report

Treaties Joint Committee—136th report—Treaty tabled on 14 May 2013 [[report](#)]

Government responses presented since the last sitting of the Senate

- Community Affairs References Committee—The role of the Therapeutic Goods Administration regarding medical devices, particularly Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) breast implants
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—The performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services
- National Broadband Network Joint Standing Committee—Fifth report: Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network

- ❑ National Broadband Network Select Committee—Second interim, third, fourth and final reports

Documents tabled

- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Social Security Amendment (Supporting More Australians into Work) Bill 2013—Additional information
- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy—Additional information

Notices of motion given

- ❑ Amendment to standing order 18 relating to the Committee of Privileges—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ Notice of matters to be raised at supplementary Budget estimates hearings—notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)
- ❑ To amend standing order 25(1) and allocate departments and agencies to legislative and general purpose standing committees—notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)
- ❑ To establish estimates hearings for the 2013-14 supplementary Budget estimates—notice given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)
- ❑ To modify an order of the Senate relating to Fair Work Australia and estimates hearings—notice given by Senator Marshall

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Effectiveness of the ‘Direct Action Plan’—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ Repeal of the carbon tax—notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
- ❑ Surveillance of private communications and interception of personal data—notice given by Senator Ludlam

Memberships

- ❑ The Senate agreed to 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]

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Hanson-Young gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow the [Migration Amendment \(Temporary Protection Visas\) Regulation 2013](#), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 234

Orders for the production of documents

[Notices of motion](#) given

Senator Cameron relating to the Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund, to be tabled by no later than 2 pm on 14 November 2013

Senator Hanson-Young relating to border protection

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) relating to the Government's response to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, be tabled by no later than 5 December 2013

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for various portfolios and agencies were 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] [entries [56](#) and [75](#) refers]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

[Letters](#) of advice for various portfolios and agencies were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

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] [entries [57](#) and [76](#) refers]

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] [entries [54](#) and [74](#) refers]

Unproclaimed legislation

A document was tabled showing details of unproclaimed Acts, together with a statement of reasons for non-proclamation and a timetable for their operation [Standing order 139(2) requires tabling before 31 August each year]

Documents tabled

Presented since the last sitting of the Senate

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports nos 1 to 9 of 2013-14](#), and the [annual report](#) for 2012-13
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Other documents

- [1 petition](#)
- 44th Conference of Presiding Officers and Clerks—Canberra, Australia—30 June to 4 July 2013—Report
- [Business of the Senate](#)—1 January to 30 June 2013 [a digest of all business considered by the Senate in the first half of 2013]
- Department of Parliamentary Services—Report for 2012-13 [[report](#)]
- Department of the Senate—Report for 2012-13 [[report](#)]
- [Government documents](#) relating to the Australian Human Rights Commission [[statement](#) incorporated in Hansard]
- Parliamentary Budget Office—Report for 2012-13 [[report](#)]
- Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Report for 2012-13 [[report](#)]
- [Questions on Notice Summary](#)—28 September 2010 to 5 August 2013
- Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - Nurses and midwives—from the Premier of South Australia (Mr Weatherill) [resolution agreed to [15 May 2013](#)]
 - Mental illness—from the Premier of Western Australia (Mr Barnett) [resolution agreed to [16 May 2013](#)]
 - Renal health services in central Australia—from the Minister for Indigenous Health (Mr Snowdon) [resolution agreed to [24 June 2013](#)]
 - Small-scale food producers—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) [resolution of the Senate of [24 June 2013](#)]
- [Work of Committees](#)—1 January to 30 June 2013

Ministerial statement presented since the last sitting of the Senate

The President tabled a ministerial statement by the Special Minister of State and Minister for Public Service and Integrity (Mr Dreyfus) about government advertising guidelines

Other business

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Death of former senator and member

The President informed the Senate of the death on, 30 September 2013, of Janet Frances Powell, AM, a senator for the state of Victoria from 1986 to 1993. A motion of condolence moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) was carried [[first speaker](#)]

The President informed the Senate of the death on 13 October 2013 of the Honourable David Scott Thomson, MC, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Leichhardt from 1975 to 1983. A motion of condolence moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) was carried [[first speaker](#)]

Death of former member

The President informed the Senate of the death on, 29 September 2013, of Michael John Bernard Maher, OAM, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Lowe, New South Wales

Temporary chairs of committees

Warrants were tabled nominating various senators as temporary chairs of committees [entries nos [11](#) and [82](#) refers]

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [entries [13](#) and [73](#) refers]

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