



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 13 November 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.50 pm

Senators

Senators [Seselja](#) and [Peris](#) gave their first speeches

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Australian Capital Territory Water Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 [Senate bill] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013 [private senator's [bill](#)]
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013 [Senate bill] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ National Integrity Commission Bill 2013 [private senator's [bill](#)]
- ❑ Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013 [private senator's [bill](#)]

The following bills were restored to the Notice Paper

- ❑ Fair Trade (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013 [private senator's [bill](#)]
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013 [private senator's [bill](#)]

[Notices of motion](#)

- ❑ To exempt the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013 from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
- ❑ Relating to the temporary order for the consideration of private senators' bills on Thursday

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

- The Senate agreed to motions—
 - [amending standing order 25\(1\)](#) (committee name changes) and allocating portfolios to committees
 - [establishing committee groupings and dates](#) for supplementary budget estimates hearings
 - [for lodging notice of matters](#) relating to the supplementary budget estimates hearing
 - [relating to the appearance of the President of the Fair Work Commission](#) at estimates hearings of the Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Proposed references

The Senate debated but did not agree to refer the following matters to Environment and Communications References Committee—

- Direct Action Plan [[first speaker](#)]
- Repeal of the carbon tax [[first speaker](#)]

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To refer matters to committees

- Current ratio of Australian goods and services versus imported goods and services utilised by the Commonwealth—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by the first sitting day in March 2014—notice given by Senators Madigan and Xenophon
- Legislative proposals to reform the Senate voting system—Electoral Matters Joint Committee—to report by the last day of sitting in March 2014—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- Ownership arrangements of grain handling in Australia—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 13 December 2013—notice given by Senator Siewert
- Performance, importance and role of Australia Post—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 11 December 2013—notice given by Senator Xenophon

To establish a select committee

National Broadband Network Select Committee—to report by 10 June 2014—notice given by Senators Ludlum and Lundy

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]

Orders for the production of documents

[Notice of motion given](#)

Senator Whish-Wilson relating to the Trans-Pacific Partnership plurilateral free trade agreement, to be tabled by 5 December 2013

Motions agreed to

The Senate ordered that documents relating to the:

- [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 5th Assessment report](#) to be tabled by 5 December 2013
- [Reserve Bank of Australia](#) to be tabled by no later than 2 pm on 14 November 2013

Order 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]

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#) [and considered]

Other business

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

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Days of meeting

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing the sitting days for the remainder of 2013

Temporary order—question time

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) that the modified rules for question time continue to operate until 30 June 2014

Motions agreed to

- [Automotive industry](#)—moved by Senator Carr, at the request of Senator Moore [debated as a matter of urgency – [first speaker](#)]
- Health—[World Sight Day](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon
- Women—[International Day of the Girl Child](#)—moved by Senators Rhiannon, Moore and Cash

Motions negatived

- Primary Industries–Proposed acquisition of GrainCorp–moved by Senator Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]
- Environment–Queensland–Abbot Point–moved by Senator Waters [a [statement](#) was made]

Address-in-reply

Debate commenced on the Address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s speech and will resume on a later sitting day [[first speaker](#)]

First speeches

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing dates for new senators to make their first speeches

Notices of motion

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

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