



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 14 May 2013

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.18 pm

Senators

The President announced the resignation, on 12 April 2013, of Senator Chris Evans, a senator for the state of Western Australia

National Apology for Forced Adoptions

A [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Conroy) on 21 March 2013 supporting the apology given by the Prime Minister, on behalf of the nation, to people affected by forced adoption and removal policies and practices was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

Budget 2013-14

[Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites](#)

The Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs (Senator Thistlethwaite) tabled the Budget statement for the year 2013-14 and associated budget papers and ministerial statements.

The Senate [referred](#) budget documents to legislation committees to enable them to consider estimates. Estimates hearings will take place from 27 May to 6 June 2013.

The Opposition and other parties will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday, 16 May 2013.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013 [This bill was then debated (see below)]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Reform of Self Managed Superannuation Funds Supervisory Levy Arrangements) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 March 2013] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was debated

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Advertising for Sports Betting) Bill 2013–notice given by Senator Di Natale
- Interactive Gambling Amendment (Virtual Credits) Bill 2013–notice given by Senator Xenophon
- Overseas Aid (Millennium Development Goals) Bill 2013–notice given by Senator Rhiannon
- Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2013–notice given by Senator Rhiannon

To discharge bills from the Notice Paper

- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2010–notice given by Senator Ludlam
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012 (No. 2)–notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (International Broadcasting Services) Bill 2011–notice given by Senator Ludlam

Messages from the House of Representatives

- National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2013–agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [this bill has now been assented to]
- Royal Commissions Amendment Bill 2013–agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [this bill has now been assented to]

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Bill 2013–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

- ❑ Australia Council Bill 2013 and the Australia Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Australians Jobs Bill 2013 (exposure draft)–Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Material of Local Significance) Bill 2013 and the delivery of news coverage in rural and regional areas by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
- ❑ Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012 (No. 2)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment Bill 2013–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2013–Economics Legislation Committee–[\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee– [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Small Business Commissioner Bill 2013–Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Countering Tax Avoidance and Multinational Profit Shifting) Bill 2013–Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other reports

- ❑ An estate for the future: Inquiry into the allocation of land to diplomatic missions in the ACT–National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee [\[report\]](#) [[a motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Annual report for 2012–Senators’ Interests Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Auditor-General’s reports nos 26 of 2007-08 and 22 of 2012-13 in relation to the Tasmanian forest industry–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- ❑ Aviation accident investigation–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- ❑ Cybersafety for Seniors: A worthwhile journey–Cyber Safety Joint Committee [\[report\]](#) [[a motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Development and operation of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax–Economics References Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Implementation of the 1999 recommendations of the Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance–Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- ❑ Performance of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and agencies (live animal export arrangements)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

- ❑ Possible unauthorised disclosure of the draft report of the Select Committee on Electricity Prices (152nd report)–Privileges Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to endorse a conclusion was moved]
- ❑ Publications Committee–24th report [[report](#)]
- ❑ Supply of chemotherapy drugs–Community Affairs References Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Teaching and learning – maximising our investment in Australian schools–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

Committee documents tabled

- ❑ Australia’s domestic response to the World Health Organization’s Commission on Social Determinants of Health report–Community Affairs References Committee–Additional information
- ❑ Delegated legislation monitors nos 1 to 4 of 2013–Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- ❑ Management of the Murray-Darling Basin–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Additional information

Government responses tabled

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Parliamentary Joint Committee–Collapse of Trio Capital
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–The prevention and treatment of problem gambling

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Standing–14 May 2013 from 1 pm–slavery, slavery like conditions and people trafficking–public meeting
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–14 May 2013 from 3.30 pm– private meeting
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–15 May 2013 from 12.30 pm–Auditor-General’s reports nos 26 of 2007-08 and 22 of 2012-13 in relation to the Tasmanian forest industry–public meeting

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Broadcasting Services Amendment (Material of Local Significance) Bill 2013 and the delivery of news coverage in rural and regional areas by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation–to report by 20 June 2013
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Implementation of the 1999 recommendations of the Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance–to report by 24 May 2013

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–
 - Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (New Mandate and Other Measures) Bill 2013–to report by 17 June 2013
 - Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Military Compensation Review and Other Measures) Bill 2013–to report by 17 June 2013
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Auditor-General’s reports nos 26 of 2007-08 and 22 of 2012-13 in relation to the Tasmanian forest industry–to report by 11 June 2013
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Aviation accident investigation–to report by 23 May 2013

Notices of motion

To extend reporting deadlines

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Great Barrier Reef) Bill 2013–to report by 13 June 2013
- Environment and Communications References Committee–Protection of Australia’s threatened species and ecological communities–to report by 20 June 2013
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–
 - Australia and the countries of the Indian ocean rim–to report by 17 June 2013
 - Victims of sexual and other abuse in Defence–to report by 27 June 2013
- Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–advertising and promotion of gambling services in sport–to report by 28 June 2013
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Australian citrus industry–to report by 31 July 2013

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Community Affairs References Committee–15 May 2013 from 5 pm–public meeting–Sterilisation of people with disabilities
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–16 May 2013 from 1 pm–public meeting–Broadcasting Services Amendment (Material of Local Significance) Bill 2013 and the delivery of news coverage in rural and regional areas by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Standing Committee–16 May 2013 from 11 am–public meeting–Review of Defence annual report 2011-12

To refer matters to committees

- Any bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 16 May and before 6 June 2013 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2013–Committees–to report by 17 June 2013–Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)
- Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN)–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee–to report by 27 June 2013–notice given by Senator Wright

- Proposed takeover of GrainCorp by Archer Daniels Midland–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 31 July 2013—notice given by the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Heffernan)

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee memberships

A [message](#) was reported from the House of Representatives notifying of changes to the membership of joint 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, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Notice of motion for approval given

Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) gave a notice of motion to approve the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Amendment Regulation 2013 (No. 1) [[homepage](#)]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General–Audit reports nos 27 to 34 of 2012-13
- Government documents [Journal entries nos [2](#) and [43](#) refers]
- Responses to Senate resolutions about–
 - Conviction records—from the ACT Attorney-General (Mr Corbell) [resolution agreed to on 22 November 2012]
 - Legal services—from the Attorney-General (Mr Dreyfus) [resolution agreed to on 6 February 2013]
 - Country Fire Authority—from the Victorian Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Minister for Bushfire Response (Mr Wells) [resolution agreed to on 7 February 2013] [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]
 - Lake Eyre—from the Premier of Queensland (Mr Newman) and the Premier of South Australia (Mr Weatherill) [resolution agreed to on 27 February 2013]
 - Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service and licence fees—from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) [resolution agreed to on 28 February 2013]
 - Container deposit scheme—from the Premier of South Australia (Mr Weatherill) [resolution agreed to on 13 March 2013] [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]
 - Roman Catholic Pontiff—from Monsignor Luis-Miguel Muno Cardaba [resolution agreed to on 19 March 2013]
 - Australian peacekeepers—from Rear Admiral Ken Doolan, AO, RAN (Ret'd) [resolution agreed to on 20 March 2013] [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]

- Sri Lanka—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) [resolution agreed to on 21 March 2013]
 - World Down Syndrome Day—from the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Ms Macklin) [resolution agreed to on 21 March 2013]
 - National Close the Gap Day—from the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Ms McKenzie) [resolution agreed to on 21 March 2013] [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]
 - Grandcarers support scheme—from the Minister for Community Services (Ms Collins) [resolution agreed to on 21 March 2013]
- 2 [petitions](#)
 - National Schools Constitutional Convention 2013—Communique

Orders for the production of documents

The following document was tabled in response to an order of the Senate:

- Primary industries—Fisheries management legislation review [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 20 March 2013]

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for various portfolios were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year] [Journal entries nos [46](#) and [70](#) refer]

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [Hours of meeting and routine of business for Budget week](#)—moved by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Renewable energy—Funding cuts](#)—proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Death of former members

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) informed the Senate of the death, on 21 March 2013, of Maxwell Wilkinson Oldmeadow, a former member of the House of Representatives for the division of Holt from 1972 to 1975

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) informed the Senate of the death, on 2 April 2013, of the Honourable Ian Bonython Cameron Wilson, AM, a former minister and member of the House of Representatives for the division of Sturt from 1966 to 1969, and from 1972 to 1993. A [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Conroy) was carried [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

- Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate [Journal entries nos [15](#) and [84](#) refer]

Ministerial arrangements

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Conroy) informed the Senate of changes to the [Gillard Ministry](#).

Question on notice—Failure to provide answer

[Senator Cash](#) asked the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Lundy) why answers had not been provided to questions on notice relating to estimates hearings. Senator Lundy provided an explanation. A motion moved by Senator Cash to take note of the explanation was agreed to

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