



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 14 November 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.03 pm

The Senate will meet again on 2 December 2013. Senate committees will meet from 18 to 21 November 2013 to consider [supplementary Budget estimates](#)

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bill considered

The following bill was exempted, introduced, debated and passed

- Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013—[Minister's [second reading speech](#)] [[first speaker](#)]-1 Opposition amendment agreed to [on 14 November 2013 the House of Representatives considered the amendment made by the Senate and did not accept the amendment]

[Notice of motion](#)

To introduce a private senator's bill

- Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

Committees

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

Estimates

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

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 9 of 2013](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and a related bill—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—to report by 2 December 2013

- ❑ Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 and related bills—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 2 December 2013
- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by the first sitting Wednesday in March 2014
- ❑ Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—to report by 2 December 2013
- ❑ Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 2 December 2013
- ❑ Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by the first sitting Wednesday in March 2014

Other references

- ❑ [Australia Post](#)—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 11 December 2013
- ❑ [Commonwealth procurement procedures](#)—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by the first sitting day in March 2014

Reports relating to inquiries of the 43rd Parliament

The Senate agreed to recommendations by various committees to readopt certain inquiries not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament [entries [24](#) and [33](#) refers]

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer a matter relating to the [interception of personal data](#) to Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee [[statements](#) were made]

[Notices of motion](#)

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [provisions]—Education and Employment References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2014—notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
- ❑ Re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission—Education and Employment References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2014—notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)

Establishment of a new select committee

[National Broadband Network Select Committee](#)—to report on or before 10 June 2014 [[statements](#) were made]

Memberships

The Senate agreed to [changes to the membership](#) of 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

[Motion agreed to](#)

The Senate ordered that documents relating to asylum seekers be tabled by 18 November 2013—motion of Senator Hanson-Young [statements were made]

[Document tabled](#)

Correspondence from the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 13 November 2013 relating to a Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund grant

[Notice of motion](#) given

Senator Di Natale relating to the East West Link project, to be tabled by 11 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 [35](#) and [39](#) refers]

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 [36](#) and [40](#) refers]

Documents tabled

- Department of Parliamentary Services—Report for 2012-13—Corrigendum
- Department of the Senate—Travel expenditure; and travel allowance payment to senators and member for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

[Documents considered](#)

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed

Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) made and tabled a [statement relating to the centenary of ANZAC](#) [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

Other business

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

Temporary order–consideration of private senators' bills

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) that the temporary order relating to the consideration of private senators' bill continue to operate until 30 June 2014, with effect from 2 December 2013

Motions agreed to

- [Automotive industry](#)–moved by Senators Gallacher, Farrell and McEwen and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) [[statements](#) were made]
- [Death of Seamus Heaney](#)–moved by Senators Stephens and Mason
- [Finance–Commission of Audit](#)–moved by Senator Moore [debated as general business item – [first speaker](#)]
- [Foreign affairs–Sri Lanka–Human rights](#)–moved by Senator Rhiannon and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- [Historical events–Industrial action by waterside workers–75th anniversary](#)–moved by Senators Rhiannon and Moore [a [statement](#) was made]

Motions negated

- [Environment–Coal seam gas](#)–moved by Senator Waters
- [Regional Australia–Agricultural land–Foreign ownership](#)–moved by Senator Madigan
- [Science and technology–Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant](#)–moved by Senator Ludlam

Address-in-reply

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

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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