The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.42 pm

**Legislation**

**Bills and related documents**

**Bills considered**

The following bills were introduced


- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Consumer Protection) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 February 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]

The following bill was debated

Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013–second reading debate continued–second reading amendment pending [first speaker]

**Private senator’s bill to be debated**

On 14 November 2013 the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators’ bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 13 February 2014 the Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013 is scheduled for debate

**Notices of motion to introduce bills**

- Adelaide Airport Curfew Amendment (Protecting Residents’ Amenity) Bill 2014–notice given by Senator Wright
- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Reducing Barriers for Minor Parties) Bill 2014–notice given by Senator Rhiannon
- Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2014–notice given by Senator Rhiannon

**Bills assented to**

Assent to a number of laws was reported in the Senate
Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Reports and committee documents presented out of sitting
- Review of the citrus industry in Australia—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee [report]
- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information

Report tabled

Human Rights Joint Committee—2nd report of the 44th Parliament—Examination of legislation in accordance with the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011: Bills introduced 9 to 12 December 2013 and legislative instruments received 23 November 2013 to 31 January 2014 [a motion to take note of the document was agreed to]

Government responses presented out of sitting
- Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—The feasibility of a prohibition on charging fees for an unlisted number service [response]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Progress report no. 1—Implementation of the Defence Trade Controls Act 2012

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme to meet while the Senate is sitting—12 February 2014 from 10.30 am—private meeting

Report adopted

Procedure Committee—Second report of 2013 [recommendations were adopted]

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on the Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013 to 4 March 2014

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting
- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee—13 February 2014 from 10 am—private briefing, followed by a public meeting—2012-13 report of the Australian Commission on Law Enforcement Integrity
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—13 February 2014—private meeting
Law Enforcement Joint Committee—
- 12 February 2014 from 5.30 pm–private briefing
- 5 March 2014 from 5.30 pm–public meeting

National Disability Insurance Scheme Joint Committee—5, 19 and 26 March 2014 from 10.30 am–private meeting

Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—13 February, and 6, 20 and 27 March 2014 from 10.30 am–public meetings

To extend reporting deadlines

Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Commonwealth procurement procedures—to report by 30 June 2014

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013—to report by 27 March 2014

To refer a matter to a committee

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Operation Sovereign Borders breach between 1 December 2013 and 20 January 2014—to report by 20 March 2014—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership

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 amendments to the Migration Regulations 1994 made by the Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrival) Regulation 2013 [F2013L02104]

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

Documents provided to Infrastructure Australia by the New South Wales Government relating to the WestConnex motorway project were tabled [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 12 December 2013]
Notices of motion

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

- The Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection to table documents about lifeboats for use in border protection operations—no later than noon on 13 February 2014
- The Minister representing the Minister for Industry to table a report about assistance to SPC Ardmona—no later than 13 February 2014

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for various portfolios 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]

Departmental and agency grants

A letter of advice for the Finance portfolio was tabled [Lists of all grants approved are required to be tabled 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

Documents tabled

- 1 petitioning document
- Auditor-General—Audit reports nos 12 to 18 of 2013-14
- Government documents [see Journals entries 2 and 26] [and considered]
- Order from the Court of Disputed Returns – Dismissing an election petition in respect of the election of senators for the state of Western Australia
- Report of the parliamentary advisers to Australia’s permanent mission to the United Nations in 2013 [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Responses to Senate resolutions about—
  - Arrest of persons from the Arctic Sunrise—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop) [resolution agreed to on 2 December 2013] [a motion to take note of the response was agreed to]
  - Children in detention facilities—from the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Mr Morrison) [resolution agreed to on 10 December 2013]
  - Mobile home parks—from the Director, Indirect Tax, Australian Taxation Office (Ms Zeitlhofer) [resolution agreed to on 12 December 2013] [a motion to take note of the response was agreed to]
  - Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme—Impact of treaties—from the Minister for Health (Mr Dutton) [resolution agreed to on 12 December 2013]
Protection of nationally important species and wilderness places—from the Acting Premier of Western Australia (Dr Hames), Premier of New South Wales (Mr O’Farrell), Premier of South Australia (Mr Weatherill) [2], Premier of Tasmania (Ms Giddings) and the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt) [resolution agreed to on 11 December 2013]

Whaling—from the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Mr Morrison) [resolution agreed to on 11 December 2013] [a motion to take note of the response was agreed to]

Ministerial statements

- The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) made a ministerial statement about the centenary of ANZAC [statements were made - first speaker]
- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham) tabled a ministerial statement about the conclusion of Free Trade Agreement negotiations with Korea [a motion to take note of the statement was agreed to – first speaker]

Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–first question
Adjournment debate–first speaker

Proposed suspension of standing orders

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion relating to the consideration of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and a related bill, and the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 [first speaker]

Death of former senator

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 5 January 2014, of Arthur Thomas Gietzelt, AO, a senator for the state of New South Wales from 1971 to 1989. 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 Acting Deputy President (Senator Bernardi) informed the Senate of the death, on 10 December 2013, of Peter Hertford Drummond, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Forrest, Western Australia

Matter of public importance discussed

Manufacturing sector–proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]

Motion agreed to

Foreign affairs–India–Outlawing of homosexual acts–moved by Senator Hanson-Young [a statement was made]
**Notices of motion**

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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