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Section 1: Business conducted in the Senate

1.1 General statistics

	Autumn (11/2 – 27/3)	Budget/Winter (13/5 – 17/7)	Spring (26/8 – 4/12)	Total
Number of sittings days	15	19	29	63
Hours of sitting	150 hrs 01 mins	199 hrs 22 mins	302 hrs 55 mins	652 hrs 18 mins
Average length of a sitting day	10 hrs	10 hrs 30 mins	10 hrs 27 mins	10 hrs 21 mins
Longest sitting day	11 hrs 28 mins (17 and 24 March)	18 hrs 20 mins (17 and 18 July)	16 hrs 47 mins (30 October)	18 hrs 20 mins (17 and 18 July)
Shortest sitting day	8 hrs 23 mins (18 March)	9 hrs 26 mins (24 June)	5 hrs 43 mins (27 October)	5 hrs 43 mins (27 October)
Questions placed on notice	253 (1/1 – 28/3)	371 (31/3 – 30/6)	900 (1/7 – 31/12)	1524
Questions without notice* Question time held on:	453 (15 sitting days)	600 (19 sitting days)	909 (28 sitting days)	1962 (62 sitting days)
Average daily number of questions without notice*	30.2	31.6	32.5	31.6
Petitions presented	4	12	18	34
Signatories to petitions	29 886	13 604	87 968	131 458
Delegated legislation—Notices of motion for disallowance:				
Given	11	16	5	32
Agreed to	6	4	4	14
Negatived	2	5	2	9
Withdrawn	4	2	5	11
Still before the Senate	2	7	1	N/A
Statements by the President, and Deputy President/Chair of Committees	1	8	6	15
Ministerial statements	7	5	11	23
Matters of public importance	10	7	11	28
Urgency motions	1	4	6	11
Principal motions agreed to	44	38	92	174
Condolence motions	2	2	4	8
Censure motions	1	0	1	2
Orders made for the production of documents (agreed to)	13	10	30	53
Government responses to committee reports tabled	9	11	26	46
Divisions	35	120	164	319

* Includes supplementary questions.

1.2 Senate sittings 2014

A sitting period is defined as a period during which the Senate adjourns for not more than 20 days (standing order 111).

Number of sitting days:

Autumn sitting period—11 February to 27 March	15
Budget sitting period—13 May to 15 May	3
Winter sitting period—16 June to 17 July	16
Spring sitting period—26 August to 2 October	14
Spring sitting period (2)—27 October to 4 December	15
Total	63

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* Senate suspended on 17 July to sit on 18 July 2014

1.3 Business conducted in the Senate

This section contains graphs showing a breakdown of how the Senate spent its time in 2014, as well as comparisons with previous years. For this purpose, business has been broken down into the following categories:

Business of the Senate includes disallowance motions, motions to refer matters to standing committees and motions concerning the qualification of a senator. It has precedence over government business and general business for the day on which it is listed, except on Monday between 10 am and 2 pm, Tuesday between 12.30 pm and 2 pm, and Wednesday between 9.30 am and 12.45 pm, and for a period of 2 hours 20 minutes on Thursday mornings.

Government business is business initiated by a minister and includes all debate on government bills. Government business takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2 hours 20 minutes on Thursday morning and 2 hours 30 minutes on Thursday afternoons.

General business is initiated by senators who are not ministers. It includes motions to take note of answers, most notices of motion, consideration of committee reports and government responses and matters of public interest/senators' statements. General business takes precedence over government business on Thursdays as described above.

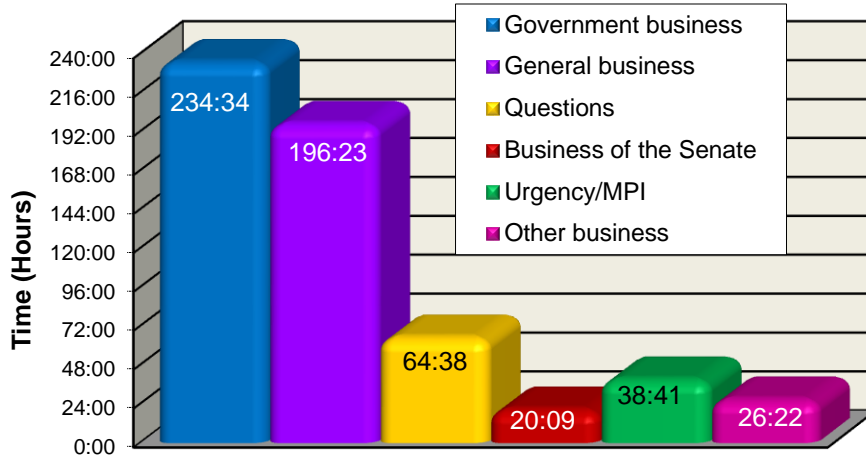
Questions include question time and additional answers given by ministers at the end of question time.

Urgency motions and matters of public importance (MPIs) may be proposed by senators on any sitting day pursuant to standing order 75. At the conclusion of the debate there is no vote taken on the substantive issue of the matter or motion. However, in the case of urgency motions, a procedural vote is taken as to whether the matter is considered urgent or not.

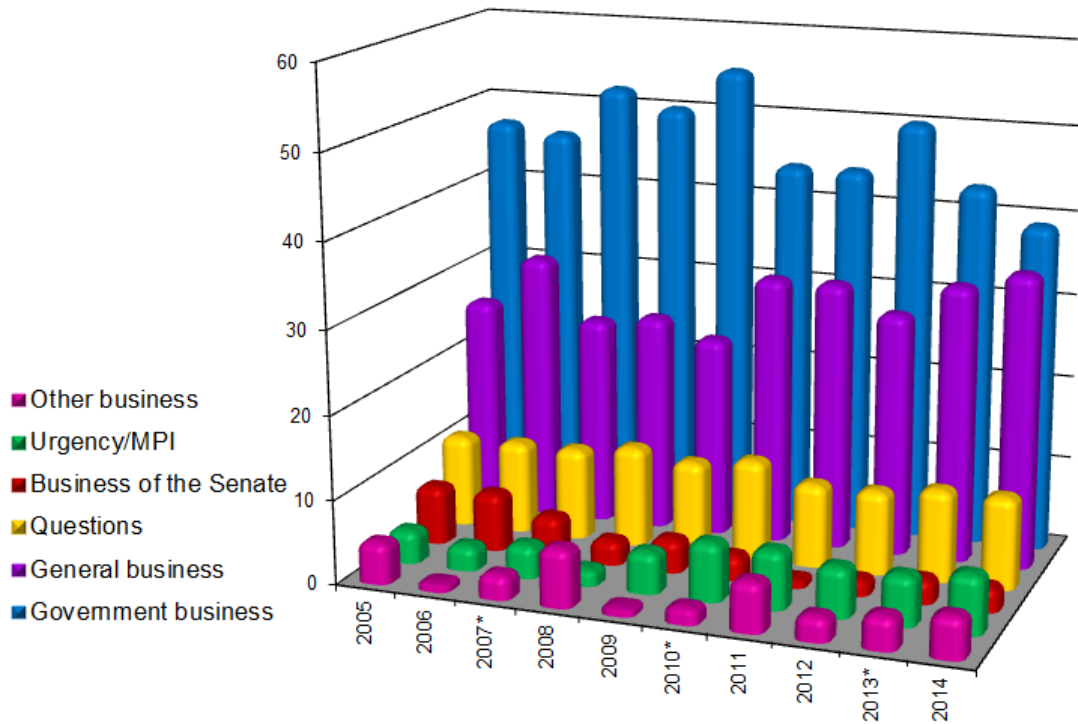
Other business includes prayers, petitions, postponements and ceremonial business.

Adjournment: Note that the time for the adjournment debate is not included in the figures shown.

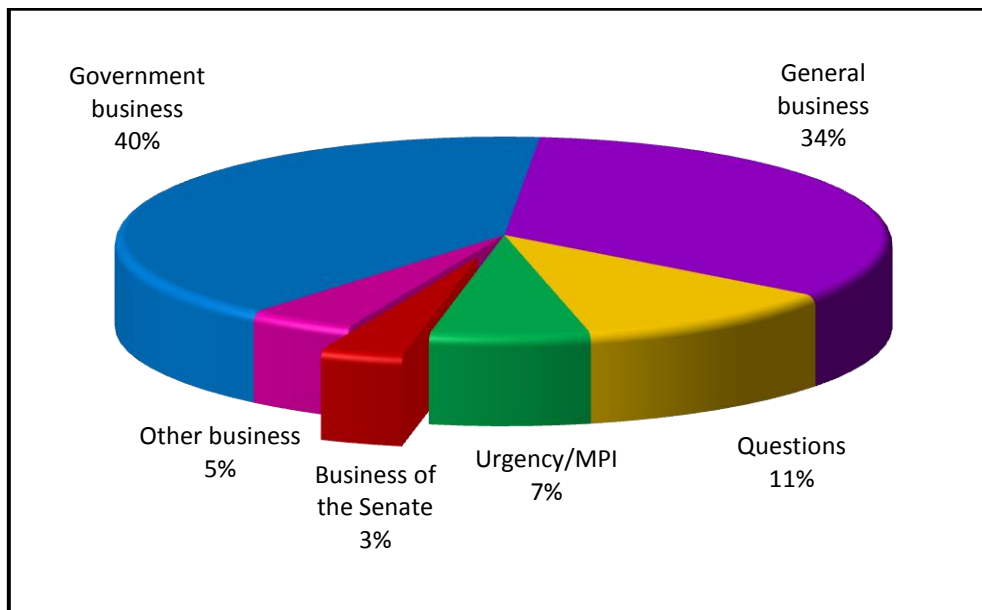
Total time, by type of business - 1 January to 31 December 2014



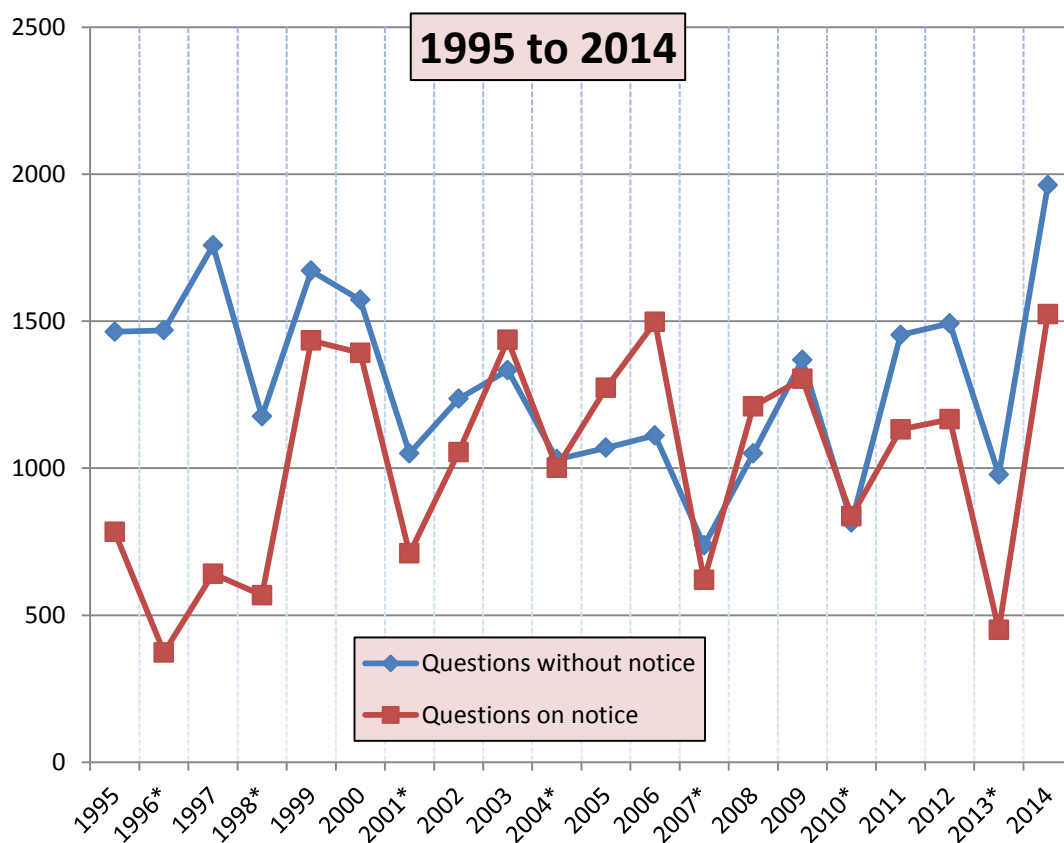
Proportion of time spent according to the type of business: 2005 to 2014



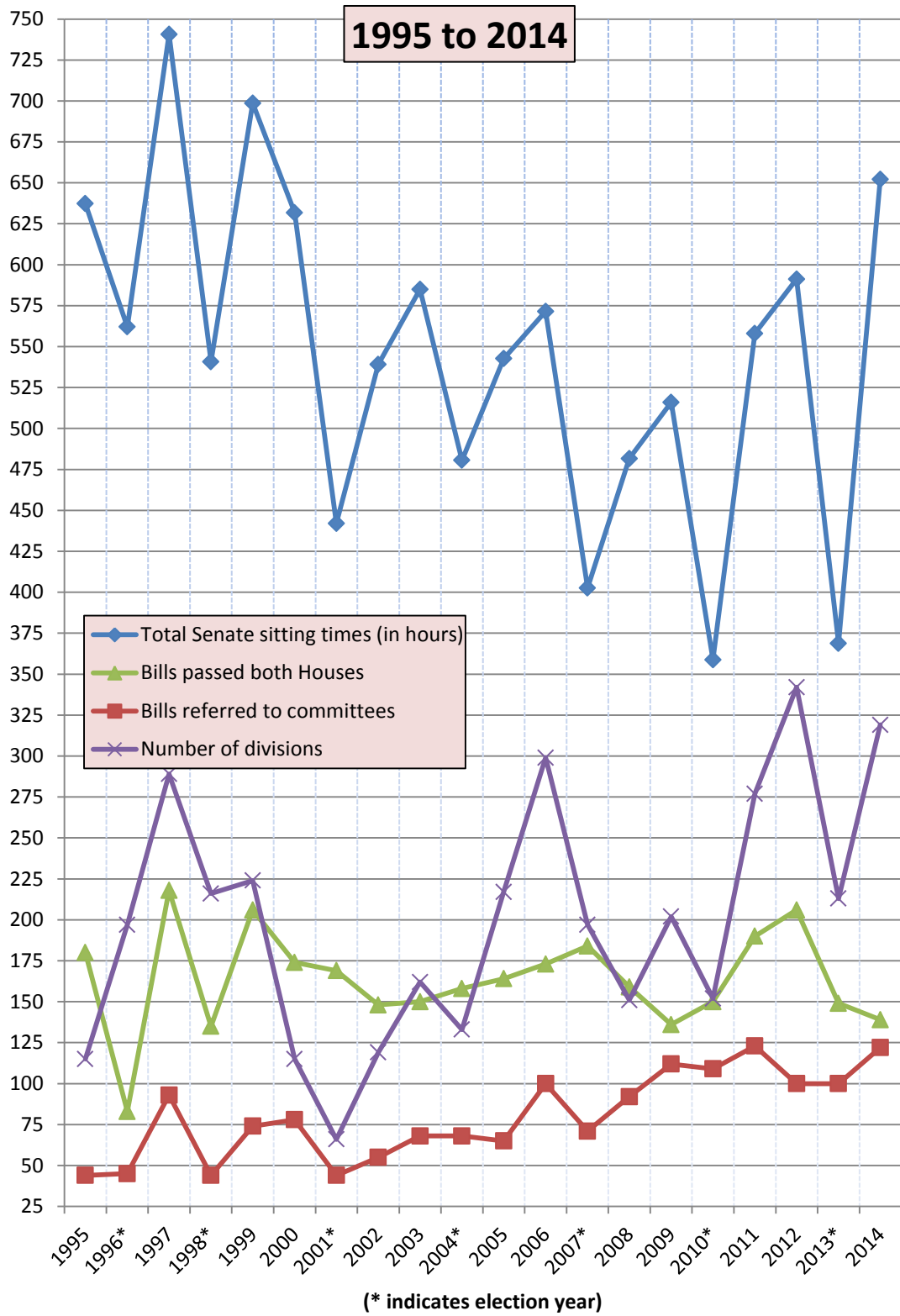
Percentage of time, by type of business: 1 January to 31 December 2014

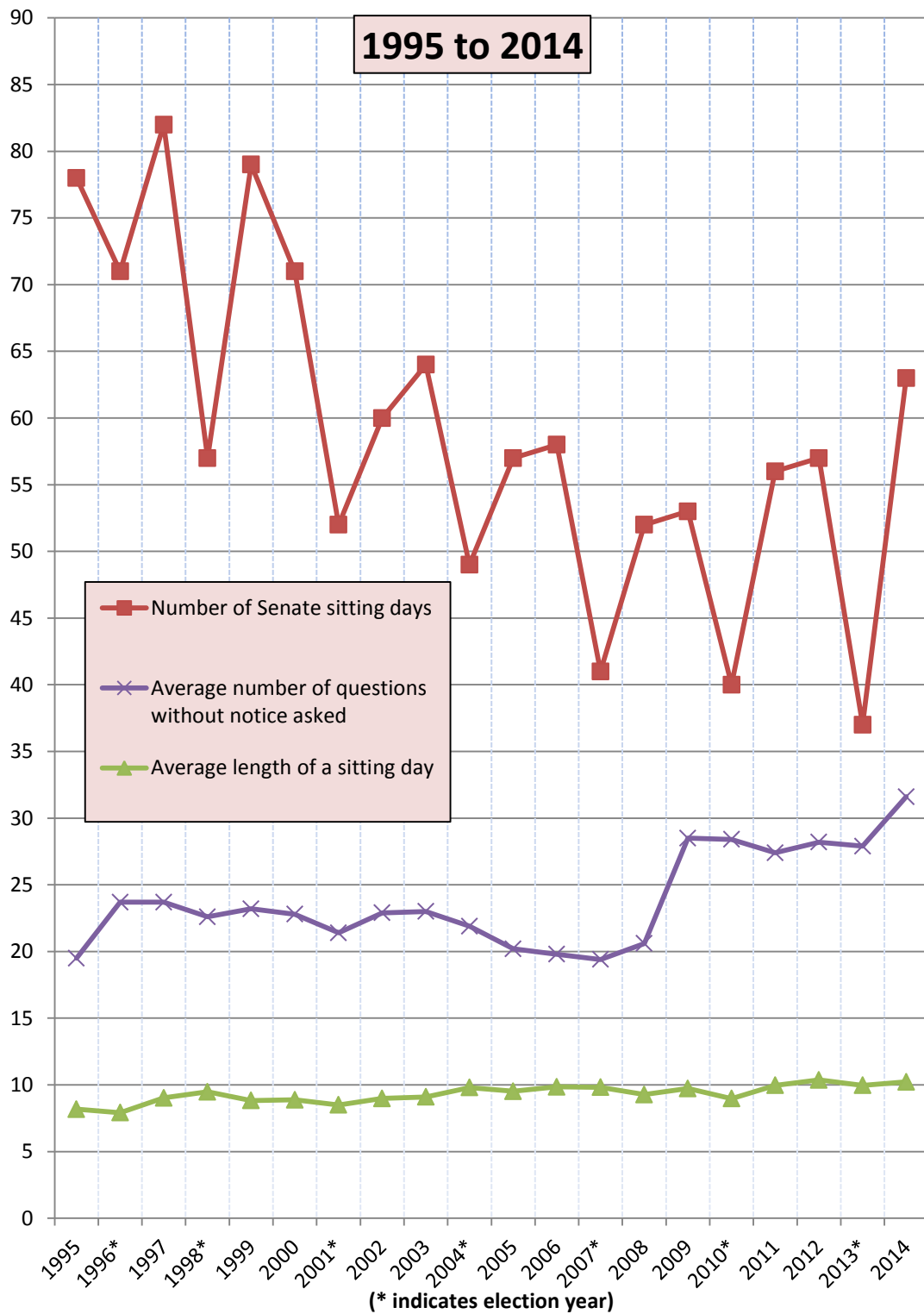


[government legislation 39%, other government business 1%]



(on 24 November 2008 the format of question time was changed to allow 2 supplementaries per question)





Section 2: Legislation

2.1 Legislation statistics

Bills considered by the Senate in the period 1 January to 31 December 2014

Origin

On Senate <i>Notice Paper</i> as at 1 January 2014:	
Government bills (received from the House of Representatives in 2013 and introduced in the Senate in 2013)	18
Private senators' bills (originating in the Senate in 2013)	3
Private senators' bills restored to Senate <i>Notice Paper</i> in 2013	3
Total	24
Introduced in the Senate in 2014:	
Senate Government bills	8
Private senators' bills	36
Total	44
Received from the House of Representatives in 2014:	
Government bills	192
Private member's bill	1
Total	193
Total	261

Outcome

Bills passed by the Senate 2014	
Passed by both Houses:	
Government bills	135
Messages before the House of Representatives to consider Senate amendments to Government bills	3
Government bill laid aside by the House of Representatives	1
Total	139
Bills still before the Senate	
Government bills	51
Private senators' bills	38
Private member's bill	1
Total	90
Bills negated in the Senate	
Negated at second reading:	
Government bills	8
Private senators' bills	3
Government bills negated in committee of the whole	10
Government bills negated at third reading	9
Total	30
Government bills discharged from the Senate <i>Notice Paper</i>	2
Total	261

Number of bills on which there was disagreement between the Houses:	4
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Number of bills to which amendments and requests were moved during 2014:	
Bills to which second reading amendments were moved	23
Bills to which second reading amendments were agreed	9
Bills to which second reading amendments were negatived	14
Bills to which amendments were moved in committee of the whole	28
Bills to which amendments were agreed to in committee of the whole	22
Bills to which amendments were moved in committee of the whole and subsequently withdrawn	1
Bills to which requests were moved in committee of the whole and subsequently withdrawn	0
Bills to which requests were agreed to in committee of the whole	1
Bills in which provisions were opposed and negatived in committee of the whole	15
Bills in which provisions were opposed but agreed to in committee of the whole	16

Amendments, requests etc moved in committee of the whole:

Moved by	Agreed to	Negatived
Government	314	1
Opposition	91	97
Australian Greens	41	157
Palmer United Party ¹	28	0
Independent (Senator Xenophon)	8	24
Liberal Democratic Party	0	16
Democratic Labour Party	0	1
Opposition/Australian Greens	0	1
AG/LDP/Madigan/Xenophon	0	1
DLP/AG/Xenophon	0	3
Total	482	301

¹ 20 amendments withdrawn.

These figures are broken down in detail on pages 25 to 29.

Total number of amendments moved:	803
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Bills considered by the Senate during the period 1 January to 31 December 2014 can be found in the [Senate Bills List](#).

2.2 Bills still before the Senate

Number of bills still before the Senate

Number of government bills	52
Number of private senators' bills	51
Number of private member's bills	1
Total	104

Government bills

Bill short title	Origin
Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Amending Acts 1970 to 1979 Repeal Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Australian Citizenship and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	Senate
Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	House of Representatives
Corporations Amendment (Streamlining of Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Corporations Legislation Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Psychoactive Substances and Other Measures) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014	House of Representatives

Bill short title	Origin
Customs Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements—Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014	Senate
Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Direct Lending and Other Measures) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Federal Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Freedom of Information Amendment (New Arrangements) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Higher Education Support Amendment (Savings and Other Measures) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Repeal Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia's Protection Obligations) Bill 2013	House of Representatives

Bill short title	Origin
National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014	Senate
Paid Parental Leave Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014	Speaker of the House of Representatives
Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 4) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Supplement Cessation) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Student Measures) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2014	House of Representatives
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013	House of Representatives
Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Textile, Clothing and Footwear Investment and Innovation Programs Amendment Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Treasury Legislation Amendment (Repeal Day) Bill 2014	House of Representatives
Tribunals Amalgamation Bill 2014	Senate

Private senators' bills

Bill short title	Origin
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Adelaide Airport Curfew Amendment (Protecting Residents' Amenity) Bill 2014	Wright (AG)
Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) 2012 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014	Xenophon (Ind)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donations Reform) Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Reducing Barriers for Minor Parties) Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014	Xenophon (Ind)
Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014	Whish-Wilson (AG)
Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014	Milne (AG)
Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)
Defence Amendment (Fair Pay for Members of the ADF) Bill 2014	Lambie (Ind)
Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013	Farrell (ALP)
End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Alpine Grazing) Bill 2014	Di Natale (AG)
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014	Ludwig (ALP)
Fair Trade (Australian Standards) Bill 2013	Madigan (Ind)

Bill short title	Origin
Fair Trade (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013	Madigan (Ind)
Flags Amendment Bill 2014	Madigan (Ind) and Xenophon (Ind)
Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind) and Milne (AG)
Freedom to Marry Bill 2014	Leyonhjelm (LDP)
Great Barrier Reef Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	Waters (AG)
Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013	Madigan (Ind)
Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (Improved Oversight and Resourcing) Bill 2014	Wright (AG)
Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2014	Rhiannon (AG)
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Humanitarian Visa Intake) Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Migration Amendment (Visa Maximum Numbers Determinations) Bill 2013	Hanson-Young (AG)
Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014	Milne (AG)
Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014	Milne (AG)
National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014	Urquhart (ALP)
National Integrity Commission Bill 2013	Milne (AG)
Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind)

Bill short title	Origin
Poker Machine Harm Reduction (\$1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [2013]	Di Natale (AG), Madigan (Ind) and Xenophon (Ind)
Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014	Singh (ALP)
Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014	Di Natale (AG)
Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011 [2013]	Xenophon (Ind)
Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2014	Day (FFP), Bernardi (LP), Leyonhjelm (LDP) and Smith (LP)
Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014	Hanson-Young (AG)
Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014	Di Natale (AG), Macdonald (LP), Leyonhjelm (LDP), and Urquhart (ALP)
Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013	Xenophon (Ind) and Madigan (Ind)
Save Our Sharks Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014	Siewert (AG)
Stop Dumping on the Great Barrier Reef Bill 2014	Waters (AG)
Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014	Whish-Wilson (AG)

KEY			
AG	Australian Greens	Ind	Independent
ALP	Australian Labor Party	LDP	Liberal Democratic Party
FFP	Family First Party	LP	Liberal Party of Australia

2.3 Second reading—Amendments moved

The second reading debate is a policy debate relating to the principles of a particular bill. A senator may speak for up to 20 minutes and make a further contribution if a second reading amendment is moved. The second reading debate is opened by a minister who outlines the policies of the government bill, and is usually closed by a minister who may respond to issues raised during the debate. The debate culminates in a vote signifying that the bill is agreed to, or rejected, in principle.

Second reading amendments do not affect the text of a bill. The amendment is moved to the motion for the second reading (“That this bill be now read a second time”), and is generally used to express an opinion about the bill or related policy issues; to propose the reference of the bill or related matters to a committee; or to delay further consideration of the bill. In some circumstances the effect of the amendment, if agreed to, is to defeat the bill.

For more information on the legislative process see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation*.

Number of bills, or packages of bills, to which second reading amendments were moved 23

Number of second reading amendments moved: 28

Second reading amendments agreed to 9

Second reading amendments negatived 17

Second reading amendments pending (*note*: one of the bills was subsequently discharged from the Senate Notice Paper) 2

Bill short title	Moved by	Outcome
Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	1 Opp	Negatived
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Removing Re-approval and Re-registration) Bill 2014	1 Opp	Agreed to
Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014	1 AG	Pending
Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency Repeal Bill 2014	1 Opp	Agreed to
Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014	1 Opp 1 AG	Negatived Negatived
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	1 AG 1 Opp	Negatived Agreed to

Bill short title	Moved by	Outcome
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	1 Opp 1 AG 1 Xenophon	Negatived Negatived Negatived
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2014	1 AG	Negatived
Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013	1 Opp	Agreed to
Customs Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014	1 Opp	Agreed to
Customs Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014	1 Opp	Agreed to
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill 2014	1 Opp 1 AG	Agreed to Negatived
Farm Household Support Bill 2014	1 AG	Negatived
Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014	1 AG	Negatived
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013	1 AG	Negatived
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013 [No. 2]	2 AG	Negatived
National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014	1 Xenophon	Negatived
Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2014) Bill 2014	1 Opp	Agreed to
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014	1 AG	Negatived
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 [Note: bill was subsequently discharged from Notice Paper on 28 October 2014]	1 AG	Pending
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	1 Xenophon	Negatived
Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	1 AG	Negatived
Trade Support Loans Bill 2014	2 Opp	Agreed to

KEY

AG **Australian Greens** **Opp** **Opposition (Australian Labor Party)**

2.4 Committee of the whole—Consideration

The committee of the whole process provides an opportunity for senators to consider bills in detail. Amendments moved in committee of the whole seek to change, delete or add words in the bill that may affect the final content of the law. Under section 53 of the Constitution the Senate cannot amend a bill imposing taxation, or a bill appropriating money for the ordinary annual services of government (an appropriation bill). It also may not amend a bill in a way which will increase any proposed charge or burden. If the Senate wishes to make such amendments, it must *request* the House of Representatives to amend the bill on its behalf.

For more information on the legislative process see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation*.

Number of bills:

to which amendments were moved in committee of the whole	28
to which requests were moved in committee of the whole	2
in which items (etc.) were opposed in committee of the whole	23

Number of amendments moved: 565

Number of amendments agreed to	397
Number of amendments negatived	148
Number of amendments withdrawn	20
Number of amendments pending	0

Number of requests moved: 24

Number of requests agreed to	3
Number of requests negatived	21
Number of requests withdrawn	0
Number of requests pending	0

Number of amendments moved to amendments 3

Number of items (etc) opposed and negatived 79

Number of items (etc) opposed but agreed to 135

Bill short title	Outcome
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Removing Re-approval and Re-registration) Bill 2014	1 amendment negated (AG)
Asset Recycling Fund Bill 2014*	38 amendments agreed to (20 Govt; 15 Opp; 3 AG) 1 amendment negated (AG) Opposed/negated (1 clause Govt; 4 subclauses Opp) <i>Amendments moved to amendments:</i> <i>2 negated (LDP to Opp)</i>
Asset Recycling Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014*	2 amendments agreed to (AG)
Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014	14 amendments agreed to (11 Govt; 3 PUP) 7 amendments negated (Opp) 3 requests agreed to (Govt) 18 requests negated (Opp)
Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014	29 amendments agreed to (7 Govt; 8 Xenophon; 14 PUP) 10 amendments negated (2 Xenophon; 8 AG) Opposed/agreed to (2 items Xenophon; 1 Part, 1 Division and 28 items AG) Opposed/negated (3 items PUP)
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013	3 amendments negated (Opp) Opposed/agreed to (4 Schedules Opp)
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	3 amendments negated (Opp) 20 amendments withdrawn (PUP) Opposed/agreed to (3 Schedules Opp) Opposed/negated (1 Schedule, 1 table item AG)
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2014	3 amendments negated (1 Opp; 2 AG) Opposed/agreed to (4 Schedules Opp)

Bill short title	Outcome
Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014	78 amendments agreed to (Govt) 30 amendments negated (26 AG; 2 LDP; 2 Opp) Opposed/agreed to (3 Schedules, 10 items and 2 Sections AG) Opposed/negated (1 Part Govt)
Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014	26 amendments agreed to (Govt) 5 amendments negated (AG) Opposed/negated (6 items Govt)
Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014	1 amendment agreed to (Govt)
Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2014	Opposed/agreed to (4 items Xenophon)
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill 2014	Opposed/negated (1 item Opp)
Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013	28 amendments agreed to (20 Opp; 4 Govt; 4 AG) 5 amendments negated (AG) Opposed/negated (1 Section Govt)
Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill 2014	1 amendment agreed to (Opp) 11 amendments negated (8 Opp; 3 AG)
Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014	25 amendments agreed to (24 Govt; 1 Opp) 28 amendments negated (26 Opp; 2 AG) Opposed/agreed to (6 Schedules AG; 1 Division, 17 items Opp) <i>Amendment moved to amendment: 1 negated (Opp to Govt)</i>
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013 [No. 2]*	1 amendment agreed to (PUP) 1 amendment negated (Govt) Opposed/agreed to (4 Schedules LDP; 1 Schedule DLP) Opposed/negated (2 Schedules Opp; 1 Schedule PUP)
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2014	13 amendments agreed to (Govt) Opposed/agreed to (3 Schedules Opp; 1 Schedule Opp/AG)

Bill short title	Outcome
National Health Amendment (Simplified Price Disclosure) Bill 2013	1 amendment negatived (Xenophon)
National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014	58 amendments agreed to (56 Govt; 2 PUP) 18 amendments negatived (8 LDP; 6 AG; 3 Xenophon; 1 AG/LDP/Madigan/Xenophon) Opposed/agreed to (5 items AG; 4 items Xenophon; 2 items LDP) Opposed/negatived (4 items PUP)
Omnibus Repeal Day (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014	3 amendments negatived (AG) Opposed/agreed to (1 Schedule and 12 items AG; 7 items Xenophon)
Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2014) Bill 2014	4 amendments agreed to (1 Opp; 3 AG) Opposed/negatived (2 Parts, 25 items AG)
Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	1 amendment negatived (Xenophon)
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014	1 amendment agreed to (Opp)
Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014	2 amendments agreed to (Opp) 2 amendments negatived (DLP/AG/Xenophon) Opposed/agreed to (1 Schedule DLP/AG/Xenophon) Opposed/negatived (1 Schedule Opp)
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Increased Employment Participation) Bill 2014	Opposed/negatived (2 items Opp) Opposed/agreed to (1 Schedule AG)
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework) Bill 2014	7 amendments agreed to (Opp) Opposed/negatived (1 Schedule, 9 items Opp)

Bill short title	Outcome
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013*	56 amendments agreed to (46 Govt; 10 Opp) Opposed/negatived (1 Schedule, 2 items and 1 section Govt; 2 Schedules and 6 items Opp) Opposed/agreed to (4 Schedules AG)
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Health Card and Other Measures) Bill 2014	Opposed/agreed to (1 Schedule Opp)
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 6) Bill 2014	1 amendment negatived (AG)
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014	11 amendments agreed to (Govt) Opposed/negatived (1 Part Govt)
Trade Support Loans Bill 2014	2 amendments agreed to (Opp) 14 amendments negatived (AG) 3 requests negatived (AG) Opposed/agreed to (2 clauses AG)

KEY			
AG	Australian Greens	DLP	Democratic Labour Party
Govt	Government	LDP	Liberal Democratic Party
Opp	Opposition: Australian Labor Party	PUP	Palmer United Party

[* See also chapter relating to Amendments and requests—Disagreements, page 35]

2.5 Bills negatived or discharged from *Notice Paper*

The Senate often indicates its disagreement with a bill by rejecting the motion for the second or third reading, and that action is taken to be a rejection of the bill.

A senator may also move that an order of the day (a matter which the Senate has ordered to be considered on a particular day) relating to a bill be discharged from the *Notice Paper*, pursuant to standing order 97(4).

When the two Houses do not initially agree on the contents of a bill, it is usual for negotiations to continue. Amendments to amendments may be made or alternative amendments proposed until an acceptable compromise is reached. Occasionally, the impasse cannot be broken and a bill is laid aside and not proceeded with.

For more information on the legislative process, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation*.

Number of bills:

Discharged from Senate <i>Notice Paper</i>	2
Negatived at second reading	11
Negatived in committee of the whole	10
Negatived at third reading	9

Bill short title	Origin
Australian National Preventive Health and Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014 (Negatived at second reading 25 November 2014)	House of Representatives
Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 (Negatived in committee of the whole 24 November 2014)	House of Representatives
Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 (Negatived in committee of the whole 24 November 2014)	House of Representatives
Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived at second reading 18 June 2014)	House of Representatives
Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013 (Negatived at third reading 20 March 2014)	House of Representatives
Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived at second reading 9 July 2014)	House of Representatives
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 (Negatived at third reading 20 March 2014)	House of Representatives

Bill short title	Origin
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived in committee of the whole 10 July 2014)	House of Representatives
Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 (Negatived at second reading 3 March 2014)	House of Representatives
Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 (Negatived at third reading 20 March 2014)	House of Representatives
Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived in committee of the whole 10 July 2014)	House of Representatives
Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2014 (Negatived at second reading 4 September 2014)	Senate (Ludlam (AG))
Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 (Negatived at third reading 20 March 2014)	House of Representatives
Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived in committee of the whole 10 July 2014)	House of Representatives
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Bill 2013 (Negatived at second reading 14 May 2014)	House of Representatives
Family Tax Benefit (Tighter Income Test) Bill 2014 (Negatived at second reading 4 December 2014)	Senate (Leyonhjelm (LDP))
Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014 (Negatived at second reading 2 December 2014)	House of Representatives
Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2013 (Negatived at second reading 6 March 2014)	Senate (Senator Waters (AG))
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013 (Negatived at second reading 25 March 2014)	House of Representatives
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 (Negatived at third reading 20 March 2014)	House of Representatives
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived in committee of the whole 10 July 2014)	House of Representatives

Bill short title	Origin
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 (Negatived at third reading 20 March 2014)	House of Representatives
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived in committee of the whole 10 July 2014)	House of Representatives
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 (Negatived at third reading 20 March 2014)	House of Representatives
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived in committee of the whole 10 July 2014)	House of Representatives
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Stronger Penalties for Serious Failures) Bill 2014 (Negatived at second reading 3 September 2014)	House of Representatives
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 (Discharged from <i>Notice Paper</i> 28 October 2014)	House of Representatives
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014 (Discharged from <i>Notice Paper</i> 28 October 2014)	House of Representatives
True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 (Negatived at third reading 20 March 2014)	House of Representatives
True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived in committee of the whole 10 July 2014)	House of Representatives
True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 (Negatived at third reading 20 March 2014)	House of Representatives
True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2] (Negatived in committee of the whole 10 July 2014)	House of Representatives

2.6 Amendments and requests—Disagreements

Before it can become a law, a bill must be agreed to by both the Senate and the House of Representatives in precisely the same form. If there is a disagreement over amendments or requests, a bill may be transmitted between the two Houses a number of times until the Houses finally agree to it in the same form or it is abandoned. These negotiations on amendments and requests are conducted by the consideration of *messages* between the Houses.

For more information on the legislative process, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation* and *No. 18 – Communication Between the Houses - Dealing with Messages*.

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses **4**

Asset Recycling Fund Bill 2014

The Senate made 39 amendments to the bill.

The House agreed to 19 amendments and disagreed to 20 amendments made by the Senate (17 July 2014).

The Senate insisted on its amendments (18 July 2014).

Asset Recycling Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014

The Senate made 2 amendments to the bill.

The House disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate (17 July 2014).

The Senate insisted on its amendments (18 July 2014).

Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013 [No. 2]

The Senate made 4 amendments to the bill.

The House disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate (18 July 2014).

The Senate insisted on its amendments (18 July 2014).

Bill laid aside by the House (1 September 2014).

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

The Senate made 48 amendments to the bill.

The House agreed to 46 amendments and disagreed to 2 amendments made by the Senate and made 2 amendments in their place (18 March 2014).

The Senate reported the message from the House (19 March 2014).

The Senate did not insist on its amendments and agreed to the amendments made by the House in their place (25 March 2014).

Bill passed both Houses.

2.7 Bills, or provisions of bills, referred to committees

Bills may be referred to committees at any stage for inquiry and report. The *provisions* of many bills are referred before the bill is received from the House of Representatives to maximise the time available for the committee inquiry.

Committees may table reports on any sitting day, or may present them when the Senate is not sitting, in which case the report is tabled on the next available sitting day.

For more information refer to *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16 – Consideration of Legislation* and *No. 13 – Referring Matters to Committees*.

Number of bills referred to committees:

Referred in 2013, report tabled in 2014	13
Referred in 2014	122

Bill short title	Committee		
<i>Where the bill is a private senator's bill or a private member's bill the name of the senator or member who introduced it is shown</i>			
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014 (<i>Senator Siewert</i>)	CA	Referred Report due	26/06/14 04/03/15
Acts and Instruments (Framework Reform) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred Tabled	30/10/14 02/12/14
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Removing Re-approval and Re-registration) Bill 2014	RRAT	Referred Tabled	20/03/14 16/06/14
Asset Recycling Fund Bill 2014	FPA	Referred Tabled Additional information tabled	29/05/14 ¹ 16/06/14 24/06/14
Asset Recycling Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014	FPA	Referred Tabled Additional information tabled	29/05/14 ¹ 16/06/14 24/06/14
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014	EC	Referred Report due	04/12/14 25/03/15

Bill short title	Committee		
Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Repeal) (No. 1) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	27/03/14 16/06/14
Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred Tabled	17/06/14 27/08/14
Australian Citizenship and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	LCA	Referred Tabled	30/10/14 01/12/14
Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014	CA	Referred Tabled Correction tabled	15/05/14 14/07/14 16/07/14
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	19/06/14 04/09/14
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2014	CA	Referred Tabled	28/08/14 28/10/14
Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency Repeal Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	04/06/14 ¹ 16/06/14
Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	25/09/14 24/11/14
Biosecurity Bill 2014	RRAT	Referred Report due	27/11/14 17/03/15
Biosecurity (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014	RRAT	Referred Report due	27/11/14 17/03/15
Broadcasting and Other Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014	EC	Referred Report due	30/10/14 09/02/15
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013	EER	Referred Tabled	04/12/13 27/03/14
Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013	EER	Referred Tabled Additional information tabled	04/12/13 27/03/14 04/09/14
Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014	CA	Referred Tabled	19/06/14 27/08/14

Bill short title	Committee		
Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014	CA	Referred	19/06/14
		Tabled	27/08/14
Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014	EC	Referred	19/06/14
		Tabled	07/07/14
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and Other Measures) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred	27/03/14
		Interim report presented	27/05/14
		Tabled	16/06/14
		Report tabled	27/08/14
Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EC	Referred	26/06/14
		Tabled	08/07/14
Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EC	Referred	26/06/14
		Tabled	08/07/14
Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EC	Referred	26/06/14
		Tabled	08/07/14
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013 (<i>Senator Xenophon</i>)	EM	Referred	12/12/13
		Tabled	03/03/14
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014 (<i>Senator Xenophon</i>)	Eco	Referred	20/03/14
		Report due	26/02/15
Corporations Amendment (Streamlining of Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred	20/03/14
		Tabled	16/06/14
		Referred	04/09/14
		Tabled	22/09/14
Corporations Legislation Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred	27/11/14
		Report due	11/02/15
Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred	25/09/14
		Presented	17/10/14
		Tabled	27/10/14
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Psychoactive Substances and Other Measures) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred	17/07/14
		Tabled	02/09/14

Bill short title	Committee		
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred	06/03/14
		Presented	05/06/14
		Tabled	16/06/14
Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013 (<i>Senator Xenophon</i>)	LCA	Referred	12/12/13
		Interim report presented	28/05/14
		Interim report tabled	16/06/14
		Report due	12/02/15
Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013 (<i>Senator Xenophon</i>)	LCA	Referred	12/12/13
		Interim report presented	28/05/14
		Interim report tabled	16/06/14
		Report due	12/02/15
Customs Amendment Bill 2014	LCA	Referred	28/08/14
		Tabled	30/09/14
Customs Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014	FADT	Referred	30/10/14
		Tabled	26/11/14
Customs Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred	04/09/14
		Tabled	24/09/14
Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EC	Referred	26/06/14
		Tabled	08/07/14
Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred	19/06/14
		Tabled	07/07/14
Customs Tariff Amendment (Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014	FADT	Referred	30/10/14
		Tabled	26/11/14
Customs Tariff Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred	04/09/14
		Tabled	24/09/14
Customs Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Oil) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred	29/05/14 ¹
		Presented	05/06/14 ²
		Tabled	16/06/14
Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements—Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014	FADT	Referred	04/12/14
		Report due	03/03/15

Bill short title	Committee		
Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013 (<i>Senator Farrell</i>)	FADT	Referred Tabled	12/12/13 04/03/14
Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014	FADT	Referred Tabled	27/03/14 14/05/14
Energy Efficiency Opportunities (Repeal) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 14/07/14
Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill 2014	EC	Referred Report due	04/12/14 03/03/15
Enhancing Online Safety for Children (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014	EC	Referred Report due	04/12/14 03/03/15
Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	EC	Referred Tabled	12/12/13 12/02/14
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014	EC	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 23/06/14
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2014	EC	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 23/06/14
Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EC	Referred Tabled	26/06/14 08/07/14
Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	19/06/14 07/07/14
Excise Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Oil) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Presented Tabled	29/05/14 ¹ 05/06/14 ² 16/06/14
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Direct Lending and Other Measures) Bill 2014	FADT	Referred Report due	27/11/14 11/02/15
Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014	EE	Referred Tabled	04/09/14 25/09/14
Fair Trade (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013 (<i>Senator Madigan</i>)	FADT	Referred Tabled	04/12/13 04/03/14

Bill short title	Committee		
Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014	EE	Referred Presented Tabled	06/03/14 05/06/14 16/06/14
Fair Work Amendment (Bargaining Processes) Bill 2014	EE	Referred Report due	04/12/14 25/03/15
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013	EER	Referred Tabled Additional information tabled	09/12/13 27/03/14 04/09/14
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill 2014	EE	Referred Tabled	05/06/14 ¹ 16/06/14
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014	EE	Referred Tabled	26/06/14 28/08/14
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 16/06/14
Flags Amendment Bill 2014 (<i>Senators Xenophon and Madigan</i>)	FPA	Referred Tabled	20/03/14 16/06/14
Freedom of Information Amendment (New Arrangements) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred Tabled	30/10/14 25/11/14
Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 16/06/14
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	19/06/14 07/07/14
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	19/06/14 07/07/14
Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014	LCA	Referred Report due	28/08/14 05/02/15
Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2014	CA	Referred Tabled	27/03/14 16/06/14

Bill short title	Committee		
Health Workforce Australia (Abolition) Bill 2014	CA	Referred	15/05/14
		Tabled	14/07/14
		Correction tabled	16/07/14
Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014	EE	Referred	04/09/14
		Tabled	28/10/14
		Additional information tabled	02/12/14
Income Tax (Bearer Debentures) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred	15/05/14
		Tabled	16/06/14
Income Tax (First Home Saver Accounts Misuse Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred	15/05/14
		Tabled	16/06/14
Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred	15/05/14
		Tabled	16/06/14
Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred	15/05/14
		Tabled	16/06/14
Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (Improved Oversight and Resourcing) Bill 2014 (<i>Senator Wright</i>)	LCA	Referred	04/12/14
		Report due	05/03/15
Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Repeal Bill 2014	LCA	Referred	27/03/14
		Interim report presented	27/05/14
		Interim report tabled	16/06/14
		Report tabled	18/07/14
Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013	RRAT	Referred	05/12/13
		Tabled	17/03/14
Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014	RRAT	Referred	25/09/14
		Tabled	26/11/14
Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill 2014	RRAT	Referred	06/03/14
		Tabled	24/03/14
Migration Amendment Bill 2013	LCA	Referred	12/12/13
		Tabled	12/02/14

Bill short title	Committee		
Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred Tabled	25/09/14 24/11/14
Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Repeal Bill 2014	LCA	Referred Presented Tabled	27/03/14 06/06/14 16/06/14
Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014 (<i>Senator Hanson-Young</i>)	LCA	Referred Report due	19/06/14 10/02/15
Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred Tabled	26/06/14 22/09/14
Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia's Protection Obligations) Bill 2013	LCA	Referred Tabled	05/12/13 18/03/14
Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred Tabled	25/09/14 24/11/14
Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014	LCA	Referred Interim report presented Interim report tabled Report presented Tabled	27/03/14 27/05/14 16/06/14 21/07/14 26/08/14
National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014 (<i>Senator Urquhart</i>)	EC	Referred Tabled	27/03/14 16/07/14
National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014	CA	Referred Tabled Additional information tabled	19/06/14 27/08/14 01/09/14
National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014	EC	Referred Tabled	25/09/14 24/11/14
Omnibus Repeal Day (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014	FPA	Referred Tabled	27/03/14 14/05/14
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EC	Referred Tabled	26/06/14 08/07/14

Bill short title	Committee		
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EC	Referred Tabled	26/06/14 08/07/14
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EC	Referred Tabled	26/06/14 08/07/14
Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	FPA	Referred Tabled	02/10/14 24/11/14
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013 (<i>Senator Xenophon</i>)	EC	Referred Tabled	14/11/13 12/02/14
Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014 (<i>Speaker of the House of Representatives</i>)	FPA	Referred Report due	04/12/14 02/03/15
Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014 (<i>Senator Di Natale</i>)	CA	Referred Tabled	17/06/14 04/09/14
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment Bill 2014	FPA	Referred Tabled	29/05/14 ¹ 16/06/14
Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	06/03/14 24/03/14
Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2014	RRAT	Referred Report due	27/11/14 17/03/15
Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2014	RRAT	Referred Report due	27/11/14 17/03/15
Quarantine Charges (Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2014	RRAT	Referred Report due	27/11/14 17/03/15
Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014 (<i>Senator Hanson-Young</i>)	LCA	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 25/09/14
Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2014	LCA	Referred Report presented Tabled	27/03/14 08/05/14 13/05/14

Bill short title	Committee		
Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	RRAT	Referred	25/09/14
		Tabled	03/12/14
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014	EE	Referred	15/05/14
		Tabled	08/07/14
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014	CA	Referred	06/03/14
		Tabled	17/03/14
	EE	Referred	17/03/14
		Tabled	14/05/14
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework) Bill 2014	EE	Referred	02/10/14
		Tabled	24/11/14
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Stronger Penalties for Serious Failures) Bill 2014	CA	Referred	17/06/14
		Tabled	27/08/14
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014	CA	Referred	19/06/14
		Interim report presented	10/09/14
		Report presented	12/09/14
		Corrigendum presented	19/09/14
		Reports and corrigendum tabled	22/09/14
		Additional information tabled	22/09/14; 28/10/14
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014	CA	Referred	19/06/14
		Interim report presented	10/09/14
		Report presented	12/09/14
		Corrigendum presented	19/09/14
		Reports and corrigendum tabled	22/09/14
		Additional information tabled	22/09/14; 28/10/14
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013	CA	Additional information tabled	11/02/14
Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred	15/05/14
		Tabled	16/06/14

Bill short title	Committee		
Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 16/06/14
Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 16/06/14
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	25/09/14 28/10/14
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 6) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	30/10/14 25/11/14
Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 16/06/14
Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 16/06/14
Tax Laws Amendment (Interest on Non-Resident Trust Distributions) (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 16/06/14
Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013	Eco	Referred Tabled	05/12/13 17/03/14
Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 16/06/14
Tax Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 16/06/14
Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Amendment Bill 2014	EC	Referred Report due	30/10/14 09/02/15
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014	EC	Referred Report due	30/10/14 09/02/15

Bill short title	Committee		
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013	EC	Referred Report presented Tabled	05/12/13 28/03/14 13/05/14
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014	EE	Referred Tabled	06/03/14 16/06/14
Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014 (<i>Senator Whish-Wilson</i>)	FADT	Referred Tabled	06/03/14 27/08/14
Trade Support Loans Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	04/06/14 ¹ 16/06/14
Trade Support Loans (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	04/06/14 ¹ 16/06/14
True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EC	Referred Tabled	26/06/14 08/07/14
True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No. 2]	EC	Referred Tabled	26/06/14 08/07/14
Trust Recoupment Tax Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014	Eco	Referred Tabled	15/05/14 16/06/14

1 On 15 May 2014 the Senate agreed that all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 15 May 2014 and up to and including 5 June 2014 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2014 be referred to committees for inquiry and report by 16 June 2014.

2 Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 15 May 2014, the committee determined that the bill had no substantive matters requiring examination.

Abbreviations

CA	Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Eco	Economics Legislation Committee
EC	Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
EE	Education and Employment Legislation Committee
EER	Education and Employment References Committee
EM	Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
FPA	Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
LCA	Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Section 3: Other business

3.1 Notices of motion for disallowance

Many Acts of Parliament delegate to the executive government the power to make detailed rules and regulations (*legislative instruments*). Instruments made in this way are subject to the power of either House to veto or *disallow* them.

In most cases, within 15 sitting days after tabling a senator may give notice of a motion to disallow the legislative instrument. If the motion is agreed to, the instrument is disallowed and ceases to have effect. If a notice of motion to disallow a legislative instrument has not been resolved or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after having been given, the instrument is *deemed* to have been disallowed and automatically ceases to have effect.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 19 – Disallowance*.

Disallowance motions moved:

Moved and agreed to	14*
Moved and negatived	9

Notices of motion for disallowance:

Given and subsequently withdrawn	11
Still before the Senate	1

Notices of motion moved and agreed to:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976—Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Delegation) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 272

Notice given 5 March 2014 (Senator McLucas)

Moved and debated 19 March 2014, debated and agreed to (division) 20 March 2014

Bankruptcy Act 1966—Item 4.10A of Schedule 1 of the Bankruptcy Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 36

Notice given 15 May 2014 (Senator Wright), amended 16 June 2014

Moved, debated and agreed to 23 June 2014

Bankruptcy Act 1966—Division 2.11 of the Bankruptcy (Fees and Remuneration) Determination 2014, made under subsection 316(1) of the Act

Notice given 15 May 2014 (Senator Wright)

Moved, debated and agreed to 23 June 2014

Corporations Act 2001—Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 102

Notice given 24 September 2014 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)

Transferred to the name of Senator Dastyari 30 October 2014

Moved, debated and agreed to (division) 19 November 2014

- * On 27 November 2014 the Senate resolved, for the purposes of paragraph 48(1)(a) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, to ‘rescind’ its disallowance to the extent necessary to remake certain provisions of the regulations. This does not have the effect of reviving the disallowed regulations, but authorises the remaking of new regulations the same in substance.

Fair Entitlements Guarantee Act 2012—Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Regulation 2014 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 147

Notice given 30 October 2014 (Senator Cameron)

Moved, debated and agreed to 17 November 2014

Higher Education Support Act 2003—Amendment No. 1 to the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2012, made under section 238-10 of the Act

Notice given 12 February 2014 (Senator Carr)

Moved, debated and agreed to (division) 17 March 2014

Higher Education Support Act 2003—Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Education) 2013, made under section 238-10 of the Act

Notice given 12 February 2014 (Senator Carr)

Moved, debated and agreed to (division) 17 March 2014

Higher Education Support Act 2003—Higher Education (Maximum Amounts for Other Grants) Determination 2013, made under sections 41-45(1A) and (1B) of the Act

Notice given 13 May 2014 (Senator Carr)

Moved, debated and agreed to (division) 14 July 2014

Migration Act 1958—Amendments to the Migration Regulations 1994 made by the Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrival) Regulation 2013

Notice given 12 February 2014 (Senator Hanson-Young)

Moved and agreed to 27 March 2014

Migration Act 1958—Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 64

Notice given 8 July 2014 (Senator Wright)

Moved, debated and agreed to (division) 16 July 2014

Migration Act 1958—Migration Amendment (Repeal of Certain Visa Classes) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 65
Notice given 15 July 2014 (Senator Hanson-Young)
Moved, debated and agreed to 25 September 2014

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004—Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme (Income Support Bonus) Repeal Determination 2014, made under subsections 258(4) and (5) of the Act
Notice given 24 March 2014 (Senator Farrell)
Moved, debated and agreed to 25 March 2014

Social Security Act 1999—Social Security (Reasonable Excuse – Participation Payment Obligations) (Employment) Determination 2014 (No.1), made under subsection 42U(1) of the Act
Notice given 26 August 2014 (Senator Cameron)
Moved and debated 27 August 2014, debated and agreed to (division) 28 August 2014

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986—Veterans' Children Education Scheme (Income Support Bonus) Repeal Instrument 2014, made under subsections 117(2) and (3) of the Act
Notice given 24 March 2014 (Senator Farrell)
Moved, debated and agreed to 25 March 2014

Notices of motion moved and negated:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Egypt) Repeal Order 2014, made under section 17 of the Act
Notice given 26 March 2014 (Senator Rhiannon)
Moved and debated 16 June 2014, debated and negated (division) 19 June 2014

Civil Aviation Act 1988—Civil Aviation Order 48.1 Instrument 2013, made under subregulations 5(1), 5.55(1) and 215(3), and regulation 210A of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, subregulation 11.068(1) of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, section 4 and subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, and paragraph 28BA(1)(b) and subsection 98(4A) of the Act
Notice given 9 December 2013 (Senator Xenophon)
Moved, debated and negated (division) 6 March 2014

Clean Energy Act 2011—Clean Energy Auction Revocation Determination 2014, made under subsection 113(1) of the Act
Notice given 4 March 2014 (Senator Milne)
Moved 5 March 2014, debated and negated (division) 6 March 2014

Corporations Act 2001—Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 102

Notice given 14 July 2014 (Senators Dastyari and Whish-Wilson)

Moved, debated and negatived (division) 15 July 2014

Corporations Act 2001—Items 1 to 27 inclusive and item 30 of the Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 102

Notice given 16 July 2014 (Senators Dastyari, Lambie, Madigan, Muir, Whish-Wilson and Xenophon)

Moved, debated and negatived (division) 1 October 2014

Export Market Development Grants Act 1997—Export Market Development Grants (Extended Lodgement and Consultant Quality Incentive) Determination 2012, made under subsection 70(4) of the Act

Notice given 4 March 2014 (Senator Xenophon)

Moved, debated and negatived (division) 16 June 2014

Fair Work Act 2009—Fair Work Amendment (Protected Industrial Action) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 95

Notice given 10 July 2014 (Senator Rice)

Moved, debated and negatived (division) 24 September 2014

Migration Act 1958—Migration Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 32

Notice given 17 June 2014 (Senator Hanson-Young)

Moved, debated and negatived (division) 18 July 2014

Migration Act 1958—Migration Amendment (Bridging Visas—Code of Behaviour) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 269

Notice given 13 May 2014 (Senator Hanson-Young)

Moved, debated and negatived (division) 14 July 2014

Notices of motion for disallowance given and subsequently withdrawn:

Australian Jobs Act 2013—Australian Jobs (Australian Industry Participation) Rule 2014, made under section 128 of the Act

Notice given 13 May 2014 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Edwards)

Withdrawn 10 July 2014

Farm Household Support Act 2014—Farm Household Support Secretary’s Rule 2014
Notice given 16 July 2014 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)
Withdrawn 1 October 2014

Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997—Financial Management and Accountability Amendment (2014 Measures No. 6) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 17
Notice given 3 September 2014 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Williams)
Withdrawn 19 November 2014

Migration Act 1958—Amendments to the Migration Regulations 1994 made by the Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrival) Regulation 2013
Notice given 11 February 2014 (Senator Hanson-Young)
Withdrawn 13 February 2014

Migration Act 1958—Migration Amendment (Bridging Visas—Code of Behaviour) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 269
Notice given 13 May 2014 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Edwards)
Withdrawn 26 June 2014

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act 1999—Items 1 to 6 (hard onions) and 7 and 8 (mangoes) of the Schedule of the Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 54
Notice given 10 July 2014 (Senator Leyonhjelm)
Withdrawn 24 September 2014

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999—Items 1 and 2 (mushrooms), 3 to 7 (hard onions) and 8 and 9 (mangoes) of the Schedule of the Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 55
Notice given 10 July 2014 (Senator Leyonhjelm)
Withdrawn 24 September 2014

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991—Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment (Mushrooms) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 56
Notice given 10 July 2014 (Senator Leyonhjelm)
Withdrawn 24 September 2014

Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002—Declaration of ‘corresponding State laws’ under subsection 7(1) of the Act

Notice given 19 March 2014 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Edwards)

Withdrawn 27 March 2014

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986—Veterans’ Entitlements (Actuarial Certificate—Life Expectancy Income Stream Guidelines) Determination 2013, made under subsection 5JB(1C), paragraph 5JB(1A)(b) and subsection 5JB(5) of the Act

Notice given 2 December 2013 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Edwards)

Withdrawn 6 March 2014

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986—Veterans’ Entitlements (Actuarial Certificate—Lifetime Income Stream Guidelines) Determination 2013, made under subsection 5JA(1B), paragraph 5JA(1)(b) and subsection 5JA(6) of the Act

Notice given 2 December 2013 (Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Edwards)

Withdrawn 6 March 2014

Notice of motion for disallowance still before the Senate:

Competition and Consumer Act 2010—Provisions of subclauses 5(1), 5(4) and 5(5) of the Competition and Consumer (Industry Code—Port Terminal Access (Bulk Wheat)) Regulation 2014, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 136

Notice given 24 November 2014 (Senators Leyonhjelm and Day)

3.2 Statements by the President

During the course of a sitting day, the President may inform the chamber of a decision or address concerns raised in previous debates.

The Chair of Committees may make a statement during the committee of the whole debate on a bill relating to orders of the Senate concerning the passage of legislation. These statements are often to advise of the outcome of certain divisions where the votes are equally divided.

Number of statements made by:

The President of the Senate	14
The Chair of Committees/Deputy President*	1

Statement	Date	Journals page
End of 2014 sittings	05/12/14 am	2019
Final observations	18/06/14	909
Matter of privilege	17/06/14	882
Matter of privilege	10/07/14	1117
Matter of privilege	16/07/14	1197
Parliament House—Access changes—Question to President	02/10/14	1592
Parliament House—Security arrangements	22/09/14	1445
Questions without notice—Assistant Treasurer	19/03/14	643
Rules for questions	30/10/14	1705
Rules of debate	02/09/14	1373
Senate—Clerk of the Senate	17/07/14	1248
Senate—Photography during divisions	15/07/14	1169
Senate—Wearing of campaign material	17/07/14	1264
Visitors in the chamber	18/06/14	900
Voting in divisions*	04/12/14	1983

3.3 Ministerial statements

A ministerial statement is used to inform the Senate of policy or other issues or decisions relating to the minister's portfolio, or to portfolios the minister represents in the Senate.

Number of ministerial statements

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Statement	Date
Administration—	
Deregulation Senator Scullion (for the Prime Minister)	19/03/14
Deregulation—Spring repeal day Senator Scullion (for the Prime Minister)	28/10/14
Defence—	
Afghanistan and Iraq Senator Johnston (Minister for Defence)	03/12/14
Military service—Research into the effects of military service on veterans and their families Senator Ronaldson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs)	28/10/14
Statement to Parliament on Iraq Senator Johnston (for the Prime Minister)	01/09/14
Statement to Parliament on national security Senator Abetz (for the Prime Minister)	22/09/14
Foreign affairs—Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17—Tabling of the Treaty between Australia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the presence of Australian personnel in the Netherlands for the purpose of responding to the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 Senator Cash (for the Minister for Foreign Affairs)	01/10/14
Historical events—ANZAC Centenary Senator Ronaldson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs)	11/02/14

Statement	Date
<p>Indigenous Australians—Closing the Gap Senator Scullion (for the Prime Minister)</p>	12/02/14
<p>Industry—Infrastructure Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) (for the Prime Minister)</p>	30/10/14
<p>Taxation—Multinational companies—G20-OECD tax and transparency Senator Birmingham (for the Treasurer)</p>	22/09/14
<p>Trade— First Protocol to Amend the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand free trade area Senator Scullion (for the Minister for Trade and Investment)</p>	25/11/14
<p>Investment Senator Ryan (for the Minister for Trade and Investment)</p>	24/09/14
<p>The conclusion of Free Trade Agreement negotiations with the Republic of Korea Senator Birmingham (for the Minister for Trade and Investment)</p>	11/02/14
<p>World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade Facilitation Senator Fierravanti-Wells (for the Minister for Trade and Investment)</p>	19/06/14
<p>Transport— Australian Government’s aviation safety regulation review Senator Fierravanti-Wells (for the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development)</p>	19/06/14
<p>The Australian Government’s response to the aviation safety regulation review Senator Birmingham (for the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development)</p>	03/12/14

Statement	Date
Women— 58th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Senator Ryan (for the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women)	24/03/14
APEC Women in the Economy Forum Senator Fierravanti-Wells (for the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women)	19/06/14
First progress report of the Australian National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2012-18 Senator Fifield (for the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women)	15/07/14
International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation Senator Cormann (for the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women)	13/02/14
International Women’s Day Senator Sinodinos (for the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women)	06/03/14
Launch of the Second Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010 to 2022 Senator Fifield (for the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women)	16/07/14

3.4 Matters of public importance

A matter of public importance (or urgency motion) may be proposed by a senator for consideration on any sitting day and must have the support of four other senators before the matter can be considered. Notice is not required so that newly emerging matters can be considered by the Senate. There is no question before the chair during debate on matters of public importance so no vote is taken at the end of the discussion. For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 9 – Matters of Public Importance and Urgency Debates*.

Number of matters of public importance discussed

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Matter	Date	Journals page
Administration—Abbott Government Senator Moore	03/03/14	507
Administration—Abbott Government—Election commitments Senator Moore	28/10/14	1635
Administration—Ministerial standards Senator Moore	19/03/14	653
Budget 2014-15 Senator Moore	13/05/14	772
Budget 2014-15 Senator Moore	14/05/14	796
Budget 2014-15 Senator Moore	16/06/14	854
Budget 2014-15 Senator Moore	26/08/14	1291
Budget 2014-15 Senator Moore	23/09/14	1477
Budget 2014-15 Senator Moore	03/12/14	1973
Communications—Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service—Budget cuts Senator Moore	24/11/14	1838

Matter	Date	Journals page
Education—Education inequality Senator Siewert	18/03/14	637
Employment—Job losses Senator Moore	12/02/14	458
Environment—Climate change Senator Siewert	17/11/14	1776
Environment—Victoria—Environmental policies Senator Siewert	25/11/14	1857
Environment—World Heritage listed sites Senator Siewert	18/06/14	909
Family and community services—Newstart Senator Moore	09/07/14	1110
Finance—Financial advice Senator Moore	25/03/14	710
Finance—National Commission of Audit Senator Moore	17/03/14	611
Finance—National Commission of Audit Senator Moore	24/03/14	691
Finance—Regulation of financial advice services Senator Moore	14/07/14	1156
Foreign affairs—Middle Eastern policy Senator Xenophon	25/06/14	1007
Health—Healthcare costs Senator Moore	02/09/14	1393
Immigration—Asylum seeker policy Senator Siewert	01/10/14	1570
Immigration—Asylum seekers—Manus Island Detention Centre Senator Siewert	04/03/14	535
Industry—Australian shipbuilding industry Senator Moore	24/09/14	1494
Industry—Manufacturing sector Senator Moore	11/02/14	413

Matter	Date	Journals page
Law and justice—Hate speech Senator Moore	26/03/14	731
Taxation—Multinational companies Senator Moore	30/09/14	1553

3.5 Urgency motions

An urgency motion (or matter of public importance) may be moved on any sitting day, and must have the support of four other senators before the matter can be debated. Notice is not required so that newly emerging matters can be considered by the Senate. The urgency motion is debated and at the conclusion of the debate a vote is taken as to whether the matter is considered urgent or not.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 9 – Matters of Public Importance and Urgency Debates*.

Number of urgency motions

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Matter of urgency	Date	Journals page
Administration—Australian Defence Force pay deal Senator Moore Debated and agreed to	18/11/14	1791
Communications—Broadband—Tasmania Senator Moore Debated and agreed to	05/03/14	565
Defence—Australian defence manufacturing industry Senator Moore Debated and agreed to	17/06/14	895
Environment—Climate change Senator Siewert Debated and negatived (division)	22/09/14	1451
Finance—Future of financial advice laws Senator Moore Debated and agreed to	23/06/14	948
Foreign Affairs—Ebola virus Senator Siewert Debated and agreed to	29/10/14	1677
Immigration—Asylum seekers Senator Siewert Debated and agreed to	08/07/14	1083
Industrial relations—Commonwealth Cleaning Services Guidelines Repeal Instrument 2014 Senator Moore Debated and agreed to	07/07/14	1058

Matter of urgency	Date	Journals page
Industry—Australian shipbuilding industry Senator Moore Debated and agreed to	03/09/14	1414
Law and justice—<i>Racial Discrimination Act 1975</i> Senator Moore Debated and agreed to	27/08/14	1317
Taxation—Corporate tax evasion Senator Siewert Debated and agreed to	01/12/14	1920

3.6 Motions agreed to

All decisions of the Senate begin as motions moved by senators. The first step is usually for a senator to give notice of his or her intention to move a motion. A notice of motion therefore signals a potential decision of the Senate. Notices of motion may seek the Senate's endorsement on an issue of domestic or foreign policy or recognition of a particular achievement or event. Others relate to the machinery of Senate business and include notices for the introduction of bills or extensions of time for committees to report, among other things.

Most notices of motion fall into one of three main categories. Business of the Senate, Government Business or General Business. Many notices of motion are dealt with by the Senate during discovery of formal business. Other notices are dealt with when the time for considering Business of the Senate or Government Business is reached in the program.

This table shows only substantive resolutions relating to public affairs agreed to by the Senate. Routine and procedural motions are not listed.

Number of principal motions agreed to

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Subject	Notice given	Agreed to	Journals page
Administration—			
Australian Electoral Commission (Senator Wong)	18/11/14	24/11/14	1830
Australian Renewable Energy Agency—Board membership (Senator Milne)	14/07/14	15/07/14	1176
G20 Australia 2014—Contribution of officials and volunteers (Senator Wong)	17/11/14	18/11/14	1774
Independent National Security Legislation Monitor—Appointment (Senator Wong)	29/10/14	17/11/14	1789
Medicare payment system—Privatisation (Senators Di Natale and Lazarus)	01/10/14	02/10/14*	1591
Animal welfare—Animal testing of cosmetic products (Senators Ruston, Rhiannon, Singh, Lazarus, Wang, Xenophon, O'Sullivan and Muir)	26/11/14	27/11/14	1897
Assistant Treasurer—Conduct	—	19/03/14#	643
Australian National Flag Day (Senators Smith and McKenzie)	02/09/14	03/09/14	1411

Subject	Notice given	Agreed to	Journals page
Communications—			
Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service—Funding (Senator Ludlam)	18/11/14	24/11/14	1831
Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service—Funding (Senators Singh and McEwen)	24/11/14	25/11/14	1856
Community broadcasting sector (Senator Ludlam)	30/09/14	01/10/14	1568
Death of Mr Henry Jones (Senators Xenophon, Birmingham, McEwen and Hanson-Young)	—	15/05/14#	825
Death of Mr Leo Seemanpillai (Senators Hanson-Young and Di Natale)	16/06/14	17/06/14	895
Death of Mr Michael Welsh (Senators Urquhart, Bilyk, Brown, Thorp, Singh and Polley)	03/03/14	04/03/14	530
Defence—Australian Defence Force pay offer (Senator Conroy)	18/11/14	24/11/14	1829
Education—			
Higher education funding (Senator Rhiannon)	14/05/14	16/06/14	851
Higher education—Regional Australia (Senator McKenzie)	14/07/14	16/07/14*	1213
Schools—Australian Curriculum (Senator Wright)	11/02/14	12/02/14	453
Schools funding (Senator Wright)	09/07/14	14/07/14	1153
Schools funding (Senator Wright)	23/09/14	24/09/14	1493
Teacher quality (Senator McKenzie)	25/03/14	26/03/14	727
Technical and further education (Senator Rhiannon)	17/06/14	18/06/14*	907
Environment—			
Carnaby's Cockatoo (Senators Siewert and Ludlam)	28/08/14	02/09/14	1391
Climate change (Senator Milne)	02/12/14	03/12/14	1971
Climate change—G20 Summit in Brisbane (Senator Singh)	03/09/14	04/09/14	1428

Subject	Notice given	Agreed to	Journals page
Climate change policy (Senator Milne)	24/09/14	25/09/14	1511
Great Barrier Reef—Comments by Member for Dawson (Senator Waters)	25/09/14	30/09/14	1552
Greenhouse pollution (Senator Milne)	17/06/14	18/06/14	906
National Water Commission (Senators Rhiannon and Xenophon)	15/07/14	17/07/14*	1239
Queensland—Abbot Point (Senator Waters)	03/03/14	04/03/14	533
Queensland—Great Barrier Reef coastline (Senator Waters)	11/02/14	12/02/14	456
Queensland—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Senator Waters)	26/08/14	27/08/14	1315
Queensland—Mineral and Resources (Common Provisions) Bill 2014 (Senator Waters)	22/09/14	23/09/14	1472
Renewable energy projects in South Australia (Senator Hanson-Young)	01/09/14	02/09/14	1392
Resource development—Proposed use of radioactive material (Senator Waters)	26/11/14	27/11/14	1896
Tasmania—Bell Bay pulp mill project (Senator Whish-Wilson)	12/02/14	13/02/14	475
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (Senator Milne)	11/02/14	12/02/14	453
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (Senator Milne)	24/06/14	25/06/14	998
Western Australia—Great white sharks (Senator Siewert)	11/02/14	12/02/14	455
Western Australia—Shark cull (Senator Siewert)	03/03/14	04/03/14	532
Western Australia—Shark cull (Senator Siewert)	13/05/14	14/05/14	790
Western Australia—Shark cull (Senator Siewert)	07/07/14	08/07/14	1083
Whaling—Japan (Senator Whish-Wilson)	23/09/14	24/09/14	1492
World Ranger Day—Death of Mr Glen Turner (Senator Rhiannon)	02/09/14	03/09/14	1412

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Family and community services—			
Carers (Senator Siewert)	18/03/14	19/03/14	651
Carers (Senators Siewert, Moore and Boyce)	17/06/14	18/06/14	908
Family and early learning centres (Senator Siewert)	26/08/14	01/09/14	1364
International Day of People with Disability (Senators Siewert, Moore and Fifield)	01/12/14	02/12/14*	1943
Public housing (Senator Rhiannon)	14/07/14	15/07/14	1175
Public housing (Senator Rhiannon)	02/10/14	29/10/14*	1674
Reclink National Program—Funding (Senator Di Natale)	24/11/14	25/11/14	1855
Foreign affairs—			
Cambodia (Senator Milne)	12/02/14	13/02/14	477
Disability-inclusive development policy (Senator Rhiannon)	30/09/14	01/10/14	1567
Egypt—(Senator Milne)	13/05/14	14/05/14	790
Egypt—Mr Peter Greste (Senator Milne)	12/02/14	13/02/14	472
Egypt—Mr Peter Greste (Senators Milne, Wong and Abetz)	01/12/14	02/12/14	1943
Funding for water and sanitation programs (Senators Moore and Rhiannon)	25/11/14	26/11/14	1879
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (Senator Rhiannon)	08/07/14	09/07/14	1108
Holy See (Senator Stephens)	15/05/14	16/06/14*	851
India—Outlawing of homosexual acts (Senator Hanson-Young)	12/12/13	11/02/14	413
Japan (Senator Macdonald)	09/07/14	14/07/14	1153
Japan—Whaling (Senator Whish-Wilson)	26/11/14	27/11/14	1896
Laos—Mr Sombath Somphone (Senator Milne)	25/03/14	26/03/14	728

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Marrakesh Treaty (Senator Whish-Wilson)	18/06/14	23/06/14	946
Middle East—Humanitarian assistance (Senator Hanson-Young)	23/09/14	24/09/14	1494
Nigeria—Boko Haram (Senators Cash, Brandis, Wong, Milne, Moore, Waters and Kroger)	13/05/14	14/05/14	794
Pacific region—Development assistance (Senators McEwen and Moore)	17/03/14	18/03/14	633
Papuan provinces—Arrest of journalists (Senator Di Natale)	30/09/14	01/10/14*	1569
Sri Lanka—Human rights (Senators Stephens, Moore, Rhiannon and Milne)	12/02/14	13/02/14	479
Sri Lanka—Human rights (Senators Singh and Milne)	20/03/14	26/03/14	726
South Sudan (Senators Milne and Singh)	18/03/14	19/03/14	652
Sudan—Freedom of religion (Senators Bernardi, Fawcett, O’Sullivan, Xenophon, Madigan and Seselja)	16/06/14	17/06/14	892
Syrian conflict—Humanitarian aid (Senator Stephens)	11/02/14	12/02/14*	452
Ukraine (Senator Bilyk)	03/03/14	04/03/14*	529
Health—			
Borderline Personality Disorder (Senators Wright and McLucas)	30/09/14	01/10/14	1567
Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness Day (Senators Wright, Boyce and McLucas)	24/06/14	25/06/14	994
Brain tumours (Senators Bilyk, Ryan, Di Natale and Xenophon)	28/10/14	29/10/14	1675
Central Australia—Renal health (Senator Siewert)	13/02/14	03/03/14	506
Dementia (Senator Siewert)	22/09/14	23/09/14	1471
Eating disorders (Senator Wright)	02/09/14	03/09/14	1413
Ebola (Senator Milne)	24/09/14	25/09/14	1509

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Global fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Senator Milne)	28/08/14	01/09/14	1365
Hearing health—Programs and services (Senator Cameron)	01/10/14	02/10/14	1584
Hepatitis B and C (Senators Milne, Singh and Bushby)	27/08/14	28/08/14	1343
HIV/AIDS (Senator Smith)	16/07/14	17/07/14	1244
Medical internships (Senator Di Natale)	01/10/14	02/10/14	1588
Mental health (Senators Wright and Di Natale)	17/11/14	18/11/14	1790
Motor Neurone Disease (Senator Boyce)	24/06/14	26/06/14	1021
National Perinatal Depression Initiative (Senators Wright and McLucas)	03/03/14	04/03/14	534
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (Senators Cash, Moore and Waters)	11/02/14	12/02/14	454
People with disability—Allegation of abuse (Senator Siewert)	25/11/14	26/11/14	1880
Red Cross Migrant Support Program—Budget cuts (Senator Hanson-Young)	02/09/14	03/09/14	1413
Renal health—Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation (Senator Siewert)	24/09/14	25/09/14	1509
South-East Asia region—Polio (Senators Rhiannon and Moore)	26/03/14	27/03/14	748
Uncommon cancers—Unicorn Foundation (Senator Di Natale)	25/11/14	26/11/14	1877
World AIDS Day (Senators Smith and Singh)	27/11/14	01/12/14	1918
Historical events—			
ANZAC centenary (Senator Moore)	25/11/14	26/11/14	1878
Australian Red Cross—Centenary (Senators Nash, McLucas, Milne, Lambie, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan and Xenophon)	02/09/14	03/09/14	1412

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Immigration—			
Asylum seekers (Senator Hanson-Young)	07/07/14	14/07/14*	1154
Asylum seekers—Detention of pregnant women (Senator Hanson-Young)	01/12/14	02/12/14	1944
Asylum seekers—Missing children (Senator Hanson-Young)	07/07/14	16/07/14	1213
Asylum seekers—Mr Hamid Kehazaei (Senator Hanson-Young)	04/09/14	22/09/14*	1451
Christmas Island tragedy (Senator Cash)	17/06/14	18/06/14	908
Indigenous Australians—			
Access to justice—Interpreting services (Senator Siewert)	18/11/14	24/11/14	1828
Deaths in custody (Senator Siewert)	29/10/14	17/11/14*	1773
Hearing loss (Senator Siewert)	26/08/14	28/08/14	1344
Incarceration rates—Justice targets (Senator Siewert)	19/11/14	24/11/14	1829
National Apology to Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—6 th anniversary (Senators Scullion, Peris, Siewert and Xenophon)	12/02/14	13/02/14	471
National Close the Gap Day (Senators Siewert and Peris)	19/03/14	20/03/14	667
Removal of children (Senator Rhiannon)	01/10/14	02/10/14	1590
Vision loss (Senators Siewert and Peris)	16/07/14	17/07/14	1245
Western Australia—Demolition of Oombulgurri (Senator Siewert)	01/10/14	02/10/14	1589
Industrial relations—			
Child labour (Senator Rice)	28/08/14	02/09/14	1392
Construction industry (Senator Rhiannon)	18/03/14	19/03/14*	651

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Industry—			
Black coal industry (Senator O’Sullivan)	26/11/14	03/12/14	1969
Black coal industry—Economic benefits (Senator O’Sullivan)	27/10/14	28/10/14	1634
Energy costs (Senator O’Sullivan)	28/10/14	29/10/14	1675
Liquid fuel security (Senator Madigan)	27/08/14	28/08/14	1351
Mandatory Fuel Efficiency Standards (Senator Milne)	17/06/14	18/06/14	907
National electricity rules (Senator Xenophon)	16/07/14	17/07/14	1241
Law and justice—			
Access to justice (Senator Wright)	14/05/14	15/05/14	823
Anti-discrimination laws (Senators Moore, Pratt and Boyce)	05/03/14	17/03/14	608
Detention of Ms Rose Anne Fulton (Senator Siewert)	17/03/14	18/03/14	635
Detention of people with cognitive impairment (Senator Siewert)	25/03/14	26/03/14	728
Legal community—Adverse comments (Senator Wright)	12/02/14	13/02/14*	472
Racial vilification (Senator Di Natale)	19/03/14	20/03/14	666
Racial vilification (Senator Di Natale)	16/06/14	18/06/14	905
Underage and forced marriage (Senators Cash, Moore, Waters and Kroger)	13/02/14	03/03/14	505
Wicked Campers (Senator Waters)	15/07/14	16/07/14	1214
Mining—			
Benefits of resource projects (Senator O’Sullivan)	30/11/14	18/11/14	1789
Mining sector (Senator O’Sullivan)	27/11/14	03/12/14	1970
Queensland coal industry (Senator O’Sullivan)	18/11/14	03/12/14	1969
Resources sector (Senator O’Sullivan)	29/10/14	17/11/14	1774

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National Apology for Forced Adoptions—First anniversary (Senators Fifield, Boyce, Moore and Siewert)	17/03/14	20/03/14	668
National Apology to the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants (Senators Siewert and Moore)	17/11/14	18/11/14*	1789
National Volunteer Week (Senators Cash, Fifield and Fierravanti-Wells)	13/05/14	14/05/14	795
Primary industries—			
Agricultural exports (Senator Canavan)	26/11/14	27/11/14	1897
Biosecurity operations (Senator Siewert)	27/10/14	28/10/14	1635
Farm properties—Impact of vigilante activities (Senators McKenzie and Back)	17/07/14	26/08/14*	1290
Live export cattle market (Senator O’Sullivan)	02/12/14	03/12/14	1970
Northern beef cattle industry (Senators Macdonald, O’Sullivan, Boswell, Eggleston and Back)	19/03/14	20/03/14	667
Science and technology—			
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (Senator Di Natale)	28/08/14	01/09/14	1364
Renewable technologies—Sunswift University of New South Wales Solar Racing Team (Senator Rhiannon)	28/10/14	29/10/14	1676
Research funding (Senator Milne)	26/03/14	27/03/14	749
Social issues—			
Sexuality and gender identity—Wear it Purple Day (Senator Hanson-Young)	27/08/14	28/08/14	1346
Suicide prevention (Senator Siewert)	26/08/14	27/08/14	1314
World Congress of Families (Senator Waters)	27/08/14	28/08/14	1345
Sport—			
Australian Winter Olympic team (Senator Hanson-Young)	11/02/14	12/02/14*	456

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Moree Boomerangs Rugby League Football Club (Senator Williams)	25/11/14	26/11/14	1877
National Rugby League grand final (Senators Rhiannon, Payne, Moore and Lazarus)	01/10/14	02/10/14	1583
Netball (Senators Cash and McKenzie)	13/05/14	14/05/14	793
Sports funding (Senators McKenzie, Smith and Lundy)	03/09/14	04/09/14	1431
Taxation—Corporate tax evasion (Senator Milne)	01/10/14	02/10/14*	1587
Trade—			
China-Australia free trade agreement (Senator O’Sullivan)	19/11/14	03/12/14	1969
India (Senator O’Sullivan)	25/11/14	03/12/14	1969
Investor State Dispute Settlement clauses (Senator Whish-Wilson)	01/10/14	02/10/14*	1589
Transport—			
Barton Highway (Senator Rhiannon)	26/03/14	27/03/14	748
High speed rail (Senator Rice)	02/09/14	03/09/14	1412
High speed rail (Senator Rice)	30/10/14	26/11/14	1880
New South Wales—Newcastle heavy rail line services (Senator Rhiannon)	26/11/14	27/11/14	1893
Victoria—East West Link (Senator Conroy)	16/06/14	17/06/14	893
Visit to Australia of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (Senator Smith)	26/03/14	27/03/14*	747
Women—			
Gender pay gap—Reporting requirements (Senator Waters)	04/03/14	05/03/14*	562
Gender pay gap—Reporting requirements (Senators Waters and Moore)	25/06/14	26/06/14	1022
International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (Senators Moore, Cash and Waters)	24/11/14	25/11/14	1854

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International Day of the Girl Child (Senator Cash)	27/10/14	28/10/14	1630
International Day of the Girl Child (Senator Waters)	28/10/14	29/10/14	1675
International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (Senators Cash, Kroger, Moore and Waters)	11/02/14	12/02/14	454
International Women's Day (Senators Cash, Moore and Waters)	04/03/14	05/03/14	560
Services for victims of domestic and family violence (Senator Rhiannon)	27/08/14	28/08/14	1345
YWCA Australia survey (Senators Waters, Moore and Singh)	02/12/14	03/12/14	1968
Youth—			
Emotional resilience and wellbeing (Senator Wright)	19/03/14	20/03/14	665
Mental health (Senator Wright)	16/07/14	17/07/14	1241
Youth Connections Program (Senator Wright)	27/11/14	01/12/14	1918

* Moved or agreed to in an amended form

Motion moved by leave

3.7 Condolence motions

Condolence motions are moved as a mark of respect on the death of current or former senators and members, and soldiers who lose their lives in the service of Australia. They are also moved on the occasion of significant events involving the loss of Australian lives, such as the Bali terrorist attacks in 2002.

Number of condolence motions passed **8**

11 February 2014	The Honourable Arthur Thomas Gietzelt, AO Former Senator Moved by Senator Abetz
17 March 2014	The Honourable Warwick Raymond Parer, AM Former Senator Moved by Senator Abetz
13 May 2014	Brian Harradine Former Senator Motion moved by Senator Abetz
7 July 2014	Lance Corporal Todd John Chidgey Moved by Senator Abetz
26 August 2014	Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 Moved by Senator Abetz
22 September 2014	Harry Evans Former Clerk of the Senate Moved by Senator Abetz
27 October 2014	The Honourable Edward Gough Whitlam, AC, QC Former Prime Minister Moved by Senator Abetz The Senate adjourned as a mark of respect
24 November 2014	The Right Honourable Reginald Greive Withers Former Senator Moved by Senator Abetz

3.8 Censure motions

While ministers are neither appointed nor removed by the Senate, they are accountable to it. If there is dissatisfaction with the performance of a particular minister, a censure motion may be moved.

Although a resolution of the Senate censuring the government or a minister can have no direct constitutional or legal consequences, as an expression of the Senate's disapproval of actions or policies they may have significant political impact.

Number of censure motions proposed

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Subject	Date	Journals page
Assistant Minister for Health Failure to comply with an order of the Senate for the production of a document concerning the minister's former chief of staff and related matters Debated and agreed to (division)	05/03/14	553
Minister for Defence Comments made during Question Time on 25 November 2014 about the capability of the Australian Submarine Corporation Debated and agreed to (division)	26/11/14	1872

3.9 Orders for the production of documents

The power to require the production of information is one of the most significant powers available to a legislature to enable it to carry out its functions of scrutinising legislation and the performance of the executive arm of government.

Orders for the production of documents most frequently require the tabling of documents in the possession of ministers, government departments and agencies, although occasionally an order may require the creation of a document. The order will generally describe the documents sought and specify a date for their tabling.

For more information, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 12 – Orders for Production of Documents*.

Number of orders for the production of documents agreed to **53**

Orders for the production of documents:

Administration—Assistant Minister for Health—Former chief of staff

Copy of the letter submitted by Mr Alastair Furnival to the Minister at the commencement of his engagement as her chief of staff containing undertakings on action to address conflicts of interest between his business affairs and his ministerial staff role.

Order made: 4 March 2014 (Senator Wong)

For tabling: 5 March 2014

Document tabled: 5 March 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Australian Defence Force boots tender

The name of the successful tenderer, the price differentials of the winning tenderer compared to that of the closest Australian tenderer.

Order made: 17 July 2014 (Senator Xenophon)

For tabling: 18 July 2014

Document presented: 18 July 2014; *document tabled:* 26 August 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Australian Electoral Commission

Correspondence and documents in relation to the Australian Electoral Commission's decision to have Mr Cordover declared a vexatious applicant and its assertion that Mr Landauer colluded with Mr Cordover, and the software source code by which Senate votes are counted.

Order made: 10 July 2014 (Senator Rhiannon)

For tabling: 15 July 2014

Document tabled: 15 July 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Biosecurity operations

Copies of any documents including correspondence, prepared since 7 September 2013, concerning biosecurity functions.

Order made: 17 November 2014 (Senator Moore)

For tabling: 24 November 2014

Document tabled: 24 November 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014—Advice

A copy of the Australian Government Solicitor advice in relation to the Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014.

Order made: 2 October 2014 (Senator Ludwig)

For tabling: 27 October 2014

Document tabled: 28 October 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Department of Employment—Jobs data

Documents in relation to the *Australian* article ‘Coalition urged department to “massage” jobs data’, and the department’s draft labour market growth rate projections and alternate job forecasts.

Order made: 25 March 2014 (Senator Carr)

For tabling: 26 March 2014

Document tabled: 25 March 2014

Motion moved: 27 March 2014 ordering the Minister to comply with the order by 2 pm on 27 March 2014.

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Executive international travel

Any correspondence, since 7 September 2013, concerning the approval of international travel by members of the executive.

Order made: 17 November 2014 (Senator Moore)

For tabling: 24 November 2014

Document tabled: 24 November 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Future Fund—Risks posed by climate change

A copy of the Future Fund’s analysis of risks posed by climate impacts and ‘unburnable carbon’ to its portfolio, through the Asset Owners Disclosure Project 2014 survey.

Order made: 28 October 2014 (Senator Milne)

For tabling: 24 November 2014

Document tabled: 29 October 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Livestock Shipping Services

Documents and correspondence in relation to the Livestock Shipping Services between 1 November 2013 to the present day.

Order made: 14 May 2014 (Senator Rhiannon)

For tabling: 23 May 2014

Documents presented: 23 May 2014; *documents tabled:* 16 June 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—Nauru detention centre

For the past 12 months, all incident reports logged concerning staff misconduct and complaints made to case workers concerning sexual assault, exploitation and child abuse.

Order made: 1 October 2014 (Senator Hanson-Young)

For tabling: 2 October 2014

Document tabled: 2 October 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Administration—NBN Co Corporate Plan

A copy of the NBN Co Corporate Plan 2014-17.

Order made: 29 October 2014 (Senator Conroy)

For tabling: 24 November 2014

Document tabled: 17 November 2014

Budget 2014-15—Distributional and cameo analysis

The distributional and cameo analysis of the impact of prospective policy measures contained in the 2014-15 Budget, and other material prepared for the household budget breakdown.

Order made: 27 August 2014 (Senator Milne)

For tabling: 28 August 2014

Documents tabled: 28 August 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Communications—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Funding

The 2006 KPMG report into the adequacy and efficiency of ABC funding commissioned by the Howard Government.

Order made: 13 February 2014 (Senator Ludlam)

For tabling: 3 March 2014

Document tabled: 3 March 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Communications—Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service Efficiency Review

A copy of Mr Lewis's efficiency review.

Order made: 28 August 2014 (Senator Ludlam)

For tabling: 1 September 2014

Document tabled: 1 September 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014

Corporations Amendment (Streamlining Future of Financial Advice) Regulation 2014 (Select Legislative Instrument No. 102, 2014) and the associated explanatory statement.

Order made: 10 July 2014 (Senator Dastyari)

For tabling: 10 July 2014

Documents tabled: 10 and 15 July 2014

Defence—Air Warfare Destroyer program

Documents/information in relation to the report of the independent review into the performance of the Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyer Program.

Order made: 2 December 2014 (Senator Xenophon)

For tabling: 3 December 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Defence—Air Warfare Destroyer project

The report of the review of the Air Warfare Destroyer project conducted by Professor Don Winter and Dr John White; and a statement of reasons as to commercial in confidence information.

Order made: 9 July 2014 (Senator Xenophon)

For tabling: 10 July 2014

Documents tabled: 10 and 18 July 2014

Motion moved: 15 July 2014 ordering the Minister to comply with the order of the Senate of 9 July 2014 by 17 July 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Defence—Submarines tender process

Any documents produced by Macroeconomics.com.au Pty Ltd as a result of tender reference DMOCIP/RFT 0315/2012.

Order made: 17 November 2014 (Senator Xenophon)

For tabling: 18 November 2014

Document tabled: 24 November 2014

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Education—Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform

A copy of the Heads of Agreement on National Education Reform and associated bilateral agreements, between the Commonwealth and New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmanian, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, including schedules, attachments, letters, implementation plans submitted, agreements with or letters outlining future Commonwealth school funding and related requirements.

Order made: 17 March 2014 (Senator McEwen)

For tabling: 21 March 2014

Document presented: 21 March 2014; *document tabled:* 24 March 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Education—Students with disability—Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Reports in relation to the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on students with disability.

Order made: 3 December 2014 (Senator Wright)

For tabling: 8 February 2015

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Environment—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Dredging at Abbot Point

Any draft or final documents since 1 June 2013 relating to the internal concerns of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) with certain applications by North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation, including any departmental and ministerial briefings and any documents which were given to the Minister.

Order made: 18 March 2014 (Senator Waters)

For tabling: 27 March 2014

Document tabled: 27 March 2014

Documents presented: 5 May 2014; *documents tabled:* 13 May 2014

Documents tabled: 14 May 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Environment—Maules Creek coal project

A copy of the independent review of offsets for the Maules Creek coal project, and in relation to the same project, for the period 1 December 2013 to 17 March 2014, any departmental correspondence with external parties, and any ministerial briefing notes and/or any internal departmental emails and memos prepared.

Order made: 18 March 2014 (Senator Waters)

For tabling: 20 March 2014

Document tabled: 20 March 2014

Documents presented: 15 April 2014; *documents tabled:* 13 May 2014

Environment—Queensland—Abbot Point

Documents in relation to the water quality offset imposed on the Abbot Point dredging and dumping approvals in December 2013.

Order made: 17 July 2014 (Senator Waters)

For tabling: 26 August 2014

Documents tabled: 27 August 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Environment—Queensland—Abbot Point

Documents in relation to the proposal for onshore disposal of dredge spoil at Abbot Point pursuant to EPBC referrals 2014/7355 and 2014/7356.

Order made: 25 November 2014 (Senator Waters)

For tabling: 27 November 2014

Documents tabled: 27 November 2014

Environment—Review of the Renewable Energy Target

The Government's review panel's final report into the Renewable Energy Target.

Order made: 27 August 2014 (Senator Milne)

For tabling: 28 August 2014

Document tabled: 28 August 2014

Estimates hearings—Questions on notice—Answers and explanation

The answers to various questions placed on notice during the consideration by the Economics Legislation Committee of the 2014-15 Budget estimates.

Order made: 2 October 2014 (Senator Ludwig)

For tabling: 2 October 2014

Document tabled: 2 October 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice

A statement in relation to questions taken on notice during the previous round of estimates hearings.

Order made: 25 June 2014 (Senator Wong)

For tabling: by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings.

Documents tabled: 22 September, 1, 2 and 27 October 2014

Family and community services—Child care and early childhood learning

A copy of the final report of the Productivity Commission's inquiry into child care and early childhood learning.

Order made: 3 December 2014 (Senator Hanson-Young)

For tabling: 4 December 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Family and community services—Northern Territory—Income management

The report, *Evaluating new income management in the Northern Territory*, final report.

Order made: 1 December 2014 (Senator Siewert)

For tabling: 3 December 2014

Document tabled: 3 December 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Finance—National Commission of Audit reports

Any reports received from the National Commission of Audit.

Order made: 4 March 2014 (Senator Di Natale)

For tabling: 17 March 2014

Document tabled: 5 March 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Health—Ebola epidemic response

A copy of the advice which has informed the Minister for Health's decision to not send Australian personnel to West Africa in response to the Ebola epidemic.

Order made: 17 November 2014 (Senator Di Natale)

For tabling: 26 November 2014

Document tabled: 26 November 2014

Health—National Mental Health Commission—Mental Health review

Documents by the National Mental Health Commission in relation to its Mental Health review.

Order made: 25 November 2014 (Senator McLucas)

For tabling: 1 December 2014

Document tabled: 1 December 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Immigration—Asylum seekers—Operation Sovereign Borders

A copy of the report of the Review of Operation Sovereign Borders Vessel Positioning December 2013 – January 2014 and accompanying documents identified in part 10 of the review terms of reference.

Order made: 13 February 2014 (Senator Moore)

For tabling: 21 February 2014

Documents presented: 21 February 2014; *documents tabled:* 3 March 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Immigration—Asylum seekers—Transfield Services investigation report

The Transfield Services report into the treatment of asylum seekers in the Manus Island regional processing centre.

Order made: 24 November 2014 (Senator Carr)

For tabling: 27 November 2014

Document tabled: 27 November 2014

Immigration—Border protection operations—Lifeboats

Documents detailing the procurement of lifeboats by the Australian Government for use in border protection operations.

Order made: 12 February 2014 (Senator Carr)

For tabling: 13 February 2014

Documents tabled: 13 February 2014

Documents presented: 21 February 2014; *documents tabled:* 3 March 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Immigration—Humanitarian intake from Ebola-affected countries

A copy of the advice used in the decision to suspend the humanitarian intake from Ebola-affected countries, in particular Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

Order made: 29 October 2014 (Senators Hanson-Young and Di Natale)

For tabling: 30 October 2014

Document tabled: 30 October 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Industry—Economic Review of South Australia and Victoria

Copies of the Review of the *South Australian Economy* and the *Victorian Manufacturing and Industry Economic Review*.

Order made: 20 March 2014 (Senator Carr)

For tabling: 24 March 2014

Document tabled: 24 March 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Industry—SPC Ardmona—Report on government assistance

A copy of the report from the panel established in December 2013 to advise the Government on financial assistance to SPC Ardmona.

Order made: 12 February 2014 (Senator Carr)

For tabling: 13 February 2014

Document presented: 17 February 2014; *document tabled:* 3 March 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Law and justice—Data retention

In relation to the proposal on mandatory data retention, a definition of ‘metadata’ and the document distributed to the telecommunications industry.

Order made: 27 August 2014 (Senator Ludlam)

For tabling: 3 September 2014

Documents tabled: 4 September 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Law and justice—Data retention—Cost estimates

A copy of the PricewaterhouseCoopers study or findings in relation to the cost estimates for the Government’s data retention policy, and a timeline in relation to that process.

Order made: 3 December 2014 (Senator Ludlam)

For tabling: 4 December 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Law and justice—Data retention—Discussion paper

The latest discussion paper on data retention distributed by the Attorney-General’s Department to industry.

Order made: 2 October 2014 (Senator Ludlam)

For tabling: 20 October 2014

Documents presented: 20 October 2014; *documents tabled:* 27 October 2014

Law and justice—Data retention—Investigation of costs

The terms of reference for the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) study into the cost of the Government’s data retention policy and any PWC report provided in 2014 on the same matter.

Order made: 24 November 2014 (Senator Ludlam)

For tabling: 25 November 2014

Document tabled: 25 November 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Social issues—Homelessness

An estimate of the number of additional Australians who will be forced into homelessness as a result of measures taken in the 2014-15 budget, and measures that the Government proposes to take to provide adequate emergency accommodation and services, and adequate and affordable housing for people made homeless by measures in the 2014-15 budget.

Order made: 15 May 2014 (Senators Ludlam, McLucas, Xenophon and Madigan)

For tabling: 16 June 2014

Document tabled: 16 June 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Social issues—Housing and homelessness initiatives

Statements clarifying the Government's commitment to homelessness and affordable housing.

Order made: 27 November 2014 (Senators Ludlam and McLucas)

For tabling: 3 December 2014

Document tabled: 3 December 2014

Trade—Korea—Australia Free Trade Agreement—Modelling

The modelling and associated reports outlining the economic costs and benefits of the Korea–Australia Free Trade Agreement.

Order made: 13 February 2014 (Senator Whish-Wilson)

For tabling: 3 March 2014

Documents tabled: 3 March 2014

Trade—Korea—Australia Free Trade Agreement—Modelling and associated reports

The modelling and associated reports referred to in the 5 December 2013 media release, 'Australia concludes FTA negotiations with the Republic of Korea.

Order made: 17 March 2014 (Senator Whish-Wilson)

For tabling: 18 March 2014

Documents tabled: 18 March 2014

Transport—Queensland—Ipswich Motorway

Any documents held in relation to the Ipswich Motorway.

Order made: 25 November 2014 (Senator Ludwig)

For tabling: 26 November 2014

Documents tabled: 26 November 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Transport—Queensland—Ipswich Motorway

Any documents held in relation to the contents of a letter dated 6 February 2014 which details the Australian Government's commitment to the Ipswich Motorway, Darra to Rocklea, project.

Order made: 1 December 2014 (Senator Ludwig)

For tabling: 3 December 2014

Document tabled: 3 December 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Transport—Queensland—Moreton Bay rail link

Any documents held in relation to the Moreton Bay rail link project.

Order made: 25 November 2014 (Senator Ludwig)

For tabling: 26 November 2014.

Documents tabled: 26 November 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Transport—Queensland—Toowoomba Bypass

Documents in relation to funding for the Toowoomba Bypass and any review of the project.

Order made: 30 September 2014 (Senator Ludwig)

For tabling: 1 October 2014

Document tabled: 1 October 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Transport—Victoria—East West Link

Any documents held by Infrastructure Australia on the East West Link in Melbourne in relation to any business case for Stage 1 or 2, funding sought by the Victorian Government, and/or any assessment of the priority of this project.

Order made: 16 June 2014 (Senator Carr)

For tabling: prior to the consideration of the 2014-15 budget bills, and no later than 7 July 2014

Documents tabled: 8 July 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Transport—Victoria—East West Link

Certain documents held or prepared by Infrastructure Australia in relation to the East West Link project.

Order made: 25 September 2014 (Senator Rice)

For tabling: 2 October 2014

Document tabled: 2 October 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Transport—Western Australia—Perth Freight Link

All communications between Western Australia and the Federal Government in relation to the project being included in the budget, and the cost benefit analysis submitted to the Government demonstrating the 5:1 benefit to cost ratio.

Order made: 25 June 2014 (Senator Ludlam)

For tabling: 7 July 2014

Documents tabled: 8 July 2014

Order remains current and on the *Notice Paper*

Documents tabled pursuant to existing orders:

Transport—WestConnex Motorway Project

Documents relating to the WestConnex motorway project in New South Wales provided to Infrastructure Australia.

Order made: 12 December 2013 (Senator Rhiannon)

For tabling: 2 January 2014

Documents presented: 23 December 2013; *documents tabled:* 11 February 2014

Documents tabled pursuant to orders with continuing effect:

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A list of all appointments made by the Government and existing vacancies to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies.

Order made: 24 June 2008 (Senator Minchin) (varied 12 May 2009)

For tabling: By not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings

Documents tabled: 11, 12 and 13 February, 3 March, 14 and 15 May, 16 June, 28 August and 27 October 2014

Order remains current

Departmental and agency contracts

List of departmental and agency contracts.

Order made: 20 June 2001 (varied 27 September 2001, 18 and 26 June and 4 December 2003)

For tabling: not later than 30 September each year

Documents tabled: 12 and 13 February, 3, 4, 17 and 18 March, 26, 27 and 28 August, 1, 2 and 4 September 2014

Order remains current

Departmental and agency grants

A list of all grants approved in each portfolio or agency, including the value of the grant, recipient of the grant and the program from which the grant was made.

Order made: 24 June 2008 (Senator Minchin)

For tabling: By not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings

Documents tabled: 11 and 13 February, 3 March, 14 and 15 May, 16 June and 27 October 2014

Order remains current

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files

Indexed lists of files of government departments and agencies.

Order made: 30 May 1996 (varied 3 December 1998)

For tabling: by the tenth day of the autumn and spring sittings each year or statements of compliance that such indexed lists of files have been placed on the Internet.

Documents tabled: 11 February, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 24 March, 13 May, 28 August, 2, 4, 22, 24, 25 and 30 September, 27 October and 17 November 2014

Order remains current

Unproclaimed legislation—Document—Standing order 139(2)

Document providing details of all provisions of Acts which come into effect on proclamation and which have not been proclaimed, including statements of reasons for their non-proclamation and information relating to the timetable for their operation, as at 1 August 2014.

Document tabled: 27 August 2014

3.10 Government responses to committee reports

Governments give careful consideration to Senate committee reports and may act on their recommendations. Successive governments have undertaken to inform the Senate of their responses to committee reports within a particular period.

The President reports to the Senate twice a year on those responses which are outstanding.

For more information on the role of committees see *Senate Briefs No. 4 – Senate Committees*.

Number of government responses to committee reports tabled 46

Australia’s Food Processing Sector—Select Committee

Inquiry into Australia’s food processing sector—Report tabled 16 August 2012

Response presented 20 November 2014, tabled 24 November 2014

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Annual reports referred to committees—No. 2 of 2012—Report tabled 12 September 2013

Response tabled 15 May 2014

Community Affairs References Committee

Supply of chemotherapy drugs such as Docetaxel—Report presented 10 May 2013, tabled 14 May 2013

Response tabled 26 November 2014

Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

Family businesses in Australia—different and significant: why they shouldn’t be overlooked—Report tabled 20 March 2013

Response presented 7 October 2014, tabled 27 October 2014

Cyber Safety—Joint Select Committee

Cybersafety for seniors: A worthwhile journey—Second interim report presented 16 April 2013, tabled 14 May 2013

Response tabled 13 February 2014

Economics References Committee

Performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report tabled 26 June 2014

Response presented 23 October 2014, tabled 27 October 2014

Ticket scalping in Australia—Report tabled 26 March 2014

Response tabled 19 June 2014

Education and Employment References Committee

Delivery of quality and affordable early childhood education and care services—
Report tabled 16 July 2014
Response tabled 30 October 2014

Effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy—
Final report tabled 27 March 2014
Response tabled 28 August 2014

Immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia—Report tabled 16 July 2014
Response tabled 30 October 2014

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee

Higher education and skills training to support agriculture and agribusiness in
Australia—Report tabled 21 June 2012
Response tabled 2 October 2014

Provision of childcare—Report tabled 23 November 2009
Response tabled 19 June 2014

Teaching and learning – maximising our investment in Australian schools—Report
tabled 14 May 2013
Response tabled 25 November 2014

Environment and Communications References Committee

Effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities' protection in
Australia—Final report presented 7 August 2013, tabled 12 November 2013
Response presented 8 September 2014, tabled 22 September 2014

Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area—Report tabled 15 May 2014
Response presented 8 October 2014, tabled 27 October 2014

The feasibility of a prohibition on charging fees for an unlisted number service—
Report tabled 15 May 2013
Response presented 6 February 2014, tabled 11 February 2014

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Senate order for departmental and agency contracts—Report tabled 14 May 2014
Response tabled 25 November 2014

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

Care of ADF personnel wounded and injured on operations—Report tabled
24 June 2013
Response tabled 6 March 2014

Review of the Defence annual report 2011-12—Report tabled 27 June 2013
Response tabled 30 October 2014

Trading lives: Modern day human trafficking—Report tabled 24 June 2013
Response tabled 28 October 2014

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Implementation of the *Defence Trade Controls Act 2013*—Progress report no. 1—

Report tabled 27 June 2013

Response presented 8 January 2014, tabled 11 February 2014

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Australia's overseas aid and development assistance program—Report tabled 27 March 2014

Response presented 12 August 2014, tabled 26 August 2014

Australia's overseas development programs in Afghanistan—Report tabled 16 May 2013

Response tabled 26 June 2014

Breaches of Indonesian territorial waters—Report tabled 27 March 2014

Response presented 27 June 2014, tabled 7 July 2014

Report of the DLA Piper review and the Government's response—Report tabled 27 June 2013

Response presented 5 May 2014, tabled 13 May 2014

The importance of the Indian Ocean rim for Australia's foreign, trade and defence policy—Report presented 14 June 2014, tabled 17 June 2013

Response tabled 6 March 2014

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

Review of the listing of Jabhat al-Nusra and re-listing of six organisations; Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula—Report tabled 12 February 2014

Response tabled 28 August 2014

Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee

Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2011-12—Report tabled 16 May 2013

Response tabled 20 March 2014

Gathering and use of criminal intelligence—Report tabled 16 May 2013

Response tabled 28 October 2014

Spectrum for public safety mobile broadband—Report presented 23 July 2013, tabled 12 November 2013

Response presented 21 November 2014, tabled 24 November 2014

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Framework and operation of subclass 457 visas, Enterprise Migration Agreements and Regional Migration Agreements—Report tabled 27 June 2013

Response presented 20 August 2014, tabled 26 August 2014

National Broadband Network—Select Committee

Interim report—Report tabled 26 March 2014

Response presented 13 August 2014, tabled 26 August 2014

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee

An estate for the future: Inquiry into the allocation of land to diplomatic missions in the ACT—Report presented 28 March 2013, tabled 14 May 2013
Response tabled 10 July 2014

Provision of amenity within the Parliamentary triangle—Report tabled 28 June 2013
Response tabled 10 July 2014

Parliamentary committee reports

Schedule of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports—Tabled by the President of the Senate 12 December 2013
Response tabled 16 July 2014

Schedule of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports—Tabled by the President of the Senate 16 July 2014
Response tabled 3 December 2014

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

437th report—Review of Auditor-General's reports nos 2 to 10 (2012-13)—Report tabled 17 June 2013
Response tabled 26 June 2014

441st report—*Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) rules development—Report tabled 14 May 2014
Response tabled 25 September 2014

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

Public works on Christmas Island—Report tabled 31 October 2011
Response tabled 28 August 2014

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Aviation accident investigations—Report presented 23 May 2013, tabled 17 June 2013
Response tabled 20 March 2014

Review of the citrus industry in Australia—Report presented 16 December 2013, tabled 11 February 2014
Response presented 4 August 2014, tabled 26 August 2014

School Funding—Select Committee

Equity and excellence in Australian schools—Report tabled 9 July 2014
Response tabled 2 October 2014

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

128th report—Inquiry into the Treaties Ratification Bill 2012—Report tabled 16 August 2012
Response tabled 27 March 2014

130th report—Treaty tabled on 14 August 2012—Report tabled 31 October 2012
Response tabled 17 July 2014

136th report—Treaty tabled on 14 May 2013—Report tabled 12 November 2013
Response tabled 13 February 2014

137th report—Treaty referred on 15 January 2014—Report tabled 18 March 2014
Response tabled 27 November 2014

3.11 Petitions

Individuals and organisations may seek to have petitions presented to the Parliament. Petitions generally express views on matters of public policy and ask the Senate or the Parliament to take - or, in some cases, *not* to take - a particular course of action.

For more information see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 7 – Petitions*.

Number of petitions	34
Number of signatories	131 458

Subject	Petitions	Signatories
Administration—		
Governance arrangements for Norfolk Island	1	830
National Integrity Commissioner	1	5 962
Australian flag	1	5
Budget 2014-15	2	10 771
Communications—		
Australia Post	1	1 897
Licensed post office operators	1	1 219
Public broadcasters	1	285
Defence—		
Consideration of deployment of Australian troops to overseas conflicts	1	400
Lockheed Martin F35 Joint Strike Fighter	1	1 708
Economics—Foreign ownership of Australian agricultural land	1	2 395
Employment—People with disability	1	143
Environment—		
Gas mining	1	7 049
Sea dumping in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area	1	3 614
Seismic testing off Kangaroo Island	1	1 180
Western Australia-Point Peron development	1	520
Family and community services—		
Child support system	1	1 993
Early childhood care funding	2	418
Income management	1	256

Subject	Petitions	Signatories
Pensions	1	225
Foreign affairs—South China Sea	2	11 553
Health—		
Funding for Soliris	2	21 657
Medicare co-payment	2	5 948
Palliative care hospice in Wagga Wagga	2	320
Primary industries—Australian reconstruction and development board	1	112
Social issues—Cyberbullying	2	48 377
Taxation—Carbon tax	1	222
Youth—Youth connections program	1	2 399

3.12 Questions

Questions without notice

Questions asked of ministers in the Senate at question time are asked *without notice*, although a senator may informally advise a minister of the subject of a proposed question.

	2012	2013	2014
Australian Greens	237	137	261
Australian Labor Party	420	312	792
Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party	—	—	6
Coalition	751	469	762
Democratic Labour Party/Independent (Senator Madigan)	45	27	30
Family First Party	—	—	15
Independent (Senator Lambie)	—	—	3
Independent (Senator Xenophon)	39	33	30
Liberal Democratic Party (Senator Leyonhjelm)	—	—	15
Palmer United Party	—	—	48
Total	1492	978	1962

Questions on notice

Where a senator seeks a detailed response, particularly where statistical information is sought, that question is more appropriately submitted in written form and placed *on notice*. A senator who places a question on notice and does not receive a reply within 30 days may seek from the relevant minister in the Senate an explanation as to why an answer has not been provided. There is no limit to the number of questions a senator may place on notice.

	2012	2013	2014
Australian Labor Party	1	53	1344
Coalition	1000	302	11
Australian Greens	165	95	140
Independent (Senator Lambie)	–	–	29
Total	1166	450	1524

For further information about questions, see *Brief Guide to Senate Procedure No. 6 – Questions* and *Senate Brief No. 12 – Questions*. Further statistics about questions on notice are available in the [Questions on Notice Summary](#)

3.13 Attendance of senators

This table lists the attendance of senators in the Senate chamber on sitting days in 2010. Under section 20 of the Constitution, senators can lose their places if they fail to attend the Senate for two consecutive months without permission. A senator can be granted leave of absence with the consent of the chamber. Senators who are absent without the Senate's approval are shown as "Absent without leave".

Period: 1 January to 31 December 2014

Sitting days: 63

Senator	Days present	Absent without leave	Absent with leave	Senator	Days present	Absent without leave	Absent with leave
Abetz	63	0	0	Lambie ²	37	0	0
Back	62	1	0	Lazarus ²	36	0	1
Bernardi	63	0	0	Leyonhjelm ²	36	0	1
Bilyk	61	0	2	Lines	61	0	2
Birmingham	59	1	3	Ludlam	55	0	8
Bishop ¹	26	0	0	Ludwig	59	0	4
Boswell ¹	26	0	0	Lundy	62	0	1
Boyce ¹	22	0	4	Macdonald	63	0	0
Brandis	60	0	3	Madigan	62	0	1
Brown	58	0	5	Marshall	57	1	5
Bullock ²	37	0	0	Mason	51	0	12
Bushby	63	0	0	McEwen	62	0	1
Cameron	59	0	4	McGrath ²	37	0	0
Canavan ²	37	0	0	McKenzie	63	0	0
Carr	61	0	2	McLucas	52	0	11
Cash	59	0	4	Milne	62	0	1
Colbeck	62	0	1	Moore	63	0	0
Collins	63	0	0	Muir ²	37	0	0
Conroy	61	0	2	Nash	63	0	0
Cormann	60	2	1	O'Neill ^{1 & 3}	60	0	3
Dastyari	63	0	0	O'Sullivan ⁴	60	0	1
Day ²	37	0	0	Parry	59	0	4
Di Natale	59	0	4	Payne	63	0	0
Edwards	60	0	3	Peris	59	0	4
Eggleston ¹	26	0	0	Polley	61	0	2
Farrell ¹	26	0	0	Pratt ¹	17	0	9
Faulkner	63	0	0	Reynolds ²	34	0	3
Fawcett	59	0	4	Rhiannon	63	0	0
Fierravanti-Wells	63	0	0	Rice ²	37	0	0
Fifield	63	0	0	Ronaldson	59	0	4
Furner ¹	26	0	0	Ruston	63	0	0
Gallacher	60	0	3	Ryan	56	0	7
Hanson-Young	59	1	3	Scullion	63	0	0
Heffernan	55	1	7	Seselja	63	0	0
Hogg ¹	26	0	0	Siewert	63	0	0
Johnston	50	1	12	Singh	58	0	5
Ketter ²	37	0	0	Sinodinos	61	0	2
Kroger ¹	26	0	0	Smith	63	0	0

Stephens ¹	22	0	4	Waters	63	0	0
Sterle	62	0	1	Whish-Wilson	62	0	1
Thorp ¹	22	0	4	Williams	62	0	1
Tillem ¹	23	0	3	Wong	61	0	2
Urquhart	62	0	1	Wright	63	0	0
Wang ²	37	0	0	Xenophon	58	2	3

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3.14 Attendance of senators in divisions

The voting statistics do not reflect absences as a result of pairing arrangements or leave. Pairing is an unofficial arrangement between the parties, details of which are indicated in the *Hansard*, adjacent to the relevant division.

Divisions:

Divisions in the Senate	245
Divisions in committee of the whole	74
Total	319

Senator	Senate	Committee		Senator	Senate	Committee
Abetz	98	40		Lambie ²	149	65
Back	222	55		Lazarus ²	149	70
Bernardi	212	60		Leyonhjelm ²	160	67
Bilyk	192	57		Lines	223	70
Birmingham	198	58		Ludlam	221	72
Bishop ¹	59	2		Ludwig	219	45
Boswell ¹	46	1		Lundy	190	40
Boyce ¹	53	2		Macdonald	205	67
Brandis	72	44		Madigan	159	53
Brown	160	43		Marshall	161	65
Bullock ²	167	71		Mason	133	46
Bushby	225	72		McEwen	210	61
Cameron	207	69		McGrath ²	164	58
Canavan ²	167	67		McKenzie	238	74
Carr	155	40		McLucas	187	72
Cash	191	51		Milne	228	72
Colbeck	213	62		Moore	242	68
Collins	174	53		Muir ²	152	69
Conroy	127	45		Nash	185	47
Cormann	112	37		O'Neill ¹ & ³	226	72
Dastyari	205	49		O'Sullivan ⁴	234	74
Day ²	167	71		Parry	187	53
Di Natale	221	59		Payne	187	53
Edwards	208	59		Peris	214	50
Eggleston ¹	55	3		Polley	180	59
Farrell ¹	62	3		Pratt ¹	36	1
Faulkner	157	39		Reynolds ²	141	53
Fawcett	223	66		Rhiannon	245	73
Fierravanti-Wells	173	48		Rice ²	170	71
Fifield	227	59		Ronaldson	135	42
Furner ¹	63	2		Ruston	243	73
Gallacher	221	72		Ryan	171	41
Hanson-Young	225	70		Scullion	138	33
Heffernan	138	52		Seselja	219	55
Hogg ¹	55	0		Siewert	243	74
Johnston	104	39		Singh	213	63
Ketter ²	166	71		Sinodinos	206	64
Kroger ¹	70	2		Smith	221	53

Stephens ¹	56	1		Waters	240	60
Sterle	209	70		Whish-Wilson	239	74
Thorp ¹	58	1		Williams	207	60
Tillem ¹	71	3		Wong	115	22
Urquhart	207	61		Wright	244	74
Wang ²	154	67		Xenophon	153	49

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