



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 29 October 2012

The Senate met from 10.00 am until 10.25 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- Clean Energy Amendment (International Emissions Trading and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were passed

- Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011–24 Government amendments, 2 Australian Greens amendments and 1 Opposition amendment agreed to
- Customs Amendment (Military End-Use) Bill 2011–2 Government amendments agreed to
[The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following bills were debated

- Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2012 and a related bill—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

[Notices of motion](#)

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Appropriation (Implementation of the Report of the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers) Bill (No. 1) 2012-2013 and a related bill [a [statement of reasons](#) supporting the exemptions of the bills from the cut-off order was tabled]
- Aviation Legislation Amendment (Liability and Insurance) Bill 2012
Federal Circuit Court of Australia Legislation Amendment Bill 2012
Higher Education Support Amendment (Maximum Payment Amounts and Other Measures) Bill 2012
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2012 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2012
[[statements of reasons](#) supporting the exemptions of the bills from the cut-off order were tabled]

- ❑ Clean Energy Amendment (International Emissions Trading and Other Measures) Bill 2012 and 6 related bills [a [statement of reasons](#) supporting the exemptions of the bills from the cut-off order was tabled]
- ❑ Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2012 [a [statement of reasons](#) supporting the exemption of the bill from the cut-off order was tabled]
- ❑ Social and Community Services Pay Equity Special Account Bill 2012 and a related bill [a [statement of reasons](#) supporting the exemptions of the bills from the cut-off order was tabled]

To vary the hours of meeting

A notice was given by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) to vary the hours of meeting for 30 October 2012 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate.

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Clean Energy Amendment (International Emissions Trading and Other Measures) Bill 2012 and 6 related bills—Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2012—Community Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Personal Liability for Corporate Fault Reform Bill 2012—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Clean Building Managed Investment Trust) Bill 2012—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [\[report\]](#)
[a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the reports]

Other report

- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—The prevention and treatment of problem gambling [\[report\]](#)

[Government responses](#) tabled

- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—Recent ABC programming decisions
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Procurement procedures for Defence capital projects

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Deterring People Smuggling Bill 2011
- ❑ Men’s Health Select Committee–Report

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–29 October 2012–private meeting
- ❑ Electricity Prices Select Committee–29 October 2012 from 3.15 pm–private briefing
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–29 October 2012 from 5.30 pm–public meeting–consideration of the 2012-13 supplementary Budget estimates for the Future Fund
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–29 October 2012 from 4.00 pm and from 6.15 pm–in camera hearings

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–1 November 2012 from 3.30 pm–private meeting
- ❑ Electricity Prices—Select Committee–31 October 2012 from 9.30 am–private meeting
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–30 October 2012 from 6.30 pm–public meeting–Performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Economics References Committee–Effects of the global financial crisis on the Australian banking sector–to report by 28 November 2012

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Waters for the committee’s inquiry into container deposit schemes
- ❑ Human Rights Joint Committee–Senator Humphries discharged and Senator Ruston appointed

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including a Governor-General’s Proclamation]

Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate debated but did not agree to motions to disallow the following legislative instruments–

- Social Security (Administration) (Declared child protection State – New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria) Determination 2012, made under section 123TF of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* [[homepage](#)]
- Social Security (Administration) (Declared income management areas) Determination 2012, made under section 123TFA of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* [[homepage](#)]
- Social Security (Administration) (Specified income management Territory – Northern Territory) Specification 2012, made under subsections 123UCB(4) and 123UCC(4) of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* [[homepage](#)]
- Social Security (Administration) (Vulnerable income management areas) Specification 2012 made under subsections 123UCA(3) and 123UGB(2) of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* [[homepage](#)]
- Social Security (Administration) (Vulnerable Welfare Payment Recipient) Principles 2012, made under subsection 123UGA(2) of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* [[homepage](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for the Veterans' Affairs portfolio and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs were tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

Letters of advice for [various portfolios](#) were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General–[Audit report](#) no. 8 of 2012-13
- Australian parliamentary delegation–Malaysia and Sri Lanka–5 December to 14 December 2011–Report
- [Government documents](#)
- Parliamentary Service Commissioner–Report for 2011-12
- Responses to Senate resolutions about–
 - Domestic violence–from the Office of the Premier of New South Wales, the Premier of Queensland (Mr Newman) and the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory (Mr Mills) [resolution agreed to on [19 September 2012](#)]
 - Polio eradication–from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) [resolution agreed to on [14 August 2012](#)]
 - Suicide–from the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing (Mr Butler) [resolution agreed to on [13 September 2012](#)] [a motion to take note of the response was debated – [first speaker](#)]

- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) and the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Ms Macklin) [resolution agreed to on [13 September 2012](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the responses was agreed to]

Other business

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motion agreed to

- [Elections in Cambodia](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Motion negatived

- [Nationally threatened species and wilderness places](#)—moved by Senator Waters

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Mining tax](#)—proposed by Senator Cormann [[first speaker](#)]

Death of Corporal Scott James Smith

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) [moved](#) that the Senate records its deep sorrow at the death, on 21 October 2012, of Corporal Scott James Smith, while on combat operations in Afghanistan. The motion was supported.

Ministerial arrangements

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

Notices of motion

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

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