

Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 17 September 2012

The Senate met from 10.00 am until 10.31 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following private senator's bill was introduced

- ❑ Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was introduced, exempted from the cut-off order and debated

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Declared Commercial Fishing Activities) Bill 2012—second reading debate commenced—1 [Opposition second reading amendment](#) to be determined [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 September 2012] [[first speaker](#) in the debate on the motion to exempt the bill from the cut-off order, to enable debate during this period of sittings] [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate]

The following bill was also debated

- ❑ Marriage Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

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

Report on legislation

- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other report

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Review of the Defence annual report 2010-2011 [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Notices of motion to extend reporting deadlines

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—
 - Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012—to report by the first sitting day in March 2013
 - Fair Work Amendment (Small Business—Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012—to report by the first sitting day in March 2012
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Detention of minors—to report by 4 October 2012

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

- [Clerk's documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- The Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Lundy) to table [information relating to the provision of services on Nauru for the processing of asylum seekers](#)—no later than 21 September 2012
- The Minister representing the Treasurer to table [information relating to the Minerals Resource Rent Tax](#)—no later than noon on 19 September 2012

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A letter of advice for the Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport Portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for the Commonwealth Ombudsman and the Treasury portfolio were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Other business

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

Motion negated

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

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Aged care](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Personal explanation

Senator Rhiannon made a [personal explanation](#) relating to articles in the *Australian* on 13 and 14 September 2012 and comments made by Senator Sinodinos concerning anti-Semitism.

Notices of motion

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

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