



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 19 March 2012

The Senate met from 10.00 am until 10.33 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 and 10 related bills—1 Senator Xenophon second reading amendment agreed to [expressing a view about the policy of the bills] [The bills will now be assented to]

The President made a [statement](#) concerning a proposed Australian Greens amendment to the Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011, ruling the amendment out of order

[Notice of motion](#) to introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012—notice given by Senator Bushby

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

Committees

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

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Protecting Elector Participation) Bill 2012—Electoral Matters Joint Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 and a related bill—Community Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support and Other Measures) Bill 2012—Community Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (MySuper Core Provisions) Bill 2011 and Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Obligations and Prudential Standards) Bill 2012—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Other reports

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Visit to the Middle East Area of Operations—Report of the delegation to the MEAO, 14 May to 18 May 2011
- ❑ Privileges Committee—150th report—Whether there was any improper influence in relation to political donations made by Mr Graeme Wood and questions without notice asked by Senator Bob Brown and Senator Milne [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) moved in relation to the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Proposed references

The Senate did not agree to refer the following matters to committees:

- ❑ [Revised Implementation Guidelines for the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry](#)—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Road Safety Remuneration Bill 2011 and a related bill—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—21 March 2012 from 5.30 pm—public meeting—Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—20 March 2012 from 4.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), followed by an in camera hearing
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—20 March 2012 from 1.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Community Affairs References Committee into health services and medical professionals in rural areas to 27 June 2012.

[Notices of motion](#)

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee—9 May 2012 from 4.15 pm—public meeting
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—22 March 2012 from 10.30 am—public meeting—Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee—9 May 2012 from 10.30 am—public meeting

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Johnston be discharged from and Senator Humphries be appointed to the Privileges Committee.

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion requiring the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Lundy) to table [training manuals produced by Serco](#).

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A letters of advice for the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio was were 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]

Notice of motion

Senator Milne gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the tabling of a study by George Wilkenfeld and Associates, *Update scope 3 emissions factors for natural gas consumed in Australia, based on NGERs data*—no later than 22 March 2012.

Documents tabled

- ❑ [1 petition](#)
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about—
 - Special Broadcasting Service—from the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) [resolution agreed to on [23 November 2011](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]
 - Australian Year of the Farmer 2012—from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) [resolution agreed to on [9 February 2012](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]

Ministerial statements tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) tabled ministerial statements about—

- ❑ workplace deaths [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ International Women's Day 2012—Supporting women's economic empowerment [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- ❑ [Arrest in Egypt of Mr Austin Mackell](#), Australian journalist—moved by Senator Rhiannon

Motion negatived

- ❑ [Western Australian export fishing licences](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Death of Margaret Elaine Whitlam, AO

Senator Faulkner moved a [motion of condolence](#) on the death, on 17 March 2012, of Margaret Elaine Whitlam, AO [[first speaker](#)]. The motion was supported and all senators present stood in silence.

Notices of motion

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

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