



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 23 August 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.22 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Smuggled Tobacco) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 August 2012]
- ❑ International Monetary Agreements Amendment (Loans) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 August 2012]
- ❑ Statute Law Revision Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 August 2012]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 4) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 August 2012]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2012—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2] [private senator's bill]—defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Australian Citizenship Amendment (Defence Families) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Corporations Legislation Amendment (Financial Reporting Panel) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Migration (Visa Evidence) Charge Bill 2012 and a related bill [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Navigation Bill 2012 and 3 related bills [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Investment Manager Regime) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

[Notices of motion](#) to introduce a private senators' bill

- ❑ Marriage Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012

Message from the House of Representatives reported

- ❑ Cybercrime Legislation Amendment Bill 2011—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the bill

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

Committees

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

Estimates

Additional information received relating to estimates hearings was tabled.

New committee

The Senate agreed to [establish](#) the Electricity Prices Select Committee.

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 10 of 2012](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill 2012 and 2 related bills—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 12 September 2012
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment (Small Business—Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—to report by 29 November 2012
- ❑ Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—to report by 29 October 2012

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Government Investment Funds Amendment (Ethical Investments) Bill 2011—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other reports

- ❑ Appropriations and Staffing Committee—Annual report for 2011-12 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—
 - 431st report—Review of Auditor-General's reports nos 24 to 32 (2011-12)

- 432nd report–APS fit for service–Australian Public Service annual update
- Publications Committee–18th report [[report](#)] [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]

Documents tabled

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Executive minutes and responses to committee recommendations in 417th, 426th and 428th reports

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Community Affairs References Committee–11 September 2012 from 12.30 pm–private meeting
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–23 August 2012 from 4.30 pm–public meeting–Management of the Murray-Darling Basin

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Community Affairs References Committee–Palliative care in Australia–to report by 19 September 2012
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Procurement procedures for defence capital projects–to report by 30 August 2012
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Management of the Murray-Darling Basin–to report by 1 November 2012

[Notice of motion](#) to refer a matter to a committee

- Conduct of certain Reserve Bank of Australia subsidiaries–Economics References Committee–to report by 27 November 2012–notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) and Senator Xenophon

Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to the membership of committees [see Journals entries [49](#) and [53](#)]

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]

Motion to disallow debated

A motion moved by Senator Whish-Wilson to disallow the Small Pelagic Fishery Total Allowable Catch (Quota Species) Determination 2012 [[homepage](#)] was further debated [[first speaker](#)]. [A division was called for at the end of the debate. As required by [standing order 57\(3\)](#), the division will be held on 10 September 2012.]

[Notices of motion](#) to disallow given

Senator Siewert gave notices to disallow the following legislative instruments:

- ❑ Social Security (Administration) (Declared income management areas) Determination 2012, made under section 123TFA 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](#)]
- ❑ 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) (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](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (Senator Wong) to table details relating to the issue of free carbon permits, no later than noon on 10 September 2012.

Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) requiring the tabling of documents relating to allegations concerning certain Reserve Bank of Australia subsidiaries.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A letter of advice for the Treasury 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]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation–United States of America–27 September to 9 October 2011–Report
- ❑ [Government document](#)
- ❑ President of the Senate–Report of the official visit to Peru–24 to 26 September 2011
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about the Australia-Vietnam human rights dialogue–from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) [resolution agreed to on [21 June 2012](#)]

Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed.

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Fred Hollows Foundation](#)—moved by Senators Crossin, Moore, Boyce, Nash, Siewert and Xenophon
- [Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation](#)—moved by Senator Brown
- [Housing affordability and women](#)—moved by Senators Rhiannon and Moore
- [International Black Ribbon Day](#)—moved by Senators Mason and Cormann
- [Kimberly Girl Program](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [World Hepatitis Day](#)—moved by Senator Pratt

Motions negated

- [Bald Hills wind farm](#)—moved by Senator Madigan
- [Inequality and discrimination](#)—moved by Senator Wright

Notices of motion

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

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection.

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