



# Senate Daily Summary

## Tuesday, 14 August 2012

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.56 pm

### Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

#### Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- ❑ Consumer Credit Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 June 2012]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Obligations and Prudential Standards) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]

#### Messages from the House of Representatives reported

- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 and 2 related bills—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the bills

#### Bills assented to

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

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

### Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

#### Estimates

A corrigendum to the [report](#) of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee into the 2012-13 Budget estimates was tabled.

## Reports tabled

### Reports on legislation

- Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Complaints) Bill 2012 and a related bill—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Interim and final reports [[final report](#)]
- Customs Amendment (Smuggled Tobacco) Bill 2012—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Military Court of Australia Bill 2012 and a related bill—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Tax Laws Amendment (Cross-Border Transfer Pricing) Bill (No. 1) 2012—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

### Other reports

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Administration of Indigenous Business Australia in relation to certain evidence given to the Senate Community Affairs Committee [[report](#)]
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—The shortage of engineering and related employment skills [[report](#)]
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Review of the re-listing of Hizballah’s External Security Organisation [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

## Government responses tabled

- Economics References Committee—
  - Investing for good: The development of a capital market for the not-for-profit sector in Australia
  - The asset insurance arrangements of Australian state governments: State government insurance and the flood levy [Inquiry into the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 and Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011]
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—The Government’s administration of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Torres Strait: Bridge and border
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Donor conception practices in Australia
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—426th report—Ninth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Animal welfare standards in Australia’s live export markets and the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Australia’s biosecurity and quarantine arrangements
- Treaties Joint Committee—100th report—Treaties tabled on 25 June 2008 (2): Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

### **Meetings during the sitting of the Senate**

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

- Australia's Food Processing Sector Select Committee–15 August 2012 from noon–private meeting
- Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees–14 August 2012 from 12.35 pm–private meetings
- Electoral Matters Joint Committee–15 August 2012 from 9.30 am–private meeting
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–14 August 2012 from 1.45 pm–private meeting
- National Broadband Network Joint Committee–14 August 2012 from 6.15 pm to 7.20 pm–public meeting–Rollout of the National Broadband Network

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–
  - Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012–to report by 11 September 2012
  - Military Court of Australia Bill 2012 and a related bill–to report by 9 October 2012

### **Notices of motion**

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee–
  - 16 August 2012 from 11.00 am–private meeting
  - 13 September 2012 from 11.00 am–private meeting
- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–
  - 16 August 2012 from 5.00 pm–public meeting–Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012
  - 21 August 2012 from 12.30 pm to–private meeting
- Community Affairs References Committee–21 August 2012 from 12.30 pm–private meeting
- Electoral Matters Joint Committee–22 August 2012 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am–public meeting–Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Procedure) Bill 2012
- Environment and Communications Legislation and References Committees–16 August 2012 from 1.00 pm–private meeting
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–16 August 2012 from 4.30 pm–public meeting–Examination of the Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test

To extend a reporting deadline

- Community Affairs References Committee–Health services and medical professionals in rural areas–to report by 22 August 2012

## Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Ludlam for the committee’s inquiry into aid for Afghanistan
- Procedure Committee—Senator Ludlam discharged and Senator Siewert appointed

## Message from the House of Representatives

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Ms Rowland would replace Ms Rishworth on the National Broadband Network Joint Committee.

## Documents

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### 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 Governor-General’s Proclamations]

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Statement by Minister

A statement from the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Mr Burke) responding to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [19 June 2012](#)] requiring the tabling of legal advice relating to the Murray Darling Basin draft plan was tabled.

#### Notice of motion

Senator Cormann gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Treasurer to table information relating to Minerals Resource Rent Tax revenues—no later than noon on the 20th day of every month.

### Documents tabled

- [2 petitions](#)
- [Business of the Senate](#)—1 January to 30 June 2012 [a digest of all business considered by the Senate in 2011]
- Government documents [see Journals entries [2](#) and [37](#)]
- Responses to Senate resolutions about—
  - Bsafe program—from the Minister for Justice (Mr Clare) [resolution agreed to on [10 May 2012](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]
  - Commonwealth anti-discrimination laws—from the Attorney-General (Ms Roxon) [resolution agreed to on [28 June 2012](#)]
  - Democracy in Bahrain—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) [resolution agreed to on [10 May 2012](#)]
  - Domestic and family violence—from the Attorney-General (Ms Roxon) [resolution agreed to on [27 June 2012](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]
  - International arms trade—from the Executive Director, Oxfam International (Mr Hobbs) [resolution agreed to on [21 June 2012](#)]

- Murray Darling inflows—from the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Mr Burke) [resolution agreed to on [9 May 2012](#)] [a motion to take note of the response was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- World Down Syndrome Day—from the Chair of Trustees, Down Syndrome International (Ms Robertson, OAM) [resolution agreed to on [21 March 2012](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]
- [Questions on notice summary](#)—28 September 2010 to 30 June 2012
- [Work of Committees](#)—Financial statistics: 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012; and half-year statistics: 1 January to 30 June 2012

## **Other business**

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

### **Motion agreed to**

- [Polio eradication](#)—moved by Senators Moore and Boyce

### **Motions negatived**

- [Compliance with the Standards of Ministerial Ethics](#)—moved by Senator Ryan
- [Terms of reference for the review of the Fair Work Act 2009](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)

### **Imminent retirement of senator**

[Senator Fisher](#) made a [statement](#) relating to her imminent retirement.

### **Death of Sergeant Blaine Diddams**

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) [moved](#) that the Senate records its deep sorrow at the death, on 2 July 2012, of Sergeant Blaine Diddams, while on combat operations in Afghanistan. The motion was supported.

### **Matter of public importance discussed**

- [Gillard Government](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

### **Notices of motion**

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

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