



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 13 September 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.12 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Commonwealth Government Securities Legislation Amendment (Retail Trading) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 September 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Making Marine Parks Accountable) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill] [introducer's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Government Investment Funds Amendment (Ethical Investments) Bill 2011—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)]
 - ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Schedule 4) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)]
 - ❑ Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Bill 2012 and a related bill [[first speaker](#)]
 - ❑ International Monetary Agreements Amendment (Loans) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)]
 - ❑ Legislative Instruments Amendment (Sunsetting Measures) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)]
 - ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2012
 - ❑ Statute Law Revision Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)]
 - ❑ Statute Stocktake (Appropriations) Bill (No. 1) 2012 [[first speaker](#)]
 - ❑ Transport Safety Investigation Amendment Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)]
- [These bills will now be assented to]

The following bill was defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2010–defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012–[notice](#) given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

To exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings – 14 August to 29 November 2012]

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Declared Fishing Activities) Bill 2012–[notice](#) given by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) [a [statement of reasons](#) was tabled justifying the need for the bill to be considered during this period of sittings]

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Report tabled

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

[Government responses](#) tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–
 - Regulatory standards for the approval of medical devices in Australia
 - The social and economic impact of rural wind farms[a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the responses]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 11 of 2012](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and referred the Migration Amendment (Health Care for Asylum Seekers) Bill 2012 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee to report by 20 November 2012.

Other reference

- ❑ [Aviation accident investigations](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 29 November 2012

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–13 September 2012 from 3.30 pm–private meeting
- ❑ Electricity Prices Select Committee–17 September 2012 from 4.45 pm–private meeting
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee–13 September 2012 from 5.00 pm–public meeting for the purpose of making an inspection

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

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

[Notices of motion](#)

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- ❑ 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–notice given by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ The Minister representing the Treasurer to table information relating to the Minerals Resource Rent Tax–no later than noon on 19 September 2012–notice given by Senator Cormann

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

- ❑ [R U OK? Day](#)–moved by Senators Fierravanti-Wells and Wright
- ❑ [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)–moved by Senator Siewert

Motion negatived

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

Motion debated

- ❑ [Gillard Government's budget](#)—moved by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [see entries [4](#) and [19](#)].

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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