



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 10 May 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 9.21 pm

The Senate will meet again on [18 June 2012](#). Senate committees will meet from 21 to 31 May 2012 to consider [2012-13 Budget estimates](#).

Senators

Statements were made relating to the imminent retirement of Senator Sherry [[first speaker](#)].

Budget 2012-13

[Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites](#)

The [Opposition](#), the [Leader of the Australian Greens](#) and [Senator Madigan](#) responded to the Budget statement and documents.

Portfolio budget statements for [parliamentary](#) and [executive](#) departments were tabled.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Further Future of Financial Advice Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2012]
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2012]
- ❑ Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2012]
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2012]
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Schedule 4) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2012]
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2012]
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Student Visas) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2012]

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2012]

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 8 to 10 May 2012]

- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review) Bill 2012

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (Schoolkids Bonus Budget Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 9 May 2012] [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was discharged from the *Notice Paper*

- ❑ Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]

Messages from the House of Representatives agreeing to the following bills without amendment

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Regional Commercial Radio) Bill 2012
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2012

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](#)

Estimates

A report of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee into the 2011-12 additional estimates was tabled [[report](#)].

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012 and the Social Security Amendment (Supporting Australian Victims of Terrorism Overseas) Bill 2011–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-siphoning) Bill 2012–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Bill 2012 and 4 related bills–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2]–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Judges and Governors-General Legislation Amendment (Family Law) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Migration Amendment (Removal of Mandatory Minimum Penalties) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- National Health Reform Amendment (Administrator and National Health Funding Body) Bill 2012–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Charges) Bill 2012–Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- National Water Commission Amendment Bill 2012–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Skills Australia Amendment (Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency) Bill 2012–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other reports

- Appropriations and Staffing Committee–53rd report–Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2012-13 [\[report\]](#)
- Australia’s Immigration Detention Network Joint Select Committee–Final report [\[report\]](#)
- Law Enforcement Joint Committee–
 - Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
 - Examination of the 2010-11 annual reports of the Australian Crime Commission and the Australian Federal Police [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Publications Committee–16th report [\[report\]](#) [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–
 - Australia’s biosecurity and quarantine arrangements–Interim and final reports [\[final report\]](#)
 - Operational issues in export grain markets–Interim and final reports [\[final report\]](#)

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–
 - [Alert Digest No. 5](#) and [5th report](#) of 2012 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the documents was agreed to]
 - The future direction and role of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Senators' Interests Committee–Report 1 of 2012: Annual report 2011 [[report](#)]
- Treaties Joint Committee–124th report–Treaties tabled on 22 November 2011 and 7 February 2012 [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Documents tabled

- Community Affairs References Committee– Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption practices–Additional information
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2012-13–[Statement](#)

Government responses tabled

- [Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee](#)–Inquiry into integrity testing
- [Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee](#)–Exposure drafts of Australian privacy amendment legislation–Part 1: Australian privacy principles, and Part 2: Credit reporting
- [Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee](#)–Living with salinity – A report on the progress: The extent and economic impact of salinity in Australia
- [Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee](#)–Inquiry into Australia's relationship with the countries of Africa
- [Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee](#)–The design and implementation of a mandatory pre-commitment system for electronic gaming machines
- [Law Enforcement Joint Committee](#)–Examination of the annual report of the Australian Crime Commission 2009-10
- [Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee](#)–
 - A balancing act: provisions of the *Water Act 2007*
 - International parental child abduction to and from Australia
- [National Broadband Network Joint Committee](#)–Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network–Second report

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 5 of 2012](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following reference:

- Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 21 September 2012

Other reference

- [Minors in detention](#)—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 28 June 2012

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee—20 June 2012 from 4.15 pm to 5.30 pm—public meeting
- Migration Joint Committee—20 June 2012 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm—public meeting
- Treaties Joint Committee—18 June 2012 from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm—public meeting
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—
 - 20 June and 27 June 2012 from 11.00 am to 11.30 am—private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
 - 20 June 2012 from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm, and 27 June 2012 from 12.15 pm to 1.00 pm—public meetings
 - 27 June 2012 from 11.30 am to 12.15 pm—private briefing

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Community Affairs References Committee—Senator Nash to replace Senator McKenzie for the committee’s inquiry into health services and medical professionals in rural areas on Friday, 11 May 2012
- Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—Senator Back discharged

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, including Governor-General’s Proclamations]

Documents tabled

- [1 petition](#)
- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 28 to 32 of 2011-12
- Communiqué from the National Schools Constitutional Convention 2012—Old Parliament House—21 to 23 March 2012
- [Government documents](#)
- Responses to Senate resolutions about—
 - Anniversary of the apology to the Stolen Generations—from the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Ms Macklin) [resolution agreed to on [27 February 2012](#)]

- Australian war graves in Libya—from the Ambassador of Libya (His Excellency Mr Allafi) [resolution agreed to on [14 March 2012](#)]
- Korean Prisoners of War—from the Ambassador of the United States of America (His Excellency Mr Bleich) [resolution agreed to on [8 February 2012](#)]
- National history curriculum and Indigenous history—from the Chair of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (Professor McGaw AO) [resolution agreed to on [2 November 2011](#)]
- Nuclear submarine technology—from the Minister for Defence (Mr Smith) [resolution agreed to on [15 March 2012](#)]
- Sri Lanka—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) [resolution agreed to on [21 March 2012](#)]
- Tuberculosis in Papua New Guinea—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) [resolution agreed to on [2 November 2011](#)]
- Vaclav Havel—from the President of the Senate of the Czech Republic (the Honourable Milan Stech) [resolution agreed to on [8 February 2012](#)]
- World Down Syndrome Day—from the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Care (Senator McLucas) [resolution agreed to on [21 March 2012](#)]

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 Climate Change and energy efficiency portfolio was 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 letter of advice for the Employment and Workplace Relations 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]

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for the Human Services and Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolios were tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Bsafe program](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon
- [Democracy in Bahrain](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

- ❑ [Elections in Malaysia](#)—moved by Senator Xenophon
- ❑ [Hamelin Pool, Western Australia](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ [Midwifery funding](#)—moved by Senators Di Natale, Rhiannon and Pratt
- ❑ [Schizophrenia Awareness Week](#)—moved by Senators Wright and Di Natale
- ❑ [Tasmanian forestry industry](#)—moved by Senator Colbeck

Motions negated

- ❑ [Building and construction sector](#)—moved by Senator Ryan
- ❑ [River Murray extraction caps](#)—moved by Senators Xenophon and Hanson-Young

Motion debated

- ❑ [Budget 2012-13](#)—moved by Senator Fifield

Temporary chair of committees

Warrants were tabled nominating Senators Edwards and McKenzie as temporary chairs of committees and revoking the nomination of Senator Back as a temporary chair of committees.

Notice of motion

A [notice of motion](#) given today is 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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