



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 10 October 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.29 pm

Senators

Senator Ruston gave her [first speech](#).

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- ❑ Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 14 August to 29 November 2012]

- ❑ Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2012
- ❑ National Portrait Gallery of Australia Bill 2012
National Portrait Gallery of Australia (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2012

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2011 and 3 related bills—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced

[Notice of motion to exempt bills from the cut-off order](#) [to enable consideration this period of sittings – 14 August to 29 November 2012]

- ❑ Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill 2012
Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2012

Messages from the House of Representatives

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development) Bill 2012—Message reporting that the House of Representatives had agreed to 2 amendments made by the Senate, disagreed to 11 amendments and made 11 amendments in place of those amendments was [further considered](#) in committee of the whole [The Senate did not insist on its amendments and agreed to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in their place. The bill will now be assented to]

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

Committees

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

Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other reports

- Community Affairs References Committee—Palliative care in Australia [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Human Rights Joint Committee—[5th report of 2012](#)—Examination of legislation in accordance with the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*: Bills and Legislative Instruments introduced 17 to 20 September 2012
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Review of the re-listing of five terrorist organisations [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Inquiry into the effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapples from Malaysia—Interim report [[report](#)] [reporting date for the final report extended to 29 November 2012] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 12](#) and [12th report](#) of 2012 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

New inquiry

The Senate referred matters relating to [victims of sexual and other abuse in Defence](#) to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee to report by 1 March 2013.

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Economics Legislation Committee—11 October 2012 from 3.30 pm—private meeting
- National Broadband Network Joint Committee—30 October 2012 from 6.00 pm—public meeting

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—28 November 2012 from 11.00 am—private meeting, followed by a private briefing

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- Administration of container deposit schemes—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 22 November 2012—notice given by Senators Whish-Wilson and Xenophon
- Proposed government amendments to the Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 31 October 2012—notice given by Senator Ludlam
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 29 November 2012—notice given by Senators Madigan and Xenophon

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—11 October 2012 from 4.00 pm—public meeting—Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to the membership of committees.

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mrs Prentice would replace Mr Briggs on the Treaties Joint Committee.

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Approval of instruments

The Senate approved—

- the [designation of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea](#) as a regional processing country [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#) in debate on motion] [a letter relating to the designation from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Mr Antonio Guterres) to the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Mr Bowen) was also tabled]
- the [Health Insurance \(Extended Medicare Safety Net\) Amendment Determination 2012 \(No. 1\)](#), made under subsection 10B(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* [[homepage](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation to table the final report of the Productivity Commission into default superannuation funds in modern awards.

Notices of motion

The following [notices of motion](#) were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- The Minister representing the Attorney-General to table advice relating to data retention—no later than noon on 29 October 2012—notice given by Senator Ludlam
- The Minister representing the Attorney-General to table details of meetings relating to a national data retention scheme—no later than noon on 29 October 2012—notice given by Senator Ludlam
- The Minister representing the Special Minister of State and the Minister representing the Minister for the Public Service and Integrity to table drafts of the Public Interest Disclosure Bill and related correspondence—no later than 1 November 2012—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for [various 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 portfolios](#) 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]

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Anti-Poverty Week](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [World Mental Health Day](#)—moved by Senator Moore

Motions negated

- [Great Barrier Reef](#)—moved by Senator Waters
- [North West Slope Trawl Fishery](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Mental health services](#)—proposed by Senator Fierravanti-Wells [[first speaker](#)]

Temporary chair of committees

A warrant was tabled nominating Senator Bernardi as a temporary chair of committees.

Notices of motion

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

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