



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 29 November 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 11.39 pm

The Senate has now completed its sittings for 2012 and will commence the 2013 Autumn sittings on [5 February 2013](#)

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- National Gambling Reform Bill 2012 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 November 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Further MySuper and Transparency Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 November 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 November 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was debated

- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was defeated by a majority vote

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011—defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- Customs Amendment (Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2012 and a related bill [first speaker in [second reading debate](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]
- National Gambling Reform Bill 2012 and 2 related bills [first speaker in [second reading debate](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Further MySuper and Transparency Measures) Bill 2012 [first speaker in [second reading debate](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

- Treasury Legislation Amendment (Unclaimed Money and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [first speaker in [second reading debate](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Wheat Export Marketing Amendment Bill 2012–4 Australian Greens amendments agreed to [first speaker in [second reading debate](#)] [The House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and the bill will now be assented to]

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to motion to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 29 November 2012 and to consider bills under a limitation of time.

Message from the House of Representatives reported

- Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012–agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

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

Estimates

[Additional information](#) received relating to estimates hearings was tabled.

Reports tabled

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee–The adequacy of the allowance payment system for jobseekers and others, the appropriateness of the allowance payment system as a support into work and the impact of the changing nature of the labour market [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Privileges Committee–Code of Conduct inquiry [[report](#)]
- Publications Committee–22nd report [[report](#)] [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]

Documents tabled

- President of the Senate–[Report to the Senate](#) on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 29 November 2012
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation for the period January to June 2012
- Senators' Interests Standing Committee–Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 27 June and 27 November 2012

[Government responses](#) tabled

- Australia's Immigration Detention Network Joint Select Committee–Final report
- Environment and Communications References Committee–The adequacy of protections for the privacy of Australians online

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 16 of 2012](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2012–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 27 February 2013
- Australian Education Bill 2012–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee–to report by 13 March 2013
- Biosecurity Bill 2012 and a related bill–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 27 February 2013
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 13 March 2013
- Customs Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 13 March 2013
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 25 February 2013
- Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Towards Transparency) Bill 2012–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee–to report by 12 March 2013
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2012 and 2 related bills–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 13 March 2013
- Native Title Amendment Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 13 March 2013
- Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2012–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 5 February 2013
- Private Health Insurance Amendment (Lifetime Health Cover Loading and Other Measures) Bill 2012–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 12 March 2013

Other reference

- [Antimicrobial resistance implementation](#)–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 21 March 2013

Proposed references

The Senate did not agree to refer the following matters to committees:

- [Federal Court of Australia fee increases](#)–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 21 March 2013
- [Government regulation of uranium oxide transport](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 30 June 2013

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the National Broadband Network Joint Committee to hold a private meeting during the sitting of the Senate on 29 November 2012 from 1.00 pm.

Membership

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

A messages from the House of Representatives was reported notifying of appointments of members to the Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Joint Select Committee.

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]

Notices of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow item [1] of Schedule 1 to the National Health (Weighted average disclosed price – interim supplementary disclosure cycle) Amendment Determination 2012 (No. 2) [PB98 of 2012] made under subsection 99ADB(4) of the *National Health Act 195* [[homepage](#)] was withdrawn.

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) [tabled](#) a letter from the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Mr Burke) to the Clerk of the Senate and an attachment relating to an order for production of documents relating to the Murray Darling Basin draft plan [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [19 June 2012](#)].

Documents tabled

- [2 petitions](#)
- Australian parliamentary delegation–Pakistan, 29 August to 2 September 2012
- Department of Defence–Special purpose flights–Schedule for the period 1 January to 30 June 2012
- Department of the Senate–Register of Senate senior executive officers' interests incorporating alterations of registrable interests of Senate senior executive officers lodged between 27 June and 27 November 2012
- A [government document](#)

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Chemotherapy drug Docetaxel](#)—moved by Senators Xenophon, Fierravanti-Wells and Madigan
- [Christian Assyrians in Iraq](#)—moved by Senator Fierravanti-Wells
- [Human rights in Iran](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon
- [National Asbestos Awareness Week](#)—moved by Senator Singh
- [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve various proposals for capital works—moved by the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney)
- [‘Right to Know’ website](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon

End of 2012 sittings

Valedictory speeches were made relating to the end of the 2012 sittings [[first speaker](#)].

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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