



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 20 November 2012

The Senate met from 11.00 am until 12.12 am, Wednesday, 21 November 2012

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Special Protection Scheme for Afghan Coalition Employees) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012—second reading debate agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced [further amendments remain to be considered]

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

- ❑ Clean Energy Amendment (International Emissions Trading and Other Measures) Bill 2012 and 6 related bills
- ❑ Corporations Legislation Amendment (Derivative Transactions) Bill 2012
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious Drugs, Identity Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012
- ❑ Fair Entitlements Guarantee Bill 2012
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment (Transfer of Business) Bill 2012
- ❑ Freedom of Information Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Office) Bill 2012
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2012
- ❑ National Health Security Amendment Bill 2012
- ❑ Personal Liability for Corporate Fault Reform Bill 2012

- ❑ Superannuation Laws Amendment (Capital Gains Tax Relief and Other Efficiency Measures) Bill 2012 and a related bill
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Arrangement) Bill 2012
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 5) Bill 2012
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Clean Building Managed Investment Trust) Bill 2012
- ❑ Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012

Motion agreed to

The Senate debated and agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 20 November and 22 November 2012 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered [[first speaker](#)].

[Notice of motion](#) to introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2012

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

Committees

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

Reports tabled

- ❑ Law Enforcement Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill 2012—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 15 of 2012](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and referred the National Gambling Reform Bill 2012 and 2 related bills to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee to report by 27 November 2012 [[first speaker](#) in debate on motion to adopt the report]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—26 November 2012 from 6.30 pm—public meeting—2012-13 supplementary budget estimates
- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—21 November 2012 from 4.00 pm—public meeting—Fair Work Amendment Bill 2012
- ❑ Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—22 November 2012 from 1.00 pm—private meeting
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—21 November 2012 from 3.00 pm, and 22 November 2012 from 1.05 pm—private meetings

- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–21 November 2012 from noon–private meeting
- ❑ Law Enforcement Joint Committee–20 November 2012 from 5.30 pm–public meeting–Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment (Protecting Revenue) Bill 2012–to report by 21 March 2013
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012–to report by 28 March 2013
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–
 - Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012–to report by 25 February 2013
 - Migration Amendment (Health Care for Asylum Seekers) Bill 2012–to report by 7 December 2012
 - Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Bill 2012–to report by 25 February 2013
 - Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012–to report by 12 March 2013
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012–to report by 21 March 2013
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Aviation accident investigation–to report by 27 February 2013

Notices of motion to refer matters to committees

- ❑ Exposure draft and explanatory notes of the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 18 February 2013–notice given by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)
- ❑ Unauthorised disclosure of a draft report of the Electricity Prices Select Committee–Privileges Committee–[notice](#) given by Senator Thistlethwaite [the President made [a statement](#)]

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]

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Hanson-Young gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow the Migration Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 5), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2012 No. 230 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion

Senator Ludlam gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy to table a map of the location of the proposed alternative site for a nuclear waste dump—no later than noon on 26 November 2012.

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#)

Other business

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motion agreed to

- [Access to sanitation](#)—moved by Senators Moore, Boyce, Rhiannon and Cash

Motion negatived

- [Funding at the University of Western Sydney](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon

Matter of public importance discussed

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

Notices of motion

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

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