



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 20 June 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.59 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Australian Citizenship Amendment (Defence Families) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 June 2012]
- ❑ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 June 2012]
- ❑ Navigation Bill 2012
Navigation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012
Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Bill 2012
Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012
[passed by the House of Representatives on 19 June 2012]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Cross-Border Transfer Pricing) Bill (No. 1) 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 June 2012]
- ❑ Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment (Scheme Enhancements) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 June 2012]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Maintaining Address) Bill 2011 and a related bill—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2012—8 Government amendments agreed to
Corporations Amendment (Further Future of Financial Advice Measures) Bill 2012—10 Government amendments agreed to
[[first speaker](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—2 Opposition and 5 Australian Greens amendments agreed to [[first speaker](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2012 [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

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development) Bill 2012–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other reports

- ❑ Human Rights Joint Committee–Statement–Report on Committee’s activities [[a motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 6](#) and [6th report](#) of 2012 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–
 - Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (National Children’s Commissioner) Bill 2012–Additional information
 - Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2012–Additional information

New inquiry

The Senate referred matters relating to [fresh pineapple imports](#) to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee to report by 10 October 2012.

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer the matters relating to the [marine bioregional parks policy](#) to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee.

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–20 June 2012–private meeting
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–26 June 2012 from 4.00 pm–public meeting, followed by a private meeting–Prevention and treatment of problem gambling
- ❑ National Broadband Network Joint Committee–26 June 2012 from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm–public meeting–Review of the rollout of the NBN

- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–27 June 2012 from 12.30 pm to 1.45 pm–public meeting–Review of the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities annual report 2010-11

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Australia’s Food Processing Sector Select Committee–25 June 2012 from 4.00 pm and 27 June 2012 from 11.30 am–private meetings
- Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees–26 June 2012 from 12.30 pm–private meetings
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–
 - 22 June 2012 from 9.30 am–public meeting
 - 28 June 2012 from 10.00 am–private meeting
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee–22 June 2012 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm–public meeting–Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2012
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–21 June 2012 from 1.00 pm–private meeting
- Human Rights Joint Committee–21 June 2012 from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm–public meeting
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–15 August and 22 August 2012 from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm–private meetings, followed by private briefings

To extend reporting deadlines

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–
 - Management of the Murray-Darling Basin–to report by 12 September 2012
 - Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test–to report by 12 September 2012

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency grants

A letter of advice for the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio was 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

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 45 and 46 of 2011-12
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution on access to official portraits of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II under the Constituents' Request Program—from the Special Minister of State (Mr Gray) [resolution agreed to on [22 March 2012](#)]

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

- ❑ [Diamond Jubilee anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II](#)—moved by Senator Smith
- ❑ [World Refugee Day 2012](#)—moved by Senators Hanson-Young and Lundy

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [Proposed marine reserves](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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