



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 18 September 2012

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 11.34 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 September 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were debated

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Declared Commercial Fishing Activities) Bill 2012—second reading agreed to—committee of the whole commenced [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate]
- Marriage Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

### [Message](#) 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—agreeing to 2 amendments made by the Senate, disagreeing to 11 amendments and making 11 amendments in place of those amendments [The Senate will consider the Message from the House of Representatives at a later date]

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

## Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### Report tabled

- Public Works Joint Committee—5th report of 2012: Referrals made May and June 2012 [[report](#)]

### **Document tabled**

- Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill 2012 and 2 related bills—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Corrigenda [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the document]

### **Meetings during the sitting of the Senate**

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

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—18 September 2012 from 6.15 pm—private meeting
- Electricity Prices Select Committee—19 September 2012 from 1.50 pm—private meeting
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—19 September 2012 from 1.45 pm—private meeting

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—
  - Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012—to report by the first sitting day in March 2013
  - Fair Work Amendment (Small Business—Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012—to report by the first sitting day in March 2012
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Detention of minors—to report by 4 October 2012

### **Notices of motion**

To refer a matter to a committee

- Import of fresh ginger from Fiji—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 29 November 2012—notice given by Senator Boswell

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Economics Legislation Committee—20 September 2012 from 3.30 pm—private meeting
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—9 October 2012 from 5.30 pm—public meeting—Care of ADF personnel wounded and injured on operations

### **Membership**

Senator Ludlam was appointed a participating member of the Electricity Prices Select Committee.

## Documents

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### 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]

### Orders for the production of documents

#### [Notices of motion](#)

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- The Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to table documents relating to the *Foot Prints in Time* longitudinal study of Indigenous children—no later than 28 September 2012—notice given by Senator Siewert
- The Minister representing the Minister for Health to table contents of National Health and Medical Research Council files relating to wind turbines—no later than 5.00 pm on 11 October 2012—notice given by Senator Back

#### Orders with continuing effect

#### *Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

A statements of compliance for Comcare was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

### Documents tabled

- [2 petitions](#)
- [Government documents](#)
- Response to a Senate resolution about the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme—from the Minister for Human Services (Senator Kim Carr) [resolution agreed to on [21 March 2012](#)] [a motion to take note of the response was debated – [first speaker](#)]

## Other business

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

### Motions negated

- [India and nuclear regulation](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Wright
- [Nationally threatened species and wilderness spaces](#)—moved by Senator Waters
- [Recent protests](#)—moved by Senator Mason

### Matter of public importance discussed

- [Privacy](#)—proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

### Notices of motion

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

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