



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 16 August 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 11.04 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 3) 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 August 2012]
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 August 2012]
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment (Small Business—Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 August 2012]
- ❑ Transport Safety Investigation Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 August 2012]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) for second reading debate]—1 Opposition second reading amendment agreed to in part [[paragraph \(a\) agreed to](#)] [expressing a view about the policy of the bill] [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

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Procedure) Bill 2012—Electoral Matters Joint Committee [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Other reports

- Australia's Food Processing Sector Select Committee–Inquiry into Australia's food processing sector [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Treaties Joint Committee–
 - 127th report–Treaties tabled on 20 March and 8 May 2012 [[report](#)]
 - 128th report–Inquiry into the Treaties Ratification Bill 2012 [[report](#)]
[a motion to take note of the reports was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

[Government responses](#) tabled

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Combating the Financing of People Smuggling and Other Measures Bill 2011
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Review of the National Classification Scheme: achieving the right balance
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–427th report–Inquiry into national funding agreements

New inquiry

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 9](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following reference:

- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 31 October 2012

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Community Affairs References Committee–16 August 2012 from 4.00 pm–private meeting
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–21 August 2012 from 4.30 pm–public meeting–Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012

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 Wish-Wilson gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow the Small Pelagic Fishery Total Allowable Catch (Quota Species) Determination 2012, made under subsection 17(6)(aa) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and under section 17 of the Small Pelagic Fishery Management Plan 2009 [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Senator Conroy) to table [documents relating to sea dumping in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park](#).

Documents tabled

- A [petitioning document](#)
- Department of the Senate—Travel expenditure—1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012
- Department of the Senate—Travelling allowance payments to senators and members—1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Family planning funding](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon
- [Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn](#)—moved by Senator Mason
- [Vietnam War](#)—moved by Senators Ronaldson and Johnston

Motions negatived

- [Australian Small Pelagic Fishery](#)—moved by Senator Whish-Wilson
- [Coral Sea marine reserve](#)—moved by Senators Boyce, Colbeck, Macdonald and Boswell
- [Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement](#)—moved by Senators Ludlam and Whish-Wilson

Notices of motion

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

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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