



# Senate Daily Summary

## Thursday, 7 February 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.00 pm

*The Senate will meet again on 25 February 2013. Senate committees will meet from 11 to 15 February 2013 to consider [additional estimates](#).*

### Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

#### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 February 2013]
- ❑ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 February 2013]
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 February 2013]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Compliance Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 February 2013]
- ❑ Protection of Cultural Objects on Loan Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 February 2013]  
[Minister's [second reading speeches](#)]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2013 [private senator's bill] [senator's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Procedure) Bill 2012—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Making Marine Parks Accountable) Bill 2012—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2012 [2013]—2 President's amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]  
Public Service Amendment Bill 2012 [The bill will now be assented to]  
[[first speaker](#) in second reading debate on bills]

- ❑ Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012 [The bill will now be assented to]

### **Notice of motion to introduce a bill**

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Xenophon

### **Message from the House of Representatives reported**

- ❑ Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012—agreeing to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

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

## **Committees**

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### **Estimates**

Additional information received relating to estimates hearings was tabled.

### **Report tabled**

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission [[report](#)]

### **Documents tabled**

- ❑ Particulars of proposed additional expenditure for 2012-13 [The Senate referred the particulars to committees, for consideration at estimates hearings next week] and portfolio additional estimates statements
- ❑ Response by the Department of Parliamentary Services to the report of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—The performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services
- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation for the period July to December 2012
- ❑ [Work of Committees](#)—1 January to 31 December 2012; and half-year statistics: 1 July to 31 December 2012

### **Government responses tabled**

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—
  - Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi
  - Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation
  - Review of the re-listing of five terrorist organisations

### **New inquiries**

#### Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 1 of 2013](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and referred the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2013 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee to report by 12 March 2013.

#### Other references

- [Implementation of the National Health Reform Agreement](#)—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 7 March 2013
- [Promotion of gambling services in sport](#)—Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—to report by 16 May 2013
- [Supply of chemotherapy drugs](#)—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 22 April 2013

#### Variation of terms of reference of an existing inquiry

The Senate agreed to [an expansion to the terms of terms of reference](#) for the inquiry of the Community Affairs References Committee into sterilization of people with disabilities.

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

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

- Economics References Committee—7 February 2013 from 3.30 pm—private meeting
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—7 February 2013 from 1.00 pm—private meeting
- Environment and Communications References Committee—7 February 2013 from 1.10 pm—private meeting

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Exposure draft and explanatory notes of the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012—to 21 February 2013
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
  - Aviation accident investigation—to report by 27 March 2013
  - Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test—to report by 15 May 2013

### **[Notice of motion](#) to hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting**

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—25 February 2013 from 4.00 pm—public meeting—An aviation accident investigation

## Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to the membership of committees.

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising of changes to the membership of joint committees.

## 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

#### Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Attorney-General to table documents relating to increases in court filing fees—no later than the next day of sitting.

#### Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to table [submissions provided to Infrastructure Australia by the Western Australian Government relating to public transport projects](#).

#### Document tabled

Advice concerning the release of data about revenue collected from the Minerals Resource Rent Tax [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [6 February 2013](#)].

#### Orders with continuing effect

##### *Departmental and agency grants*

Letters of advice for the Department of Health and Ageing and the Organ and Tissue Authority were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

### Ministerial statements tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) tabled ministerial statements about—

- Closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, together with the Prime Minister's report of 2013 [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- International Day Of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]

### **Documents discussed**

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed.

### **Other business**

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

### **Motions agreed to**

- [Country Fire Authority](#)—moved by Senators Kroger and Humphries
- [Fuel reduction burns](#)—moved by Senator Colbeck
- [International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation](#)—moved by Senators Cash and Kroger
- [Syria](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- [Violence against women](#)—moved by Senators Rhiannon and Moore

### **Motions negatived**

- [Immigration detention facilities](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Marriage equality legislation before the United Kingdom Parliament](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

### **Motion debated**

- [Fiscal strategy](#)—moved by Senator Fifield

### **Notices of motion**

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

### **Statistics**

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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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