



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 27 February 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.25 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 5 February to 21 March 2013]

- ❑ Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Amendment Bill 2013

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Bill 2012—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Reform of Employer Sanctions) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

[Notices of motion](#) to introduce bills

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Reinstatement of Temporary Protection Visas) Bill 2013 [No. 2]—notice given by Senator Cash
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Siewert

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2012—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Administration) Bill 2012–Electoral Matters Joint Committee [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment (Protecting Revenue) Bill 2012–Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other reports

- ❑ Economics References Committee–Review of changes to car fringe benefits arrangements [[report](#)]
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 2](#) and [2nd report](#) of 2013 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

New inquiries

- ❑ [Beef imports into Australia](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 17 June 2013
- ❑ [Court fees](#)–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 6 June 2013

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee to hold a public hearing into fresh pineapple imports during the sitting of the Senate on 12 March 2013 from 3.00 pm.

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Fees for silent number services–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 15 May 2013–notice given by Senator Cameron
- ❑ Caring and management of dementia–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 26 June 2013–notice given by Senator Thorp
- ❑ Citrus industry–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 20 June 2013–notice given by Senators Colbeck, Ruston, Edwards, Heffernan, Xenophon, Whish-Wilson and Madigan

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012–to report by 12 March 2013

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Bernardi replace Senator Nash on the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2013 on 1 March 2013.

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]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

A document relating to increases in court filing fees was [tabled](#) [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [7 February 2013](#)].

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice for [various portfolios](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for [various portfolios](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- ❑ [2 petitions](#)
- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation–Kingdom of Morocco and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, 7 to 14 November 2012
- ❑ Auditor-General–[Audit reports](#) no. 25 of 2012-13

Documents discussed

Government documents were [discussed](#).

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

- ❑ [Lake Eyre](#)–moved by Senators Hanson-Young and Waters
- ❑ [Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month](#)–moved by Senator Cash

Motions negated

- ❑ [Approval of a proposed pulp mill](#)–moved by Senator Whish-Wilson
- ❑ [Climate change and national security](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ [Data retention](#)–moved by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ [Tamar Valley pulp mill, Tasmania](#)–moved by Senator Whish-Wilson

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Health funding](#)—proposed by Senator Fierravanti-Wells [[first speaker](#)]

Death of former senator

The President informed the Senate of the death on, 8 February 2013, of John Joseph Morris, a senator for the state of New South Wales from 1985 to 1990. A [motion](#) of condolence moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Conroy) was carried [[first speaker](#)].

Notices of motion

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

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