



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 1 March 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.29 pm

Senators

[Senator Arbib](#) made a statement relating to his imminent resignation. Other senators made statements relating to the matter [[first speaker](#)].

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 February 2012]
- ❑ Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012 [private senator's bill]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2011—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2010—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010—defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement Initiatives) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 9) Bill 2011 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

- [Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2011 and the Corporations Amendment (Further Future of Financial Advice Measures) Bill 2011—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Emergency Listings) Bill 2011—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other reports

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee—Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2010-2011 [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Operation of the *Lobbying Code of Conduct* and the lobbyist register [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Publications Committee—14th report [[report](#)] [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 2 of 2012](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 9 May 2012
- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 16 March 2012
- Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—to report by 8 May 2012

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer [matters relating to the Murray Darling draft Basin Plan](#) to the Environment and Communications References Committee.

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into the Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test to 27 June 2012.

Notices of motion

[To refer bills to a committee](#)

- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2012 and 2 related bills—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 19 June 2012—notice given by Senator Fierravanti-Wells

[To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting](#)

- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—14 March 2012—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) 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]

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) 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]

Documents discussed

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

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani](#)—moved by Senators Bernardi, Stephens and Fawcett
- [Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [World Plumbing Day 2012](#)—moved by Senator Boyce

Motion negatived

- [Human rights in China and Tibet](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Motion debated

- [Economic and fiscal policy](#)—moved by Senator Fifield

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [see Journals entries [4](#) and [26](#)].

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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