



This week at a glance

A preview of Senate business

19 to 22 March 2012

On the first day of each sitting week the Senate Daily Summary outlines the business scheduled for consideration in the Senate. On subsequent days, it provides a convenient summary of the previous day's proceedings in the Senate, with links to official Senate records.

Another document useful in tracking the business of the Senate is the [Dynamic Red](#), which records proceedings in the Senate as they happen.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills to be considered

The Government has scheduled bills for debate this week, as follows:

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- Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Stronger, Fairer, Simpler and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Service Reform) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
 - Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]

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- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers and Offences) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Road Safety Remuneration Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
Road Safety Remuneration (Consequential Amendments and Related Provisions) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Bill 2011 and 2 related bills

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- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2011-2012 [[homepage](#)]
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2011-2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Regional Commercial Radio) Bill 2011 [2012] [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Excise Amendment (Reducing Business Compliance Burden) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
Customs Amendment (Reducing Business Compliance Burden) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2011 [2012] [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Indirect Tax Laws Amendment (Assessment) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]

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- ❑ Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Orders and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Disability Support Pension Participation Reforms) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]

Source: <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/parliamentary/index.cfm>

Private senators' bills to be debated

On [22 November 2010](#) the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 22 March 2012 the following bills are scheduled for debate:

- ❑ Solar Hot Water Rebate Bill 2012 [\[homepage\]](#)
- ❑ Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012 [\[homepage\]](#)
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011 [\[homepage\]](#)

Bills to be considered under a limitation of debate

On [14 March 2012](#) the Senate agreed to an order limiting debate on various bills. Votes will be held this week at the following times for all remaining stages of the following bills:

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- ❑ Not later than 9.15 pm—Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 and 10 related bills

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- ❑ Not later than 11.30 am—Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Service Reform) Bill 2011 and 2 related bills
- ❑ Not later than 6.00 pm—Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2012
- ❑ Not later than 8.15 pm—Higher Education Support Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012
- ❑ Not later than 10.00 pm—Road Safety Remuneration Bill 2011 and a related bill
- ❑ Not later than 10.30 pm—Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers and Offences) Bill 2012

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- ❑ Not later than 10.00 am—Indirect Tax Laws Amendment (Assessment) Bill 2012
- ❑ Not later than 10.30 am—Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012
- ❑ Not later than noon—Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2011 [2012]
- ❑ Not later than 12.15 pm—Broadcasting Services Amendment (Regional Commercial Radio) Bill 2011 [2012]
- ❑ Not later than 12.30 pm—Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2011
- ❑ Not later than 12.40 pm—Excise Amendment (Reducing Business Compliance Burden) Bill 2011 and a related bill
- ❑ Not later than 4.15 pm—Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2011
- ❑ Not later than 4.30 pm—Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012
- ❑ Not later than 7.00 pm—Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2011-2012 and a related bill

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

Reports due to be tabled this week

Reports on legislation

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- ❑ Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 and a related bill—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support and Other Measures) Bill 2012—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Obligations and Prudential Standards) Bill 2012—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

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- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

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- ❑ Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Other reports

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- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—2011-12 additional estimates

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- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements

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- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—2011-12 additional estimates

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Operational issues in export grain networks

Proposed references

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- Revised implementation guidelines for the national code of practice for the construction industry—to report by 10 May 2012—notice given by Senator Fisher
- Road Safety Remuneration Bill 2011 and a related bill—to report by 10 May 2012—notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)

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- Possible improper relationship between Senator Boswell and Metcash—Privileges Committee—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- Possible improper relationship between Senator Cash and Woodside Petroleum—Privileges Committee—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- Possible improper relationship between Senator Joyce and GVK and Hancock Group—Privileges Committee—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Other business

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

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