



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 5 February 2013

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.35 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 November 2012] [Minister's second reading speech]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

[Notices of motion](#) to introduce bills

- ❑ Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2013—notice given by the Minister for Sport (Senator Lundy)
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Siewert

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate.

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)
[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Bill 2012—Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Joint Select Committee [[report](#)]

- Migration Amendment (Health Care for Asylum Seekers) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2012–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Service Providers and Other Governance Measures) Bill 2012–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

Other reports

- Constitutional Recognition of Local Government Joint Select Committee–Preliminary report on the majority finding of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government: the proposal, timing and likely success of a referendum to amend Section 96 of the Australian Constitution to effect financial recognition of local government [[report](#)]
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–435th report–Review of Auditor-General’s reports Nos 33 (2011-12) to 1 (2012-13) [[report](#)]

Documents tabled

- Human Rights Joint Committee–7th report of 2012–Examination of legislation in accordance with the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*: Bills introduced 29 October to 1 November 2012 and legislative instruments registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments 17 October to 16 November 2012–Corrigendum
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2012–Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert digest](#)

[Government response](#) tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Inquiry into Australia’s trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees–5 February 2013 from 12.35 pm–private meetings
- Gambling Reform Joint Committee–5 February 2013 from 4.00 pm–private meeting
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–6 February 2013 from 11.00 am–private meeting, followed by a private briefing, and from 11.45 am–public meeting

[Notices of motion](#)

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee–7 February and 14 March 2013 from 11.00 am–private meetings

- Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees—26 February and 12 March 2013 from 12.35 pm—private meetings
- Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Joint Select Committee—7 February 2013 from 9.30 am—private meeting
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—
 - 7 February and 14 March 2013 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am—private meetings
 - 7 February 2013 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm—public meeting
- Economics Legislation Committee—7 February 2013 from 3.30 pm—private meeting
- Law Enforcement Joint Committee—6 February and 13 March 2013 from 5.30 pm—private meetings
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—7 February 2013 from 4.00 pm—public meeting—Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—
 - 13 March 2013 from 11.00 am—private meeting, and from 11.15 am—public meetings
 - 20 March 2013 from 11.00 am—private meeting, followed by private briefings, and from 11.45 am—public meeting

To extend reporting deadlines

- Environment and Communications References Committee—Protection of Australia’s threatened species and ecological communities—to report by 15 May 2013
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Implementation of the 1999 recommendations of the Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance—to report by 10 May 2013

To require the provision of information to a committee

Notices were given by senators requiring the Commissioner of Taxation to provide details of revenue collected under the Minerals Resource Rent Tax by the Taxation Office since 1 July 2012 to the Economics References Committee—

- by not later than noon on 7 February 2013—notice given by Senator Cormann
- by not later than 15 February 2013—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Membership

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Wyatt had been appointed to the Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Joint Select Committee.

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, including Governor-General’s Proclamations]

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion

The following notices of motion were given by Senator Cormann requiring Ministers to table documents:

- Board of Taxation's review of tax arrangements applying to collective investment vehicles—no later than 5.00 pm on 25 February 2013
- The Minister representing the Treasurer to table advice relating to the release of data about revenue collected under the Minerals Resource Rent Tax—no later than noon on 7 February 2013

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for various portfolios were tabled [see Journals entries [24](#) and [41](#)] [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice [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]

Departmental and agency grants

Letters of advice for various portfolios were tabled [see Journals entries [25](#) and [42](#)] [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

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

- Auditor-General—Audit reports nos 12 to 20 of 2012-13 [see Journals entries [23](#) and [35](#)]
- [Business of the Senate](#)—1 January to 31 December 2012 [a digest of all business considered by the Senate in 2012]
- Government documents [see Journals entries [2](#) and [22](#)] [[and considered](#)]
- Odgers' Australian Senate Practice—[Supplement to the 13th edition](#)—Updates to 31 December 2012
- President of the Senate—Report of the official visit to Canada and the United States of America—12 to 25 July 2012
- [Questions on notice summary](#)—28 September 2010 to 31 December 2012
- Responses to Senate resolutions about—
 - Anti-Poverty Week—from the Minister for Community Services (Ms Collins) [resolution agreed to on [10 October 2012](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]
 - Conviction records for offences relating to homosexuality—from the Tasmanian Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Wightman), the

