



## Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 14 March 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.55 pm

### Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

#### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Corporations Legislation Amendment (Audit Enhancement) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 March 2012]
- ❑ Indirect Tax Laws Amendment (Assessment) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 March 2012]
- ❑ Solar Hot Water Rebate Bill 2012 [private senator's bill]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2012 and 2 related bills—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

#### Motion agreed to

The Senate debated and agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for various days and to consider various bills under limitations of time [[first speaker](#)].

#### Messages from the House of Representatives

Agreeing to amendments made by the Senate to the following bill

- ❑ National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 [The bill will now be assented to]

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

### Committees

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

#### 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—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

- ❑ Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 and 10 related bills–Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2012 and 2 related bills–Community Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

### Other reports

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 3](#) and [3rd report](#) of 2012 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Treaties Committee–123rd report–Treaties tabled on 13 October, 2, 22 and 24 November 2011 [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

### New inquiry

The Senate referred matters relating to [the effects of the global financial crisis on the Australian banking sector](#) to the Economics References Committee to report by 31 October 2012.

### Proposed reference

The Senate debated but did not agree to refer [concerns](#) about amendments to the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2012 to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [[first speaker](#)].

### Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–22 March 2012 from 1.00 pm–public meeting–2011-12 additional estimates
- ❑ Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee–21 March 2012 from 4.15 pm–public meeting
- ❑ Law Enforcement Joint Committee–15 March 2012 from 10.30 am–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–15 March 2012 from 4.00 pm–public meeting–Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee–21 March 2012 from 10.30 am–public meeting
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee–19 March 2012 from 10.30 am–public meeting

### Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012–to report by 21 March 2012
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Prospective marriage visas–to report by 7 June 2012
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011 and the Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011–to report by 22 March 2012

### **Notices of motion**

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee–16 March 2012 from 1.30 pm–public meeting–Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–16 March 2012 from 9.00 am–public meeting–Review of Defence annual report 2010-11
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–16 March 2012 from 9.30 am–public meeting–Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011 and the Migration Amendment (Removal of Mandatory Minimum Penalties) Bill 2012

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–2011-12 additional estimates–to report by 22 March 2012

## **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 defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion requiring the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) to table a document relating to the appointment of the next Chair of the Future Fund.

Orders with continuing effect

*Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

A letter of advice for the Infrastructure and Transport portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

### **Documents tabled**

- ❑ [Government documents](#)

## **Other business**

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[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**

- ❑ [Agricultural industry](#)–moved by Senators Back, Nash and McKenzie
- ❑ [Desecration of war graves in Libya](#)–moved by Senators Ronaldson and Williams

- ❑ [Non-government schools funding](#)—moved by Senator Humphries, amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Syria](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

### Motions negatived

- ❑ [Effect of the efficiency dividend on the Parliamentary Library](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Nuclear submarines](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Third Optional Protocol on the Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ [Withdrawal of Australian troops from Afghanistan](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

### Ministerial arrangements

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) informed the Senate of changes to the [Gillard Ministry](#).

### Notices of motion

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

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