



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 20 March 2012

The Senate met from 11.00 am until 11.12 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 March 2012]
- ❑ Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 March 2012]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Road Safety Remuneration Bill 2012 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 March 2012] [The bills will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2012 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers and Offences) Bill 2012 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Bill 2011–6 Government amendments and 2 Government requests for amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the requests for amendments made by the Senate]
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Service Reform) Bill 2011–1 Government amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]
Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

Reports on the 2011-12 additional estimates were tabled by [6 committees](#) [a motion to take note of the reports was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

Reports tabled

- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee–
 - 2nd report of 2012–Referrals made in November 2011: Construction of projects two and three of the Christmas Island New Housing Program; Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence at Ermington, Sydney [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
 - 75th annual report [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee–9 May 2012 from 4.15 pm–public meeting
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–22 March 2012 from 10.30 am–public meeting–Australia’s trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee–9 May 2012 from 10.30 am–public meeting

[Notices of motion](#) to refer matters committees

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 8 May 2012–notice given by Senator Cormann
- ❑ Effect of the implementation of the marine bioregional parks policy on recreational and commercial fishing trawling and associated industries–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 9 June 2012–notice given by Senator Boswell

Membership

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mrs D’Ath had been appointed a participating member of the National Broadband Network Joint 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]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion requiring the tabling of a [study by George Wilkenfeld and Associates](#), *Updated scope 3 emissions factors for natural gas consumed in Australia, based on NGERs data*.

Notice of motion

Senator Ludlam gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Attorney-General (Senator Ludwig) to table information relating to a meeting involving internet service providers and representatives of the film, television and music industries—no later than noon on 22 March 2012.

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 27 of 2011-12 [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

Other business

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

Personal explanation

Senator Brandis made a [personal explanation](#) relating to remarks made by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) during debate on the 150th report of the Privileges Committee on 19 March 2012.

A [motion](#) to suspend standing orders to allow Senator Bob Brown to make a statement on the matter was debated but not agreed to [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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