



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 19 June 2012

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.35 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012
[passed by the House of Representatives on 18 June 2012]
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Stronger Super) Bill 2012
Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2012
[passed by the House of Representatives on 18 June 2012]

The following bills were debated

- Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2012 and a related bill—second reading debate commenced—1 Opposition second reading amendment to be determined [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011—[32 Government amendments](#) agreed to
Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011—[17 Government amendments](#) agreed to
[[first speaker](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made to the bills]
- Skills Australia Amendment (Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

Motion agreed to

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

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Student Visas) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Migration (Visa Evidence) Charge Bill 2012 and a related bill–Migration Joint Committee [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other report

- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee–Review of administration and expenditure: No. 9 – Australian intelligence agencies [\[report\]](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Document tabled

- ❑ Access to unpublished committee documents–Senate Select Committee on Civil Rights of Migrant Australians, 1973-74–Report to the Senate

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 6 of 2012](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Improved Access to Television Services) Bill 2012–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 25 June 2012
- ❑ Clean Energy Finance Corporation Bill 2012–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 25 June 2012
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 13 September 2012
- ❑ Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2012–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee–to report by 25 June 2012
- ❑ Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 14 August 2012
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee–to report by 22 August 2012
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Cross-Border Transfer Pricing) Bill (No. 1) 2012–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 14 August 2012

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee–21 June 2012 from 11.00 am–private meeting
- Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee–27 June 2012 from 4.15 pm to 5.30 pm–public meeting
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–
 - 19 June 2012 from 1.50 pm–private meeting
 - 21 June 2012 from 3.45 pm–private meeting
- Migration Joint Committee–27 June 2012 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm–public meeting
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–20 June 2012 from 12.30 pm to 1.45 pm–public meeting–National Capital Authority annual report 2010-11
- Treaties Joint Committee–
 - 19 June 2012 from 8.15 pm to 9.30 pm–private meeting
 - 25 June 2012 from 10.00 am to noon–public meeting

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Community Affairs References Committee–Health services and medical professionals in rural areas–to report by 15 August 2012
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Detention of minors–to report by 19 September 2012

Notices of motion to hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–26 June 2012 from 4.00 pm–public meeting, followed by a private meeting–Prevention and treatment of problem gambling
- National Broadband Network Joint Committee–26 June 2012 from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm–public meeting–Review of the rollout of the NBN
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–27 June 2012 from 12.30 pm to 1.45 pm–public meeting–Review of the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities annual report 2010-11

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to the membership of committees.

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]

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the Fishing Levy Regulations 2011, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2011 No. 241 and made under the *Fishing Levy Act 1991* and the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* was withdrawn [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Senator Conroy) to table legal advice relating to the Murray Darling Basin draft plan—no later than 28 June 2012.

Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) tabled a ministerial statement about the global economy.

Documents tabled

- [2 petitions](#)
- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) 43 and 44 of 2011-12
- Australian parliamentary delegation—Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore—6 to 16 November 2011—Report
- [Government documents](#)

Other business

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

Notices of motion

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

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