



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 11 October 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.48 pm

*The Senate will meet again on [29 October 2012](#). Senate committees will meet from 15 to 18 October 2012 to consider [supplementary budget estimates](#).*

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Clean Energy (Charges—Excise) Amendment Bill 2012  
Clean Energy (Charges—Customs) Amendment Bill 2012  
Excise Tariff Amendment (Per-tonne Carbon Price Equivalent) Bill 2012  
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Per-tonne Carbon Price Equivalent) Bill 2012  
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Per-tonne Carbon Price Equivalent) Bill 2012  
Clean Energy (Unit Issue Charge—Auctions) Amendment Bill 2012  
[bills passed by the House of Representatives on 11 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speeches](#)]
- Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- Federal Circuit Court of Australia Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Maximum Payment Amounts and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- National Health Security Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- Social and Community Services Pay Equity Special Account Bill 2012  
Social and Community Services Pay Equity Special Account (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012  
[bills passed by the House of Representatives on 11 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speeches](#)]

- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2012 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 14 August to 29 November 2012]

- Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill 2012 and a related bill

The following bills were debated

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Making Marine Parks Accountable) Bill 2012–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2012–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Student Visas) Bill 2012–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- Customs Amendment (Smuggled Tobacco) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)]
- Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)]
- National Portrait Gallery of Australia Bill 2012 and a related bill [[first speaker](#)]  
[These bills will now be assented to]

## Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### Estimates

[Additional information](#) received relating to estimates hearings was tabled.

### Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- Corporations Legislation Amendment (Derivative Transactions) Bill 2012–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [[report](#)]

Other report

- Publications Committee–20th report [[report](#)] [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]

### Documents tabled

- Access to unpublished committee documents–Joint Select Committee on Certain Family Law Issues, 1995
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Management of the Murray-Darling Basin: the Basin Plan–Second interim report–Addendum [[a motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]

## **New inquiries**

### Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 13 of 2012](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious Drugs, Identity Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 19 November 2012
- Freedom of Information Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Office) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 19 November 2012
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2012–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee–to report by 19 November 2012
- Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by the first sitting day in February 2013
- Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment (Protecting Revenue) Bill 2012–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 29 November 2012
- Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 29 November 2012
- Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 19 November 2012

### Other references

- Container deposit schemes–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 22 November 2012
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 29 November 2012

## **Proposed reference**

The Senate debated but did not agree to a motion moved by Senator Ludlam proposing to refer government amendments relating to the Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011 to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade 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:

- Environment and Communications Legislation and References Committees–11 October 2012 from 1.00 pm–private meetings
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–11 October 2012 from 4.00 pm–public meeting–Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test

## Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Economics Legislation Committee–Senator Milne to replace Senator Xenophon for the committee’s inquiry into the Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment (Protecting Revenue) Bill 2012
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–
  - Senator Furner to replace Senator Singh for the committee’s consideration of the 2012-13 supplementary Budget estimates on 15 October 2012
  - Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Waters for the committee’s inquiry into the Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 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

Motions defeated

The Senate did not agree to the following orders:

- The Minister representing the Attorney-General to table [advice relating to data retention](#)
- The Minister representing the Attorney-General to table [details of meetings relating to a national data retention scheme](#)
- The Minister representing the Special Minister of State and the Minister representing the Minister for the Public Service and Integrity to table [drafts of the Public Interest Disclosure Bill and related correspondence](#)

### Orders with continuing effect

*Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies*

Letters of advice for various portfolios were tabled [see Journals entries [37](#) and [47](#)] [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 grants*

Letters of advice for various portfolios were tabled [see Journals entries [38](#) and [48](#)] [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

### Documents tabled

- Department of the Senate–Report for 2011-12

## Documents discussed

[Government documents](#), [committee reports](#), [government responses](#) and Auditor-General's reports were discussed.

## Other business

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

## Motions agreed to

- [Parramatta Female Factory Precinct](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon
- [Service of overseas peacekeepers](#)—moved by Senator Wright
- [Thailand](#)—moved by Senator Kroger
- [World Sight Day](#)—moved by Senators Siewert and Di Natale

## Motion negatived

- [Commonwealth legal challenges against state marriage legislation](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

## Notices of motion

[A notice of motion](#) given today is available in the Senate Journals.

## Statistics

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Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection.

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