



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 31 October 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.26 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Appropriation (Implementation of the Report of the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers) Bill (No. 1) 2012-2013 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 31 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speeches](#)]
- ❑ Corporations Legislation Amendment (Derivative Transactions) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious Drugs, Identity Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Clean Building Managed Investment Trust) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 October 2012] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2012—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill 2012—23 Government amendments agreed to
Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2012—11 Government amendments agreed to
[The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Social and Community Services Pay Equity Special Account Bill 2012 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]

Messages from the House of Representatives

Reported

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Military End-Use) Bill 2011—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the bill [The bill will now be assented to]

Considered

- ❑ Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011—agreeing to 26 amendments made by the Senate to the bill and disagreeing to [1 amendment](#) made by the Senate [The Senate did not insist on its amendment. The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission [[report](#)] [a motion was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Human Rights Joint Committee—[6th report of 2012](#)—Examination of legislation in accordance with the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*: Bills introduced 9 to 11 October 2012; Legislative instruments registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments 20 September to 16 October 2012 [[motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 13](#) and [13th report](#) of 2012 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [[motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Treaties Joint Standing Committee—130th report—Treaty tabled on 14 August 2012 [[report](#)] [a motion was moved to take note of the report]

New inquiry

The Senate referred matters relating to the [protection of Australia's threatened species and ecological communities](#) to the Environment and Communications References Committee to report by the third sitting day of 2013.

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee to hold a public hearing into the Law Enforcement Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 during the sitting of the Senate on 1 November 2012 from 4.15 pm.

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To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012—Gambling Reform Joint Committee—to report by the first sitting day of 2013—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- ❑ Medicare funding for Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 29 November 2012—notice given by Senators Xenophon, Fierravanti-Wells, Di Natale and Madigan
- ❑ Impact of the mining industry on health—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 28 February 2013—notice given by Senator Rhiannon

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees–20 November and 27 November 2012 from 12.30 pm–private meetings
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–
 - 20 November 2012 from 12.30 pm, and 21 November 2012 from 9.30 am–public meetings–Slavery, slavery-like conditions and people trafficking
 - 27 November 2012 from 5.30 pm, and 29 November 2012 from 9.45 am–public meetings–Care of Australian Defence Force personnel wounded and injured on operations
 - 28 November 2012 from 11.00 am–public meeting–Australia’s trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–1 November 2012 from 4.30 pm–public meeting–Performance of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and portfolio agencies

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Australia and the countries of the Indian Ocean rim–to report by 16 May 2013
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Management of the Murray-Darling Basin–to report by 6 February 2013

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]

Orders for the production of documents

[Notices of motion](#)

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

- ❑ The Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to table–
 - a list of communities surveyed under the Community Safety and Wellbeing Research Study–no later than 27 November 2012–notice given by Senator Siewert
 - a report by ARTD Consultants and WestWood Spice referred to in the NTER Evaluation Report 2011–no later than 27 November 2012–notice given by Senator Siewert
- ❑ The Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) to table–
 - costings for measures linked to the Clean Energy package–no later than 12.00 pm on 19 November 2012–notice given by Senator Cormann

- costings for measures linked to the Minerals Resource Rent Tax—no later than 12.00 pm on 19 November 2012—notice given by Senator Cormann

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- [1 petition](#) and 3 petitioning documents [see Journals entries [8](#) and [11](#)]
- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- Response to a Senate resolution about domestic violence—from the Premier of Western Australia (Mr Barnett) [resolution agreed to on [19 September 2012](#)] [a motion to take note of the response was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

Ministerial statements tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) tabled ministerial statements about—

- Afghanistan [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the statement]
- disability employment services [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the statement]

Other business

[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

- [Ms Malala Yousafzai](#)—moved by Senator Cash

Motions negatived

- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Wright
- [World Health Organisation global health targets](#)—moved by Senator Di Natale

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Uranium sales to India](#)—proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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