



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 27 June 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 8.00 pm

## Senators

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Senator Whish-Wilson gave his [first speech](#).

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Student Contribution Amounts and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 June 2012]
- ❑ Legislative Instruments Amendment (Sunsetting Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 June 2012]
- ❑ Statute Stocktake (Appropriations) Bill (No. 1) 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 June 2012]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Investment Manager Regime) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 June 2012]

The following bill was introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Paid Parental Leave and Other Legislation Amendment (Dad and Partner Pay and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 2) Bill 2012  
Pay As You Go Withholding Non-compliance Tax Bill 2012  
[[first speaker](#)] [The bills will now be assented to]

### **Motion debated**

The Senate debated a motion to exempt the Tax Laws Amendment (Managed Investment Trust Withholding Tax) Bill 2012 from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 18 to 28 June 2012] [[first speaker](#)].

### **[Notice of motion](#) to introduce a private senator's bill**

- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012—notice given by Senators Madigan and Xenophon

### **Message from the House of Representatives reported**

- National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the bill [The bill will now be assented to]

## **Committees**

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### **Reports tabled**

- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services—Interim report [[report](#)] [reporting date for the final report set for 28 November 2012] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 7](#) and [7th report](#) of 2012 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Treaties Joint Committee—126th report—Treaty tabled on 21 November 2011 [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

### **Report considered**

- Procedure Committee—First report of 2012 [a [motion](#) to adopt recommendations of the report was agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

### **[Government responses](#) tabled**

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Primary schools for the 21st Century Program
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Investment of Commonwealth and state funds in public passenger transport infrastructure and services
- Schedule of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports—tabled by the President of the Senate on 25 November 2011

### **Proposed establishment of a committee**

The Senate did not agree to establish a joint select committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme [[proposed terms of reference](#)].

### **Reporting date extended**

The Senate extended the reporting date of the Australia's Food Processing Sector Select Committee to 16 August 2012.

### **Notice of motion to refer a matter to a committee**

- ❑ Aid to Afghanistan—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 31 December 2012—notice given by Senator Rhiannon

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to various changes to the membership of committees.

## **Documents**

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### **Delegated legislation**

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

- ❑ A [Clerk's document](#) was 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 Health (Senator Ludwig) to table information on Government actions relating to the effects of wind farms on human health—no later than noon on 14 August 2012—notice given by Senators Madigan and Back
- ❑ The Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Senator Conroy) to table documents relating to the discharge of Queensland Government departments' responsibilities arising under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 2001*—no later than 14 August 2012—notice given by Senator Waters

### **Documents tabled**

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) 53 and 54 of 2011-12

## **Other business**

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

### **Motions agreed to**

- ❑ [Domestic and family violence](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon
- ❑ [National Disability Insurance Scheme](#)—moved by Senators Boyce and Fifield

### **Motion negatived**

- ❑ [Migrant workers](#)—moved by Senator Di Natale

### **Matter of public importance discussed**

- [Gillard Government](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

### **Temporary chair of committees**

A warrant was tabled nominating Senator Sinodinos as a temporary chair of committees.

### **Death of former member**

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 26 June 2012, of Dr Harold Raymond Edwards, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Berowra, from 1972 to 1993.

### **Personal explanation**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) made a [personal explanation](#) relating to the ministerial code of conduct and his appointment as a minister.

### **Notices of motion**

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

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