



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 27 November 2012

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 12.59 am, Wednesday 28 November 2012

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Towards Transparency) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Water Amendment (Save the Murray-Darling Basin) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's [second reading speech](#)]

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

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2012 and a related bill
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment Bill 2012
National Gambling Reform Bill 2012 and 2 related bills
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Further MySuper and Transparency Measures) Bill 2012
Treasury Legislation Amendment (Unclaimed Money and Other Measures) Bill 2012
Wheat Export Marketing Amendment Bill 2012
- ❑ Law Enforcement Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Fair Work Amendment Bill 2012—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Aviation Legislation Amendment (Liability and Insurance) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2011 and 3 related bills [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Law Enforcement Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012–25 Government and 2 Australian Greens amendments agreed to [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012–40 Government and 1 Australian Greens amendment agreed to [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 27 November and 29 November 2012 and the routine of business for 28 November 2012 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

[Notices of motion](#) to introduce bills

- ❑ Biosecurity Bill 2012—notice given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)
- ❑ Inspector-General of Biosecurity Bill 2012—notice given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)
[Committee reports](#)

Appropriations and Staffing Committee

The Senate adopted the recommendation of the 54th report of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee and [amended standing order 19](#) to allow the committee to confer with a similar committee of the House of Representatives to consider matters relating to ICT services for the Parliament.

New inquiry

The Senate referred matters relating to [ABC Television](#) to the Environment and Communications References Committee.

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Senators' Interests Committee into a draft code of conduct for senators to 29 November 2012.

[Notices of motion](#)

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Air quality—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 16 May 2013—notice given by Senator Di Natale
- ❑ Extreme weather events—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 20 March 2013—notice given by Senator Milne

- ❑ Government regulation of uranium oxide transport—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 30 June 2013—notice given by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ Entitlements of state public sector employees—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—to report by 17 June 2013—notice given by Senator Waters

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—29 November 2012 from 9.30 am—public meeting—Australia’s trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—29 November 2012 from 4.00 pm—private briefing

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Documents tabled

- ❑ [1 petition](#)
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) tabled ministerial statements about—

- ❑ Government’s response to people trafficking, together with the fourth report of the Anti-People Trafficking Interdepartmental Commission: Trafficking in persons: The Australian Government response
- ❑ Apology to people subjected to sexual or other forms of abuse in Defence [a motion to take note of the statement was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Other business

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Rare earths processing plant](#)—moved by Senators Rhiannon and Ludlam
- ❑ [Status of Palestine at the United Nations](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Notices of motion

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

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