



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 29 February 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.59 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 February 2012]
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2011-2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 February 2012]
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2011-2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 February 2012]
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 February 2012]
- ❑ Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill (No. 1) 2012 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 February 2012]
Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 February 2012]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Disability Support Pension Participation Reforms) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 February 2012]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 February 2012]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 February 2012]
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 February 2012]
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 February 2012]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Bill 2011 and 2 related bills—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] [details of the bill will be considered on a future day]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011–5 Government and 4 Australian Greens amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Tuition Protection Service) Bill 2011
Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Bill 2011
[These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Extradition and Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012—notice given by Senator Brandis

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2011—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other reports

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 2](#) of 2012 and [2nd report](#) of 2012 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Document tabled

- ❑ 2011 supplement to the register of Senate committee reports

New inquiry

The Senate referred the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Obligations and Prudential Standards) Bill 2012 to the Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee to report by 13 March 2012.

Proposed reference

The Senate debated but did not agree to refer the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2012 to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [[first speaker](#)].

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee into the Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011 and the Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011 to 14 March 2012.

Notices of motion

To refer a matter to a committee

- Murray Darling draft Basin Plan–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 28 June 2012–notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

To extend a reporting deadline

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test–to report by 27 June 2012

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

- A [Clerk's document](#) was tabled [legislative instrument or other document required by statute to be tabled]

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Colbeck gave 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* [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- ❑ [1 petition](#)

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

- ❑ [International Women’s Day 2012](#)—moved by Senators Cash, Kroger and Boyce
- ❑ [Murray Darling Basin communities](#)—moved by Senator McKenzie

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Mr Julian Assange](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ [Rare earth processing facility in Malaysia](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to a point of order raised during the adjournment debate on 27 February 2012.

Notices of motion

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

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