



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 26 June 2012

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 12.23 am, Wednesday, 27 June 2012

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (2012 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Stronger Super) Bill 2012 and a related bill [[first speaker](#)] [The bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment (Scheme Enhancements) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

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To exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings – 18 to 28 June 2012]

- ❑ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2012

To vary the hours of meeting and routine of business

A notice was given by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 28 June 2012 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate.

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

Legislation committees tabled reports into the 2012-13 Budget estimates [a motion to take note of the reports was debated – [first speaker](#)].

New inquiry

The Senate referred matters relating to [allowance payment systems](#) to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee to report by 1 November 2012.

Reports tabled

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Prospective marriage visa program [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Procedure Committee–First report of 2012–Consideration of private senators' bills; routine of business; consideration of non-controversial legislation; raising matters of privilege; changes to the printed *Notice Paper* and related matters [[report](#)] [consideration of the report will take place on a future sitting day]
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee–3rd report of 2012–Referrals made November 2011 to March 2012: Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence at Rasmussen, Townsville; Proposed improvement to fuel storage and supply on Christmas Island, Indian Ocean Territories; Proposed fit-out of Commonwealth Parliamentary offices at 1 Bligh Street, Sydney, NSW [[report](#)]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee–15 August 2012 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm–public meeting
- ❑ Law Enforcement Joint Committee–27 June and 22 August from 5.30 pm–private meetings
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee–15 August 2012 from 10.30 am to 11.30 am–public meeting

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee–Infrastructure delivery and engineering skills shortages–to report by 12 July 2012
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Procurement procedures for defence capital projects–to report by 23 August 2012

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To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Australia's Food Processing Sector Select Committee—to report by 16 August 2012

To establish a committee

- ❑ National Disability Insurance Scheme Joint Select Committee—notice given by Senators Boyce and Fifield

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]

Documents tabled

- ❑ [2 petitions](#)
- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 51 and 52 of 2011-12 [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of report no. 52]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) tabled a ministerial statement about the retirement of the Inspector of Transport Security and a document about the security of offshore oil and gas resources.

Other business

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

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Fair Work Australia investigations of the Health Services Union](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)
- ❑ [International Day in Support of Victims of Torture](#)—moved by Senator Wright

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to the donation of two ornate carved walnut chairs to the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House.

Notices of motion

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

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