



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 21 November 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.26 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Clean Energy Amendment (International Emissions Trading and Other Measures) Bill 2012 and 6 related bills—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious Drugs, Identity Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [The bill will now be assented to] [first speaker in second reading debate]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2012—2 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate] [first speaker in second reading debate]
- ❑ Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012 [The bill will now be assented to]

[Notices of motion](#)

To introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2012—notice given by Senator Di Natale

To discharge a private senator's bill from the *Notice Paper*

- ❑ Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Siewert

Committees

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

Report tabled

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 14](#) and [14th report](#) of 2012 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

New inquiries

- [Exposure draft and explanatory notes of the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012](#)–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 18 February 2013
- [Unauthorised disclosure of a draft report of the Electricity Prices Select Committee](#)–Privileges Committee

Proposed references

The Senate did not agree to refer the following matters to committees:

- [Impact of the mining industry on health](#)–Community Affairs References Committee

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Community Affairs Legislation Committee to hold a private meeting during the sitting of the Senate on 21 November 2012 from 4.30 pm.

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into the New Zealand Potatoes Import Risk Analysis to 20 March 2013.

Notices of motion

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Law Enforcement Joint Committee–22 November 2012 from 6.00 pm–private meeting

To extend reporting deadlines

- Environment and Communications References Committee–Protection of Australia’s threatened species and ecological communities–to report by 28 February 2013
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Aid to Afghanistan–to report by 28 March 2013
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–
 - Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test–to report by 27 February 2013
 - Fresh ginger import risk analysis–to report by 20 March 2013
 - Fresh pineapple imports–to report by 20 March 2013

Membership

The Senate agreed to appoint Senator Crossin to the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government Joint Select Committee in place of Senator Singh.

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]

Regulation disallowed

The Senate debated and agreed to a [motion](#) to disallow the Migration Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 6), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2012 No. 237 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy to table a map of the location of the proposed alternative site for a nuclear waste dump.

Documents discussed

[Government documents](#) were discussed.

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

- [ABC television production unit in Tasmania](#)—moved by Senators Brown and Bushby and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- [Audio description trial conducted by the ABC](#)—moved by Senators Ludlam and Siewert
- [Deepavali celebrations](#)—moved by the Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Lundy)
- [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#)—moved by Senator Cash

Motions negatived

- Conflict in the Middle East—motions moved by the [Leader of the Australian Greens \(Senator Milne\)](#) and [Senator Ryan](#)
- [Proposed seismic survey](#)—moved by Senator Wright

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Environment protection](#)—proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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