



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 9 May 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.33 pm

Budget 2012-13

[Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites](#)

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) tabled the [Budget statement](#) for the year 2012-13 and [associated budget papers](#) and ministerial statements.

The Senate [referred](#) budget documents to legislation committees to enable them to consider estimates. Estimates hearings will take place from 21 to 31 May 2012.

The Opposition and other parties will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday, 10 May 2012.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 and 2 related bills—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Disability Support Pension Participation Reforms) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

Motion agreed to

The Senate debated and agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 10 May 2012 and to consider the Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (Schoolkids Bonus Budget Measures) Bill 2012 under a limitation of time [[first speaker](#)].

[Notices of motion](#)

To introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Koala Protection Bill 2012—notice given by Senator Bob Brown

To exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings – 8 to 10 May 2012]

- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review) Bill 2012

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

- ❑ Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]—notice given by Senator Siewert

See **Committees** for details of a report relating to legislation

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Report tabled

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

New inquiries

- ❑ [Any bills](#) introduced into the House of Representatives after 10 May and before 31 May 2012 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2012—Committees—to report by 18 June 2012—Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee—10 May 2012 from 11.00 am—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), followed by an in camera hearing
- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—9 May 2012 from 5.00 pm—public meeting—Approval and monitoring of Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) breast implants
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—10 May 2012 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

- ❑ Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–9 May 2012 from 11.10 am–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–9 May 2012 from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm–Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–10 May 2012 from 11.00 am–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Law Enforcement Joint Committee–9 May 2012 from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), including a private briefing
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–9 May 2012 from 5.00 pm–public meeting–Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012–to report by 18 May 2012
- ❑ Senators’ Interests Committee–Draft code of conduct for senators–to report by 27 November 2012

Notices of motion to hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee–20 June 2012 from 4.15 pm to 5.30 pm–public meeting
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee–20 June 2012 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm–public meeting
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee–18 June 2012 from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm–public meeting
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–
 - 20 June and 27 June 2012 from 11.00 am to 11.30 am–private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
 - 20 June 2012 from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm, and 27 June 2012 from 12.15 pm to 1.00 pm–public meetings
 - 27 June 2012 from 11.30 am to 12.15 pm–private briefing

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to the membership of committees.

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motions defeated

The Senate did not agree to the following orders:

- ❑ The Minister representing the Attorney-General (Senator Ludwig) to table [information relating to a meeting](#) involving internet service providers and representatives of the film, television and music industries—no later than noon on 22 March 2012
- ❑ Information relating to [Murray-Darling basin inflows](#)—no later than 16 April 2012 [part of the motion, calling on the Government to take into account certain factors in making the final basin plan, was agreed to]

Documents tabled

- ❑ [6 petitions](#)
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

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

- ❑ [Centenary of Canberra](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Child care funding](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Burma](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ [Overseas development assistance](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [Budget 2012-13](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Party leadership

Senator Milne informed the Senate of her appointment as Leader of the Australian Greens and of the appointment of Mr Bandt as Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens.

Ministerial arrangements

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) informed the Senate of changes to the [Gillard Ministry](#).

Notices of motion

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

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