



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 30 October 2012

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.26 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Freedom of Information Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Office) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 October 2012] [minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Law Enforcement Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 October 2012] [minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Superannuation Laws Amendment (Capital Gains Tax Relief and Other Efficiency Measures) Bill 2012 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 October 2012] [minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Arrangement) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 October 2012] [minister's [second reading speech](#)]

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

- ❑ Aviation Legislation Amendment (Liability and Insurance) Bill 2012
- ❑ Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2012
- ❑ Federal Circuit Court of Australia Legislation Amendment Bill 2012
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Maximum Payment Amounts and Other Measures) Bill 2012
- ❑ Social and Community Services Pay Equity Special Account Bill 2012 and a related bill
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2012 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2012

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill 2012 and a related bill—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Report tabled

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Australia's overseas representation: Punching below our weight? [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—1 November 2012 from 3.30 pm—private meeting
- ❑ Electricity Prices—Select Committee—31 October 2012 from 9.30 am—private meeting
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—30 October 2012 from 6.30 pm—public meeting—Performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services
- ❑ Law Enforcement Joint Committee—31 October 2012 from 12.45 pm—public meeting—Gathering and use of criminal intelligence

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Economics References Committee into the effects of the global financial crisis on the Australian banking sector to 28 November 2012.

[Notices of motion](#)

To refer a matter to a committee

- ❑ Protection of Australia's threatened species and ecological communities—Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by the third sitting day of 2013—notice given by Senator Waters

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—1 November 2012 from 4.15 pm—public meeting—Law Enforcement Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

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

- ❑ [1 petition](#)
- ❑ Department of Parliamentary Services—Report for 2011-12
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ Implementation of the report of the expert panel on asylum seekers—Particulars of proposed expenditure and estimates of proposed expenditure for 2012-13

Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) tabled a ministerial statement about Australia's pulp and paper industry [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to].

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- ❑ [Eid al-Adha](#)—moved by the Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Lundy)

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Seismic testing near Kangaroo Island](#)—moved by Senator Wright
- ❑ [Single parent low income concessions](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Death of former member

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 28 October 2012, of the Honourable Gordon Neil Bilney, a former minister and member of the House of Representatives for the division of Kingston from 1983 to 1996. A [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) was carried [[first speaker](#)].

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [Gillard Government](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Question on notice—Failure to provide answer

[Senator McKenzie](#) asked the Minister representing the Attorney-General (Senator Ludwig) why an answer had not been provided to question on notice no. 2009 asked on 13 August 2012 relating to recovery grants from the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement. [Senator Ludwig](#) indicated that a response would be provided. A motion moved by [Senator McKenzie](#) to take note of the Minister's failure to provide either an answer or an explanation was agreed to.

Notices of motion

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

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