



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 20 August 2012

The Senate met from 10.00 am until 10.30 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 August 2012]
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 August 2012]
- ❑ Maritime Powers Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 August 2012]  
Maritime Powers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 August 2012]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010–second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)]—committee of the whole commenced

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Consumer Credit Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Student Contribution Amounts and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Cross-Border Transfer Pricing) Bill (No. 1) 2012 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]

## Committees

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

### Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee to hold a private meeting during the sitting of the Senate on 20 August 2012 from 8.00 pm.

### **Reporting date extended**

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee into the Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and a related bill to 12 September 2012.

### **Notices of motion to hold meetings when the Senate is sitting**

- ❑ Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee—22 August and 12 September 2012 from 4.15 pm—public meetings—Cyber-safety for senior Australians
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—12 September 2012 from 11.00 am, and 19 September 2012 from 11.00 am to 12.15 pm—private meetings, followed by public meetings—Review of the Auditor-General’s audit reports
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—10 and 17 September 2012 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm—public meetings—Review of tabled treaties

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed that Senator Edwards be discharged from and Senator Smith be appointed to the Human Rights Joint Committee.

## **Documents**

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### **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]

### **Orders for the production of documents**

Orders with continuing effect

*Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

Letters of advice for the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and Finance and Deregulation portfolios 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]

### **Document tabled**

- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about women’s suffrage in Australia—from the Clerk of the Senate (Dr Rosemary Laing) [resolution agreed to on [25 June 2012](#)]

### **Ministerial statements tabled**

The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) tabled ministerial statements about—

- ❑ Afghanistan [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]
- ❑ Asbestos management review [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]

## Other business

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

### Motions negatived

- [Misappropriation of union funds](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)
- [Murray-Darling Basin](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

### Matter of public importance discussed

- [Effect of the carbon tax on small business](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

### Notices of motion

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

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