



This week at a glance

A preview of Senate business

8 to 10 May 2012

On the first day of each sitting week the Senate Daily Summary outlines the business scheduled for consideration in the Senate. On subsequent days, it provides a convenient summary of the previous day's proceedings in the Senate, with links to official Senate records.

Another document useful in tracking the business of the Senate is the [Dynamic Red](#), which records proceedings in the Senate as they happen.

Senator Judith Adams

On 8 May the Senate will pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator Judith Adams with a motion of condolence. The Senate will then adjourn as a mark of respect.

New senator

On 8 May Senator Dean Smith will be sworn in as a senator to fill a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia.

Budget 2012-13

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) will table the [Budget statement](#) and associated papers for the year 2012-13. The statement and associated documents will subsequently be tabled in the Senate. Relevant documents will be referred to committees to examine during the estimates hearings from 21 to 31 May.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills to be considered

The Government has scheduled bills for debate this week, as follows:

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- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012
[\[homepage\]](#)
- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012
[\[homepage\]](#)

- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Disability Support Pension Participation Reforms) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]

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- ❑ Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ National Water Commission Amendment Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]

Source: <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/parliamentary/index.cfm>

Private senators' bills to be debated

On [22 November 2010](#) the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 10 May 2012 the following bills are scheduled for debate:

- ❑ Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [[homepage](#)]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

Reports due to be tabled this week

Reports on legislation

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- ❑ Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012 and the Social Security Amendment (Supporting Australian Victims of Terrorism Overseas) Bill 2011—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012—Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee
- ❑ Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2]—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- ❑ Judges and Governors-General Legislation Amendment (Family Law) Bill 2012—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Skills Australia Amendment (Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency) Bill 2012—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

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- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ National Health Reform Amendment (Administrator and National Health Funding Body) Bill 2012–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- ❑ National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Charges) Bill 2012–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Other reports

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- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Future direction and role of the committee

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- ❑ Senators’ Interests Committee–Development of a draft code of conduct for senators

Proposed references

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- ❑ Effects of marine bioregional parks policy on recreational and commercial fishing–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 9 June 2012–notice given by Senator Boswell
- ❑ Routine of business and precedence granted to motions to refer matters of privilege to the Committee of Privileges when the President gives precedence to such matters–notice given by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)

Other business

[Documents presented out of sitting to be tabled on 8 May 2012](#)

Delegated legislation

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

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Online

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