



This week at a glance

A preview of Senate business

13 to 15 March 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.

Senators

On 13 March, the President will announce the resignation of Senator Mark Arbib. Robert (Bob) John Carr will be sworn in as a Senator for New South Wales to fill the vacancy.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills to be considered

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

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- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 [[homepage](#)]
- Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Service Reform) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]

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- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2012 and 2 related bills

- Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Tax Laws Amendment (Stronger, Fairer, Simpler and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]

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- Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Regional Commercial Radio) Bill 2011 [2012] [[homepage](#)]
- Excise Amendment (Reducing Business Compliance Burden) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Customs Amendment (Reducing Business Compliance Burden) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 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 15 March 2012 the following bills are scheduled for debate:

- Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012 [[homepage](#)]
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

Reports due to be tabled this week

Reports on legislation

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- Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 and a related bill—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 and 2 related bills—Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Obligations and Prudential Standards) Bill 2012–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

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- Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Corporations Amendment (Further Future of Financial Advice Measures) Bill 2011–Economics Legislation Committee
- Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2011–Economics Legislation Committee
- Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 and 10 related bills–Economics Legislation Committee
- Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Other reports

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- Standing committees–Reports on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2011

Proposed references

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- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2012 and 2 related bills–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 19 June 2012–notice given by Senator Fierravanti-Wells

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- [Impacts of the coal seam gas and liquid natural gas industry](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 22 August 2012–notice given by Senator Waters

Other business

[Documents presented out of sitting to be tabled on 13 March 2012](#)

Delegated legislation

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

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