



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 28 June 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 2.53 am, on Friday, 29 June 2012

The Senate has now completed the winter sittings and will commence the spring sittings on [14 August 2012](#).

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Public Interest Test) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Corporations Legislation Amendment (Financial Reporting Panel) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 June 2012]
- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 June 2012]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 18 to 28 June 2012]

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (The Bali Process) Bill 2012
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Managed Investment Trust Withholding Tax) Bill 2012

The following bill was introduced, debated and negatived

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (The Bali Process) Bill 2012—defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Managed Investment Trust Withholding Tax) Bill 2012 and a related bill [[first speaker](#)] [The bills will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011–2 Government amendments agreed to
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2012–5 Government and 7 Opposition amendments agreed to
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011–2 Government amendments agreed to
[\[first speaker\]](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) to the bills made by the Senate]

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

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

Estimates

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.

Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other report

- Publications Committee–17th report [\[report\]](#) [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]

Documents tabled

- President of the Senate–[Report to the Senate](#) on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 28 June 2012
- Publications Joint Committee–Presiding Officers’ [further response to report](#)–Inquiry into the development of a digital repository and electronic distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series
- Senators’ Interests Standing Committee–Register of senators’ interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 1 December 2011 and 26 June 2012

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 8 of 2012](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Customs Amendment (Smuggled Tobacco) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 14 August 2012
- Military Court of Australia Bill 2012 and a related bill–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee and the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 14 August 2012

Other reference

- Aid to Afghanistan—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 31 December 2012

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Wright replace Senator Ludlam on the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for the committee's inquiry into the Military Court of Australia Bill 2012 and a related bill.

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]

Orders for the production of documents

Motions defeated

The Senate did not agree to the following orders:

- The Minister representing the Minister for Health (Senator Ludwig) to table [information on Government actions](#) relating to the effects of wind farms on human health—no later than noon on 14 August 2012
- The Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Senator Conroy) to table [documents relating to the discharge of Queensland Government departments' responsibilities](#) arising under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 2001*—no later than 14 August 2012

Documents tabled

- [1 petition](#)
- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 55 of 2011-12
- Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011
- Department of Finance and Deregulation—
 - Former parliamentarians' expenditure on entitlements—1 July to 31 December 2011
 - Parliamentarians' expenditure on entitlements—1 July to 31 December 2011
- Department of the Senate—Register of Senate senior executive officers' interests incorporating alterations of registrable interests of Senate senior executive officers lodged between 1 December 2011 and 26 June 2012
- Odgers' Australian Senate Practice—13th edition, 2012
- Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—1 July to 31 December 2011

- Response to a Senate resolution about a proposed productivity commission inquiry into child care funding—from the Assistant Treasurer (Mr Bradbury) [resolution agreed to on [9 May 2012](#)]

Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) tabled a ministerial statement about progress on the National Road Safety Strategy.

Other business

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Commonwealth anti-discrimination laws](#)—moved by Senator Wright
- [Online presence of the ABC](#)—moved by Senators Ludlam and Singh
- [Republic of South Sudan](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)

Motion negatived

- [Impact of the carbon tax on charities](#)—moved by Senator Nash

Notices of motion

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

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection.

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