



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 19 November 2012

The Senate met from 10.00 am until 10.30 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Fair Entitlements Guarantee Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 October 2012]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 5) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 October 2012]
- ❑ Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 October 2012]
- ❑ Wheat Export Marketing Amendment Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 31 October 2012]
[Minister's [second reading speeches](#) in relation to the bills]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2012—second reading debate continued
[[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Appropriation (Implementation of the Report of the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers) Bill (No. 1) 2012-2013 and a related bill [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Federal Circuit Court of Australia Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 20 November 2012 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

- Migration Amendment (Special Protection Scheme for Afghan Coalition Employees) Bill 2012—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings – 14 August to 29 November 2012]

- Corporations Legislation Amendment (Derivative Transactions) Bill 2012
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious Drugs, Identity Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012
Freedom of Information Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Office) Bill 2012
Higher Education Support Amendment (Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2012
National Health Security Amendment Bill 2012
Personal Liability for Corporate Fault Reform Bill 2012
Superannuation Auditor Registration Imposition Bill 2012
Superannuation Laws Amendment (Capital Gains Tax Relief and Other Efficiency Measures) Bill 2012
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Arrangement) Bill 2012
Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 5) Bill 2012
Tax Laws Amendment (Clean Building Managed Investment Trust) Bill 2012
[[statements of reasons](#) supporting the exemptions of the bills from the cut-off order were tabled]
- Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012
[a [statement of reasons](#) supporting the exemptions of the bill from the cut-off order was tabled]

To vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 20 November and 22 November 2012 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate.

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious Drugs, Identity Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Freedom of Information Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Office) Bill 2012—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

- Higher Education Support Amendment (Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2012–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Treasury Legislation Amendment (Unclaimed Money and Other Measures) Bill 2012–Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012 and the Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Documents tabled

- Electricity Prices Select Committee–Additional information

Government responses tabled

- Community Affairs References Committee–Disability and ageing: lifelong planning for a better future
- Scrutiny of New Taxes Select Committee–
 - Interim report–The carbon tax: Economic pain for no environmental gain
 - Final report–The carbon tax: Secrecy and spin cannot hide carbon tax flaws

Motion negatived

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) relating to the treatment by the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee of evidence received by the Community Affairs References Committee in relation to its inquiry into the social and economic impact of rural wind farm.

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–19 November 2012 from 10.00 am–private meeting
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–28 November 2012 from noon to 1.45 pm–public meeting–2010-11 annual reports of the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, and the National Capital Authority
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–
 - 20 November 2012 from 4.30 pm–in camera hearing–Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test
 - 21 November 2012 from 4.00 pm–public meeting–Aviation accident investigation

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Economics Legislation Committee–26 November 2012 from 6.30 pm–public meeting–2012-13 supplementary budget estimates
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee–21 November 2012 from 4.00 pm–public meeting–Fair Work Amendment Bill 2012

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–22 November 2012 from 1.00 pm–private meeting
- Environment and Communications References Committee–21 November 2012 from 3.00 pm, and 22 November 2012 from 1.05 pm–private meetings
- Law Enforcement Joint Committee–20 November 2012 from 5.30 pm–public meeting–Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012

To extend reporting deadlines

- Economics Legislation Committee–Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment (Protecting Revenue) Bill 2012–to report by 21 March 2013
- Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012–to report by 28 March 2013
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–
 - Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012–to report by 25 February 2013
 - Migration Amendment (Health Care for Asylum Seekers) Bill 2012–to report by 7 December 2012
 - Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Bill 2012–to report by 25 February 2013
 - Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012–to report by 12 March 2013
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012–to report by 21 March 2013
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Aviation accident investigation–to report by 27 February 2013

Membership

The Senate agreed to that Senator Ruston replace Senator Edwards on the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for the committee’s inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin on 23 November 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, including a Governor-General’s Proclamation]

Notice of motion to disallow given

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) gave a notice of motion to disallow the Migration Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 6), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2012 No. 237 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Climate Change and Energy Efficiency portfolio was tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

A letter of advice for the Climate Change and Energy Efficiency portfolio was tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 10 of 2012-13
- [Government documents](#)
- Responses to Senate resolutions about—
 - Family planning—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) [resolution agreed to on [16 August 2012](#)]
 - World Mental Health Day—from the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing (Mr Butler), the Premiers of New South Wales (Mr O’Farrell) and South Australia (Mr Weatherill) and the Tasmanian Minister for Health (Ms O’Byrne) [resolution agreed to on [10 October 2012](#)] [a motion to take note of the responses was [debated](#)]
 - Elections in Cambodia—from the Chargé d’Affaires, a.i., Embassy of Cambodia (Kimsour Savannary) [resolution agreed to on [29 October 2012](#)]

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Female genital mutilation](#)—moved by Senators Cash and Kroger
- [Grameen Bank appointments](#)—moved by Senators Stephens and Eggleston and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Motion negated

- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Wright

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Border security](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Question on notice—Failure to provide answer

[Senator Ludlam](#) asked the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Evans) why an answer had not been provided to question on notice no. 2389 asked on 19 October 2012 relating to a national radioactive waste facility. [Senator Evans](#) indicated that a response would be provided. A motion moved by [Senator Ludlam](#) 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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