



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 6 February 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.29 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2013 [Senate bill] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 February 2013] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support Bonus) Bill 2012 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 February 2013] [Minister's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced

[Notices of motion](#)

To introduce bills

- ❑ Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ Small Business Commissioner Bill 2013—notice given by Senator Whish-Wilson

To discharge a bill from the *Notice Paper*

- ❑ Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Hanson Young

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Human Rights Joint Committee–[1st report of 2013](#)–Examination of legislation in accordance with the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*: Bills introduced 19 to 29 November 2012; Legislative instruments registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments 17 November 2012 to 4 January 2013 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 1](#) and [1st report](#) of 2013 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee–7 February and 14 March 2013 from 11.00 am–private meetings
- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees–26 February and 12 March 2013 from 12.35 pm–private meetings
- ❑ Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Joint Select Committee–7 February 2013 from 9.30 am–private meeting
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–
 - 7 February and 14 March 2013 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am–private meetings
 - 7 February 2013 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm–public meeting
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–7 February 2013 from 3.30 pm–private meeting
- ❑ Law Enforcement Joint Committee–6 February and 13 March 2013 from 5.30 pm–private meetings
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–7 February 2013 from 4.00 pm–public meeting–Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–
 - 13 March 2013 from 11.00 am–private meeting, and from 11.15 am–public meetings
 - 20 March 2013 from 11.00 am–private meeting, followed by private briefings, and from 11.45 am–public meeting

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Constitutional Recognition of Local Government Joint Select Committee–to present final report by March 2013
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–Protection of Australia’s threatened species and ecological communities–to report by 15 May 2013

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Implementation of the 1999 recommendations of the Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance–to report by 10 May 2013
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Management of the Murray-Darling Basin–to report by 13 March 2013

Documents ordered to be provided

The Senate agreed to an order requiring the Commissioner of Taxation to provide details of revenue collected under the Minerals Resource Rent Tax by the Taxation Office since 1 July 2012 to the Economics References Committee–by not later than 15 February 2013

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Implementation of the National Health Reform Agreement–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 28 February 2013–notice given by Senator Di Natale
- ❑ Operation of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme price disclosure mechanism–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 21 March 2013–[notice](#) given by Senators Xenophon and Madigan
- ❑ Promotion of gambling services in sport–Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–to report by 16 May 2013–notice given by Senator Di Natale

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–7 February 2013 from 1.00 pm–private meeting
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–7 February 2013 from 1.10 pm–private meeting

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–
 - an aviation accident investigation–to report by 27 March 2013
 - Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test–to report by 19 June 2013

Membership

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr LDT Ferguson had been appointed to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Standing Committee in place of Ms Parke.

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]

Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate debated but did not agree to a motion to disallow the Migration Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 5), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2012 No. 230 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- ❑ [Board of Taxation's review of tax arrangements applying to collective investment vehicles](#)—no later than 5.00 pm on 25 February 2013
- ❑ [The Minister representing the Treasurer to table advice relating to the release of data about revenue collected under the Minerals Resource Rent Tax](#)—no later than noon on 7 February 2013

[Notices of motion](#)

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- ❑ The Minister representing the Attorney-General to table documents relating to increases in court filing fees—no later than the next day of sitting—notice given by Senator Wright
- ❑ The Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to table submissions provided to Infrastructure Australia by the Western Australian Government relating to public transport projects—no later than noon on 25 February 2013—notice given by Senator Ludlam

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities were 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 Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities 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]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation—United Kingdom and Poland, 5 to 15 November 2012
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Access to justice](#)—moved by Senator Wright
- ❑ [ANZ bank and Whitehaven Coal](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)
- ❑ [Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Final budget outcome for 2012-13](#)—moved by Senator Cormann and Williams
- ❑ [International automatic tax information exchange](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ [Newstart allowance and single parents](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [Renewable energy](#)—proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Question on notice—Failure to provide answer

Senator Ludlam asked the Minister representing the Minister for Defence (Senator Bob Carr) why an answer had not been provided to question on notice no. 2384 asked on 19 October 2012 relating to nuclear weapons. Senator Bob Carr was not present in the chamber, so an explanation was not provided. A motion moved by Senator Ludlam to take note of the minister's failure to provide an answer or an explanation was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)].

Personal explanation

Senator Bernardi made a [personal explanation](#) relating to an article in the *Sun Herald* on 27 January 2013 concerning the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [see Journal entries [9](#), [31](#) and [47](#)].

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