



## This week in the House

Sitting week beginning Monday 13 February 2012 — 2<sup>nd</sup> House sitting week of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament's 2012 autumn sittings (2<sup>nd</sup> sitting week for 2012).

This page summarises matters expected to be considered by the House of Representatives and its Main Committee. It is updated weekly during sittings. For a full report of the business dealt with, including a list of documents presented, go to the Votes and Proceedings. To read the debates, including question time, go to Hansard.

For details about the proposed program of business for each sitting of the House and Main Committee and that sitting's public hearings of House and joint committees go to the House Daily Program (usually available at least 1 hour before the House is scheduled to meet).

This week the House is expected to sit on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in a pattern similar to that described in the Infosheet 'A typical sitting day'. The House is expected to resolve to sit earlier than usual at noon on Tuesday.

The Main Committee is also expected to meet on Monday (from 10.30am to 1.30pm and 4pm to 9.30pm), Tuesday (from 4pm to 10pm), Wednesday (from 9.30am to 1pm and 4pm to 7.30pm) and on Thursday (from 9.30am to approximately 1pm).

For details about House and Main Committee standard hours see the order of business diagram at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/work/index.htm>.

## Real time tracking of business done by the House Chamber and the House Main Committee

You can track each item of business as it is being done in the House Chamber and the House Main Committee by using the "LiveMinutes" service at [www.aph.gov.au/house/liveminutes](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/liveminutes).

You can see proceedings of the House Chamber and the House Main Committee via the webcasts at <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

## Legislation

For information on how laws are made go to 'Making Laws', for the text of each bill go to Billsnet after the Bill is introduced.

On Monday, at approximately 10.50am in the House, Mr Bandt, (AG, Melbourne, Vic) is expected to present the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2012; at approximately 11am in the House, Mr S. P. Jones, (ALP, Throsby, NSW) is expected to present the Marriage Amendment Bill 2012; at approximately 11.10am in the House, Mr Katter, (Ind, Kennedy, Qld) is expected to present the Treaties Ratification Bill 2012; at approximately 11.20am in the House, Mr Oakeshott, (Ind, Lyne, NSW) is expected to present the Migration Legislation Amendment (The Bali Process) Bill 2012; and, at approximately 11.30am, Mr Bandt, (AG, Melbourne, Vic) is expected to present the Fair Work Amendment (Better Work/Life Balance) Bill 2012. The text of these bills will be available on Billsnet after they are presented on Monday.

Government bills are expected to be introduced into the House this week. These bills will be listed on the House *Daily Program* and the text of each bill will be available on ParInfo after they are introduced.

Details of bills to be introduced are not available prior to their introduction.



In the House during the week it is planned to resume debate on the following Government bills already introduced (note – these plans may change as the week unfolds, especially if some of the bills listed below are referred to the Main Committee by the House. Bills received from the Senate are in italics):

Monday —

- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2011
- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2011
- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2011
- Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2011
- National Health Amendment (Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement Initiatives) Bill 2011

Tuesday —

- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2011
- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2011
- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2011
- Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2011
- Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2011

Wednesday —

- Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011
- Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011
- *Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP and Other Measures) Bill 2011*
- Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support and Other Measures) Bill 2012

Thursday —

- Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
- Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011
- Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011



In the Main Committee it is planned to resume debate on the following Government business matters:

Monday —

- Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 9) Bill 2011 — *when referred*

Wednesday —

- Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2011-2012 — *when referred*
- Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2011-2012 — *when referred*

Thursday —

- Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2011-2012 — *when referred*
- Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2011-2012 — *when referred*

## Committee and delegation reports and private Members' motions

On Monday commencing at 10.10am, the following committee and delegation reports will be presented and statements made on committee inquiries:

- Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform — Mr Wilkie (Chair) (Ind, Denison, Tas) — *Interactive and online gambling and gambling advertising Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011*
- Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters — Mr Melham (Chair) (ALP, Banks, NSW) — *The funding of political parties and election campaigns*
- Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services — Mr Ripoll (Chair) (ALP, Oxley, Qld) — *Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011*
- Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs — Mr Perrett (Chair) (ALP, Moreton, Qld) — Statement concerning the Inquiry into Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

On Monday at 11.40am the following private Member's motion will be debated in the Chamber:

- Same-sex marriage — Mr Wilkie (Ind, Denison, Tas)

On Monday at 8pm the following private Member's motions will be debated in the Chamber:

- Asbestos Awareness Week — Ms Saffin (ALP, Page, NSW)
- Human rights in Iran — Ms Parke (ALP, Fremantle, WA)

At approximately 11am in the Main Committee on Monday, debate will ensue on private Members' motions in the following sequence and about the following subjects (for details of these motions go to the Monday Notice Paper of the House):

- GST grants to local government — Mr Oakeshott, (Ind, Lyne, NSW)
- Religious minorities in Iraq — Mr Hayes (ALP, Fowler, NSW)
- Funds for renewable energy — Mr Bandt, (AG, Melbourne, Vic)
- Death of Basil Lewis D'Oliviera — Mr Melham (ALP, Banks, NSW)



At approximately 6.30pm in the Main Committee on Monday, debate will ensue on private Members' motions in the following sequence and about the following subjects (for details of these motions go to the Monday Notice Paper of the House):

- Microbrewery refunds — Mr Oakeshott, (Ind, Lyne, NSW)
- Commercialisation and sexualisation of children — Ms Rishworth (ALP, Kingston, Tas)
- Same-sex marriage — Mr Wilkie (Ind, Denison, Tas)
- Gambling reform — Mr Oakeshott, (Ind, Lyne, NSW)
- Beauty pageants — Ms Hall (ALP, Shortland, NSW)

## Auditor-General's reports

2011-12 reports of the Auditor-General may be presented by the Speaker after question time.

## Matters of public importance

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after question time, in accordance with the House's standing orders, it is possible for the House to discuss a matter of public importance (MPI). If an MPI is proposed by a Member, and is in order, the subject of the MPI will be announced shortly after midday on each of these days and published on the House's [website](#). If more than one MPI is proposed the Speaker will decide which MPI is the most urgent and important to be submitted to the House that day.

## Grievance debate

In accordance with standing orders Grievance Debate is held on sitting Mondays in the Main Committee. At 9pm, after the conclusion of private Members' business, debate is resumed on the question 'That grievances be noted' and debate ensues until 10pm. Debate on the question is practically unlimited in scope, giving Members the opportunity, in 10 minute speeches, to raise matters in which they have a particular interest or to discuss complaints of constituents.

## Petitions

Petitions and ministerial responses to petitions will be presented by the Chair of the Petitions Committee, Mr Murphy (Chair) (ALP, Reid, NSW) on Monday at 10am.

Members' may also present petitions during the time reserved for Members' Statements in the Main Committee, during the Adjournment Debates of the House and the Main Committee and during Grievance Debate in the House.

For more details about petitioning the House of Representatives see the petitions link on the House's [website](#) at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/work/petitions.htm>

For details about House and Main Committee debate times see the order of business diagram at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/work/index.htm>.