



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 7 November 2011

The Senate met from 10.00 am until 10.29 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- Clean Energy Bill 2011 and 17 related bills—committee of the whole continued—7 Senator Xenophon [amendments](#) to be determined [further amendments remain 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

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

### Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- Australian Renewable Energy Agency Bill 2011 and a related bill—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [report](#)

Other report

- Privileges Committee—149th report—Person referred to in the Senate: Mr Henry Ergas [report](#) [a [motion](#) to adopt the report was agreed to]

### [Government responses](#) tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—National registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers
- Law Enforcement Joint Committee—Inquiry into the adequacy of aviation and maritime safety measures to combat serious and organised crime
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—Inquiry into the changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories

### **New inquiry**

The Senate referred matters relating to [infrastructure delivery and engineering skills shortages](#) to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee to report by 30 June 2012.

### **Meeting during the sitting of the Senate**

The Senate authorised the Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on 8 November 2011 from 3.00 pm.

### **Notices of motion**

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—Regulatory standards for the approval of medical devices—to report by 22 November 2011
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011—to report by 30 November 2011
- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011 and 2 related bills—to report by 27 February 2012
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services—to report by 28 June 2012

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—21 November 2011 from 10.00 am—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

## **Documents**

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### **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]

### **Orders for the production of documents**

*Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

A letter of advice for the Resources, Energy and Tourism portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

### **Documents tabled**

- ❑ [2 petitions](#)
- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 10 and 11 of 2011-12
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

- Report of the 57th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, 21 to 27 July 2011
- Responses to Senate resolutions about–
  - Harkin-Engel Protocol—from the Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Justice (Mr O'Connor) [resolution agreed to on [20 September 2011](#)]
  - Hearing health of Indigenous Australians—from the Premier of Queensland (Ms Bligh) [resolution agreed to on [22 September 2011](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]
  - Surf Life Saving Australia—from the Minister for Sport (Senator Arbib) [resolution agreed to on [20 September 2011](#)]

### Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) tabled a ministerial statement about the Commonwealth Ombudsman [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

### Other business

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

### Matter of public importance discussed

- [Proposed carbon tax](#) and the Australian Greens—proposed by Senator Bernardi [[first speaker](#)]

### Notices of motion

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

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