



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 24 August 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.59 pm

Senators

Senator Rhiannon gave her [first speech](#).

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Cybercrime Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 August 2011]
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 August 2011]
- ❑ Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 August 2011]
- ❑ Landholders' Right to Refuse (Coal Seam Gas) Bill 2011 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2011 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Schools Assistance Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 August 2011]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2011—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced—[10 Opposition amendments](#) to be determined [further amendments remains to be considered]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget Measures) Bill 2010—4 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

- Income Tax Rates Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010—a message was reported advising that the House had made the amendment requested by the Senate and the third reading of the bill was agreed to [The bill will now be assented to]

Messages from the House of Representatives

Agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills:

- Australian National Registry of Emissions Units Bill 2011
 - Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010
- [The bills will now be assented to]

Notices of motion to introduce private senator's bills

- Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011
 - Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011
- notices given by Senator Xenophon

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

Committees

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

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010—Community Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other reports

- Law Enforcement Joint Committee—
 - Examination of the annual report of the Australian Crime Commission 2009-10 [[report](#)]
 - Examination of the annual report of the Australian Federal Police 2009-10 [[report](#)]

[a motion to take note of the reports was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 9](#) of 2011 and [9th report](#) of 2011 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- [Seven legislation committees](#)—Examination of annual reports tabled by 30 April 2011

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Environment and Communications References Committee into the status, health and sustainability of the koala population to 20 September 2011.

Notices of motion

To modify orders relating to committees

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—modification to order of [28 October 2009](#) relating to Fair Work Australia—notice given by Senator Marshall
- Privileges Committee—amendment to standing order relating to committee membership—notice given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- National Broadband Network Joint Committee—25 August 2011 from noon—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Wright replace Senator Rhiannon on the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee for the committee's inquiry into the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011 and that Senator Rhiannon be appointed as a participating member.

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

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) were 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]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Unproclaimed legislation

A document was tabled showing details of unproclaimed Acts, together with a statement of reasons for non-proclamation and a timetable for their operation [[Standing order 139\(2\)](#) requires tabling before 31 August each year]

Documents tabled

- [A petitioning document](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) tabled ministerial statements about:

- the 110th anniversary of the Australian National Audit Office
- manufacturing [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

Other business

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

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Notices of motion

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

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