



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 25 August 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.03 pm

Senators

Senators [Edwards](#), [McKenzie](#) and [Madigan](#) gave their first speeches.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Tobacco Plain Packaging Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 August 2011]
- ❑ Trade Marks Amendment (Tobacco Plain Packaging) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 August 2011]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ National Broadband Network Financial Transparency Bill 2010 (No. 2) [private senator's bill]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (National Regulator) Bill 2011 and 4 related bills —second reading commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2011—1 Government amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Legislative Instruments Amendment (Sunsetting) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]

Notice of motion to introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Telecommunications (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.

A [motion](#) relating to the attendance of the President of Fair Work Australia at estimates hearings of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee was debated [[first speaker](#)].

Reports tabled

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Defence's request for tender for aviation contracts [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Publications Committee—8th report [[report](#)] [motion to adopt the report agreed to]

[Government responses](#) tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—Towards recovery: Mental health services in Australia [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities Select Committee—Fourth report 2010

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the National Broadband Network Joint Committee to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on 25 August 2011 from noon.

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 11 of 2011](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following reference:

- ❑ National Health Reform Amendment (Independent Hospital Pricing Authority) Bill 2011—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 15 September 2011

[Notices of motion](#)

- ❑ To enable the Privileges Committee and the Senators' Interests Committee to confer on a draft code of conduct for senators—notice given by the Chair of the Privileges Committee (Senator Johnston)
- ❑ To establish an inquiry into media in Australia—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Edwards replace Senator Heffernan on the Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for the committee's inquiry into the Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011, and that Senator Heffernan 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]

Notice of intention to withdraw a notice

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave notice of intention to withdraw a notice to disallow Instrument no. CASA EX48/11, made under subregulation 308(1) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 [[homepage](#)].

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]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 2 of 2011-12

Documents discussed

Government documents and committee reports were discussed.

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [Townsville Enterprise Limited](#)—moved by Senator Macdonald

Motions negated

- [Access of protestors](#) into the ACT and the parliamentary precinct—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

- [Arrest of Australian citizens in China](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Processing of asylum seekers](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Proposed biomass power plant](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon

Temporary chair of committees

A warrant was tabled nominating Senator Fawcett as a temporary chair of committees.

Notices of motion

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

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