



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 1 November 2011

The Senate met from 11.00 am until 10.40 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Australia's Water Resources) Bill 2011 [private senator's bill]
- Public Accounts and Audit Committee Amendment (Ombudsman) Bill 2011 [private senator's bill]
- Social Security Amendment (Student Income Support Reforms) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 31 October 2011]

The following bills were debated

- Clean Energy Bill 2011 and 17 related bills—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

Message from the House of Representatives

- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2011—agreeing to the bill without amendment [the bill will now be assented to]

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to dispense with the consideration of private senators' bills on 3 November 2011 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

A [notice of motion](#) was given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to schedule estimates hearings for 2012.

Reports tabled

- Community Affairs References Committee–Inquiry into Commonwealth funding and administration of mental health services [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Scrutiny of New Taxes Select Committee–The carbon tax: Secrecy and spin cannot hide carbon tax flaws [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Treaties Joint Committee–121st report: Treaty tabled on 16 August 2011 [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee–2 November 2011 from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm–private briefing
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–
 - 2 November 2011 from 11.00 am to noon–public meeting
 - 22 November 2011 from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm–public meeting

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Economics References Committee–Impacts of supermarket price decisions on the dairy industry–to report by 3 November 2011
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–Operational issues in export grain networks–to report by the last sitting day in March 2012

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Community Affairs References Committee–3 November 2011 from 5.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee–23 November 2011 from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–29 November 2011 from 4.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Migration Joint Committee–23 November 2011 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm–public meeting

To extend a reporting deadline

- Environment and Communications References Committee–Communication networks’ and emergency warning systems’ capacities in emergencies and natural disasters–to report by 23 November 2011

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- [Budget expenditure and revenue projections](#) of certain measures linked to the Mineral Resource Rent Tax—no later than noon on 8 November 2011
- [Correspondence](#) between the Minister for Health and Ageing (Ms Roxon) and the Future Fund—no later than noon on 8 November 2011

Notice of motion

Senator Rhiannon gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) to table documents relating to the implementation of the Australian and New Zealand Government Framework for Sustainable Procurement—no later than 21 November 2011.

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#)

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Commemoration of the bombing of Darwin](#)—moved by Senator Scullion
- [Global population growth](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) and Senator Waters

Motions negated

- [Convention on cluster munitions](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [West Papua](#)—moved by Senator Di Natale

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Gillard Government](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Days of meeting

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing the days of meeting for 2012.

Notices of motion

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

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