



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 5 July 2011

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 7.48 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following private senators' bills were introduced

- Bankruptcy Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package) Bill 2011
- Migration Amendment (Declared Countries) Bill (No. 2) 2011

The following bills were debated

- Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011 [1 Opposition second reading [amendment](#) to be determined]  
Carbon Credits (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011  
Australian National Registry of Emissions Units Bill 2011  
–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following private senator's bill was discharged from the *Notice Paper*

- Migration Amendment (Declared Countries) Bill 2011

### Message from the House of Representatives

- Customs Amendment (Serious Drugs Detection) Bill 2011–agreeing to the amendment made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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

## Committees

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

### Reports tabled

- National Broadband Network Joint Standing Committee–  
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2011 [[advisory report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–
    - 423rd report–Review of Auditor-General’s reports nos 39 of 2009-10 to 15 of 2010-11 [[report](#)]
    - 424th report–Eighth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation [[report](#)]
- [a [motion](#) to take note of the reports was agreed to]

### **New inquiry**

The Senate referred the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011 to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee to report by 15 September 2011.

### **Variation to terms of reference**

The Senate [varied](#) the terms of reference of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee inquiry into procurement procedures for defence capital projects.

### **Meetings during the sitting of the Senate**

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

- Migration Joint Committee–17 August 2011 from 10.30 am to noon–public hearing
- National Broadband Network Joint Committee–5 July 2011–
  - from 6.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
  - from 6.15 pm–public hearing
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–6 July 2011 from noon to 1.00 pm–National funding agreements–public hearing

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–2011-12 Budget estimates–to report by 7 July 2011
- Community Affairs References Committee–
  - Funding and administration of mental health services in Australia–to report by 20 September 2011
  - Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme medicines to remote area Aboriginal Health Services–to report by 11 October 2011

### **[Notices of motion](#) to refer matters to committees**

- An examination of the Foreign Investment Review Board National Interest Test–Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 30 November 2011–notice given by Senator Heffernan
- Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010–Treaties Joint Committee–to report by 7 September 2011–notice given by Senator Ludlam

- Review of the Professional Services Review Scheme—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 22 September 2011—notice given by Senator Back
- Drafts of Business Names Registration Bill 2011 and 2 related bills—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 15 August 2011—notice given by the Minister for Small Business (Senator Sherry)

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership.

Messages from the House of Representatives relating to the Australia's Immigration Detention Network Joint Select Committee were reported –

- advising that Mr Melham and Ms Vamvakinou had been appointed
- agreeing to the amendment of the Senate [varying](#) the resolution of appointment

## 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 Governor-General's Proclamations]

### Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) tabled a ministerial statement about aviation safety.

### Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#)
- Reserve Bank of Australia—Banking Fees in Australia—*Bulletin*, June quarter 2011 [tabled in response to a request of the Senate agreed to on [21 June 2011](#)]
- Responses to Senate resolutions about—
  - Palestine and Israel—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Rudd) [resolution agreed to on [11 May 2011](#)]
  - the national pilot of the Ai-Live system—from the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth (Mr Garrett) [resolution agreed to on [23 March 2011](#)]

## Other business

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

### Motion agreed to

- [Boycotts of Israel](#)—moved by Senator Boswell

### Motions negatived

- [Marriage equality](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Tax summit](#) and consideration of legislation to impose mining and carbon taxes—moved by Senator Cormann

### Matter of public importance discussed

- [Carbon tax](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

### Death of Sergeant Todd Langley

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) [moved](#) that the Senate records its deep sorrow at the death, on 4 July 2011, of Sergeant Todd Langley while on combat operations in Afghanistan. The motion was supported.

### Questions on notice—Failure to provide answers

[Senator Cormann](#) asked the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Wong) why answers had not been provided to questions on notice nos 437, 541, 601 and 603 to 607. Senator Wong provided an [explanation](#) [a motion to take note of the explanation was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

### Notices of motion

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

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