



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 6 July 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.16 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 July 2011]

The following bills were debated

- Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011  
Carbon Credits (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011  
Australian National Registry of Emissions Units Bill 2011  
–second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced–[12 Government](#) and [2 Australian Greens](#) amendments to the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011 agreed to–2 Senator Xenophon amendments to be determined [further amendments remain to be considered]

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings] and passed

- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2011 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

## Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

- Community Affairs References Committee–Disability and ageing: Lifelong planning for a better future [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 7](#) of 2011 and [7th report](#) of 2011 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the reports was agreed to]

### **Government responses tabled**

- ❑ Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee–The incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia
- ❑ Schedule of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports–tabled by the President of the Senate on 9 February 2011

### **New inquiries**

- ❑ An examination of the Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test–Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 30 November 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]
- ❑ Drafts of Business Names Registration Bill 2011 and 2 related bills–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 15 August 2011
- ❑ Review of the Professional Services Review Scheme–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 22 September 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]

### **Proposed reference**

The Senate did not agree to a motion to refer the Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010 to the Treaties Joint Committee.

### **Notices of motion**

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Senators' Interests Committee–Draft code of conduct for senators–to report by 28 November 2011

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Australia's Food Processing Sector Select Committee–7 July 2011–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–7 July 2011 from 4.45 pm–Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements–public hearing

### **Membership**

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

## **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]

### **Order for the production of documents**

Senator Birmingham gave a [notice of motion](#) to require documents relating to Australia Network tenders to be tabled–no later than noon on 18 July 2011.

### **Documents tabled**

- ❑ [3 petitions](#)

## Other business

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

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

### Motions negatived

- [Australian involvement](#) in the conduct of the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Land clearing](#) at James Price Point—moved by Senators Siewert and Ludlam

### Matter of public importance discussed

- [Live cattle trade](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

### First speeches

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) gave a [notice of motion](#) to establish dates for new senators to make their first speeches.

### Temporary chairs of committees

A warrant was tabled revoking the nomination of Senator Kroger as a temporary chair of committees.

### Notices of motion

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

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