



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 14 September 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.38 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Business Names Registration Bill 2011  
Business Names Registration (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011  
Business Names Registration (Fees) Bill 2011  
[passed by the House of Representatives on 13 September 2011]
- ❑ Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 September 2011]
- ❑ Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011  
[private senator's bill]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ National Health Reform Amendment (National Health Performance Authority) Bill 2011—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Demand Driven Funding System and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (National Regulator) Bill 2011—1 Australian Greens amendment agreed to [the House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Registration Fees) Amendment Bill 2011 and 3 related bills [These bills will now be assented to]

### Motion agreed to

To enable bills to be considered together

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill 2011  
Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill 2011

## **Notice of motion to vary the hours of meeting and consider bills under a limitation of time**

A [notice of motion](#) was given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting for 19 and 20 September and 11 October 2011 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered, and to consider bills under a limitation of time.

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

## **Committees**

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### **Reports tabled**

Report on legislation

- Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Fees) Bill 2011–Economics Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other report

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 10](#) of 2011 and [10th report](#) of 2011 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### **New committee**

The Senate debated and concurred with a [resolution](#) of the House of Representatives establishing a Joint Select Committee on Australia's Clean Energy Future Legislation [\[first speaker\]](#).

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

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

- Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–20 September 2011 from 4.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–14 September 2011 from 4.30 pm–Live export trade, together with the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and the Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]–public meeting

### **Reporting date extended**

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Community Affairs References Committee into the funding and administration of mental health services to 20 October 2011.

### **[Notices of motion](#)**

To extend a reporting deadline

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011–Schedule 3–to report by 19 September 2011

#### To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–22 September 2011 from 4.30 pm– Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies, and the Professional Services Review Scheme–public meeting
- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee–21 September 2011 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am–Funding of political parties and election campaigns–public meeting

#### To vary a resolution of appointment

- ❑ Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee–notice given by the Chair of the Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee (Senator Bilyk)

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Australia’s Clean Energy Future Legislation Joint Select Committee– Senators Birmingham, Cormann, Milne, Pratt and Urquhart appointed
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–Senator Sterle to replace Senator Stephens for the period 18 to 21 October 2011

## 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]

#### Notice of motion to disallow given

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) gave a notice of motion to disallow the Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 2011 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2011 No. 144 and made under the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* [[homepage](#)].

### Documents tabled

- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) and a [petitioning document](#)

### Orders for the production of documents

*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].

## 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 negated

- [‘Convoy of No Confidence’ rallies](#)—moved by Senators Williams and Nash
- [Dutch politician, Mr Geert Wilders](#)—moved by Senator Di Natale
- [Threatened Species Day](#)—moved by Senator Waters

### Matter of public importance discussed

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

### Death of former member

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) informed the Senate of the death, on 13 September 2011, of the Honourable David Francis Jull, a former minister and member of the House of Representatives for the divisions of Bowman and Fadden from 1975 to 2007. A [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) was carried [[first speaker](#)].

### Notices of motion

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

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