



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 2 November 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.51 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Australian Renewable Energy Agency Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 November 2011]
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 November 2011]
- Deterring People Smuggling Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 November 2011]
- Higher Education Support Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 November 2011]
- National Health Reform Amendment (Independent Hospital Pricing Authority) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 November 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

- Territories Self-Government Legislation Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment of Laws) Bill 2011—agreeing to the bill without amendment [the bill will now be assented to]

[Notices of motion](#)

To introduce a bill

- Business Names Registration (Application of Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011—notice given by the Minister for Small Business (Senator Sherry)

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings – 16 August to 30 November 2011]

- ❑ Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 7) Bill 2011
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Participants in British Nuclear Tests) Bill 2011

To vary the hours of meeting and routine of business and consider bills under a limitation of debate

A notice of motion was given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business on various days, and to consider bills under a limitation of debate.

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

Committees

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

Estimates

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing dates for estimates hearings for 2012.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

The Senate debated and agreed to a [motion](#) determining that the chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee be a member nominated by minor parties or independent senators [[first speaker](#)].

Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- ❑ Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011–Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other report

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 13](#) of 2011 and [13th report](#) of 2011 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Additional information

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while 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

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Environment and Communications References Committee into communication networks' and emergency warning systems' capacities in emergencies and natural disasters to 23 November 2011.

Notices of motion

To extend reporting deadlines

- Community Affairs References Committee–Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies–to report by 29 February 2012
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011–to report by 9 November 2011

To refer matters to committees

- Deterring People Smuggling Bill 2011–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 21 November 2011–notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) to table documents relating to the implementation of the Australian and New Zealand Government Sustainable Procurement Framework–no later than 21 November 2011.

Notices of motion

The following notices of motion were given requiring ministers to table documents:

- The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)–
 - to table documents held by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry relating to the live cattle export ban–no later than 5.00 pm on 10 November 2011–notice given by Senator Colbeck

- to table advice relating to the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement—no later than 5.00 pm on 10 November 2011—notice given by Senator Colbeck
- The Minister representing the Attorney-General (Senator Ludwig) to table documents held by the Australian Government Solicitor relating to the live cattle export ban—no later than 5.00 pm on 10 November 2011—notice given by Senator Colbeck
- The Minister representing the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Trade (Senator Conroy) to table documents held by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade relating to the live cattle export ban—no later than 5.00 pm on 10 November 2011—notice given by Senator Colbeck

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

Other business

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

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [National history curriculum and Indigenous history](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Tuberculosis risk](#) in Papua New Guinea and the Torres Strait islands—moved by Senators Boyce and Macdonald
- [Women Die Waiting campaign](#)—moved by Senators Rhiannon, Cash and Moore

Motions negated

- [Marginal tax rates](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Mr Julian Assange](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [Soviet invasion of Hungary](#)—moved by Senators Bernardi and Madigan
- [Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement](#)—moved by Senator Milne and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Border protection policies](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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