



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 1 March 2011

The Senate met from 10.49 am until 5.00 pm

New Zealand Earthquake

At the request of an absolute majority of senators [see [standing order 55\(2\)](#)] the President summoned the Senate to meet at 10.49 am to enable senators to observe 2 minutes' silence as a mark of respect to the victims of the New Zealand earthquake.

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

- Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 and a related bill—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011—notice given by Senator Colbeck

To discharge a bill from the Notice Paper

- Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010—notice given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- Sex and Age Discrimination Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Other reports

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–
 - Report on the 2009-10 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act [[report](#)]
 - Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission [[report](#)]

New inquiry

The Senate referred matters relating to superannuation claims of former and current Australian Public Service employees to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee to report by 30 June 2011.

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–
 - 2 March 2011 from 5.00 pm–Public meeting
 - 3 and 24 March 2011–Private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Cyber Safety Joint Committee–3 March 2011 from 9.30 am–Public meeting
- Electoral Matters Joint Committee–2 March 2011 from 9.30 till 11.00 am–Conduct of the 2010 Federal Election and matters related thereto
- Gambling Reform Joint Committee–1 March 2011 from 4.00 pm–Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–3 March 2011 from 4.45 pm–Australian Law Reform Commission

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Community Affairs References Committee–Planning options and services for people ageing with a disability–to report by 18 April 2011
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–Pilot safety, including consideration of the Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010–to report by 4 May 2011

Notices of motion given

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee–21 March 2011 from 10.15 am to 12.30 pm–Public meeting
- Treaties Joint Committee–21 March 2011 from 10.15 am to noon–Public meeting

To refer matters to committees

- Development of a draft code of conduct for Senators–Senators’ Interests Committee–to report by 12 May 2011–notice given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)

- Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 and a related bill and matters relating to insurance arrangements of the State of Queensland of its assets—Economics References Committee—to report by 18 March 2011—notice given by Senator Xenophon [motion to take effect from 2.00 pm on 3 March 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

Order with continuing effect

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]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 32 of 2010-11
- [Government documents](#)

Other business

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

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Cost of living pressures](#) associated with the proposed carbon tax—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Death of Sapper Jamie Ronald Larcombe

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) [moved](#) that the Senate records its deep sorrow at the death, on 19 February 2011, of Sapper Jamie Ronald Larcombe while on combat operations in Afghanistan. The motion was supported [[first speaker](#)].

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to procedures during debate on a censure motion on 28 February 2011. A motion moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) to take note of the statement 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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