



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 22 June 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.50 pm

## Legislation

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### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2011-2012  
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2011-2012  
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2011-2012  
[passed by the House of Representatives on 21 June 2011]
- Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 June 2011]
- Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Raising the Bar) Bill 2011 [Senate bill]
- Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 June 2011]
- Veterans' Entitlements Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 June 2011]

The following bills were passed

- Aged Care Amendment Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Customs Amendment (Export Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Customs Amendment (Serious Drugs Detection) Bill 2011–1  
Government amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]
- Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2011–1 Government amendment agreed to and 1 Schedule negatived [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

- ❑ Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (MRCA Supplement) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2011 Measures No. 1) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Amendment Bill 2010—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

### **Motion negatived**

A motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to suspend standing orders to give precedence to the Carbon Tax Plebiscite Bill 2011 was debated and negatived [[first speaker](#)].

### **Messages from the House of Representatives**

- ❑ Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Bill 2011 and a related bill—agreeing to the bills without amendments [The bills will now be assented to]

### **Notice of motion to introduce a bill**

- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2011—notice given by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations (Senator Evans)

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

## **Committees**

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For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

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### **Reports tabled**

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping) Bill 2011—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill 2011—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2011—Schedule 4—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011—Community Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2011—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011—Schedule 5—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

### Other reports

- Procedure Committee–2nd report of 2011–Operation of standing order 55(2) to (5); consideration of private senators’ bills; procedures for dealing with formal motions; use of general business time on Thursdays; consideration of government documents [[report](#)] [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]
- Public Works Joint Committee–3rd report of 2011–Referrals made February to March 2011 [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 6](#) of 2011 and [6th report](#) of 2011 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Senators’ Interests Committee–Report 2 of 2011–Arrangements for online publication of the Register of Senators’ Interests [[report](#)] [a motion to adopt the recommendation was agreed to]

### Variation of appointment

The Senate [varied the resolution](#) appointing the Australia’s Immigration Detention Network Joint Select Committee.

### Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–22 June 2011–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–22 June 2011–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Migration Joint Committee–6 July 2011 from 10.30 am to noon–public hearing
- Scrutiny of New Taxes Select Committee–23 June 2011 from 3.30 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

### Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee into Requests for Tender for aviation contracts to 25 August 2011.

### [Notices of motion](#)

To extend reporting deadlines

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test and Other Provisions) Bill 2011–to report by 29 June 2011
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements–to report by 29 November 2011

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–5 July 2011 from 4.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

To refer matters to committees [see also Journals [entry no. 45](#)]

- ❑ Administration of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 18 August 2011—notice given by Senator Fierravanti-Wells
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 15 September 2011—notice given by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ Effectiveness of the Australian Government’s response to Australian citizens who are kidnapped and held for ransom overseas—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 19 September 2011—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ Funding and administration of mental health services—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 16 August 2011—notice given by Senator McEwen
- ❑ Funding and administration of mental health services—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 16 August 2011—notices given by—
  - Senator Fierravanti-Wells
  - The Minister for Sport (Senator Arbib)
- ❑ Matters relating to the performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 29 November 2011—notice given by Senators Faulkner, Fifield, Forshaw, Kroger, Moore, Polley, Siewert and Stephens
- ❑ Preservation of documents relating to child abuse—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 23 November 2011—notice given by Senator Xenophon

## Membership

The Senate agreed to [various appointments](#) to the Australia’s Immigration Detention Network Joint Select Committee, and a message from the House of Representatives advising of [appointments](#) to the committee was reported.

## 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]

### Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion which would have disallowed the National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment Regulations 2011 (No. 2) [[homepage](#)] and the National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment Regulations 2011 (No. 3) [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#)].

### **Orders for the production of documents**

Senator Colbeck gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to table documents associated with the development of the import protocol for apples from New Zealand—no later than 5.00 pm on 30 June 2011.

### **Documents tabled**

- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) 52 and 53 of 2010-11
- [Government document](#)
- [2 petitions](#)

### **Ministerial statement tabled**

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) tabled a ministerial statement about Australia's offshore oil and gas resources sector security inquiry.

### **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](#)

### **Motion agreed to**

- [Coptic Christians in Egypt](#)—moved by Senators Barnett, Bernardi and Fierravanti-Wells

### **Valedictory speeches**

Senators [Hutchins](#), [Hurley](#) and [Fielding](#) gave their valedictory speeches, and a series of speeches were given recognising the contribution of those senators whose terms expire on 30 June [[first speaker](#)].

### **Notices of motion**

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

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