



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 23 June 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 8.18 pm

Legislation

For [bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 June 2011]
- ❑ Military Justice (Interim Measures) Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 June 2011]
- ❑ Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Amendment (Registration of Foreign Proceeds of Crime Orders) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 June 2011]
- ❑ National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Home Loans and Credit Cards) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 June 2011]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2011 [Senate bill]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011—second reading debate commenced [private senator's bill] [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2011-2012
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2011-2012
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2011-2012
[The bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]—4 Senator Xenophon/Australian Greens [amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

- ❑ Remuneration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011–7 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011–1 Opposition second reading [amendment](#) agreed to [referring matters to the Economics References Committee] [The bill will now be assented to]

Messages from the House of Representatives

Agreeing to amendments made by the Senate to the following bills

- ❑ Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Collection) Bill 2011
- ❑ Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011
- ❑ Combating the Financing of People Smuggling and Other Measures Bill 2011
- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2011

[The bills will now be assented to]

Agreeing to the following bills without amendment

- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (No. 1) Bill 2011
- ❑ Product Stewardship Bill 2011

[The bills will now be assented to]

Motion negatived

A motion moved by Senator Parry to suspend standing orders to enable a private senator's bill to be considered under a limitation of time was debated and negatived [[first speaker](#)].

Bill assented to

[Assent](#) to a law was reported in the Senate

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

[Seven legislation committees](#) tabled reports into the 2011-12 Budget estimates.

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.

The Chair of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (Senator Marshall) gave a [notice of motion](#) relating to the order of the Senate agreed to on [28 October 2009](#) concerning estimates hearings and Fair Work Australia.

Reports tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—The social and economic impact of rural wind farms [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Inquiry into Australia’s relationship with the countries of Africa [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Statutory Committee—Annual report of committee activities 2009-10 [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Review of the National Classification Scheme: achieving the right balance [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 [[report](#)] [a motion was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—
 - Science underpinning the inability to eradicate the Asian honey bee [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
 - Pilot training and airline safety; and consideration of the Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010 [[report](#)] [a motion was moved to take note of the report]

[Government responses](#) tabled

- ❑ Economics References Committee—Foreign investment by state-owned entities
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee—Negotiating the maze: Review of arrangements for overseas skills recognition, upgrading and licensing

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 8 of 2011](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 23 August 2011
- ❑ Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and the Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]—Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 16 August 2011

Other references

- ❑ Administration of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 18 August 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]
- ❑ 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 [[terms of reference](#)]
- ❑ Funding and administration of mental health services—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 16 August 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]

- ❑ Performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 29 November 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011—Review of the operation of the amendments made by Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the bill—Economics References Committee [moved as a second reading [amendment](#) to the bill]

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer [matters](#) relating to the preservation of documents concerning child abuse to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee.

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on 5 July 2011 from 4.00 pm.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ 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

Membership

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

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising of the appointment of Mr Bandt to the Australia's Immigration Detention Network Joint Select Committee.

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]

Approval of determinations

The Senate approved the following determinations made under section 10B(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*:

- ❑ Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Amendment Determination 2011
- ❑ Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Amendment Determination 2011 (No. 2)
- ❑ Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net – Telehealth) Amendment Determination 2011

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to table documents relating to the development of the import protocol for apples from New Zealand, no later than 5.00 pm on 30 June 2011.

Documents tabled

Correspondence from the Minister for Small Business (Senator Sherry) was [tabled](#) in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [21 June 2011](#) relating to a proposed mining tax.

Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) tabled a ministerial statement about superannuation and the goal of lifetime income security.

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 54 to 56 of 2010-11
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Other business

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

Motion negatived

- ❑ [Radiation detection research](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Humphries was elected as a member of the Council of the National Library of Australia from 1 July 2011 for a period of 3 years.

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

Senator Macdonald was appointed as a trustee to serve on the Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust from 1 July 2011.

Personal explanation

Senator Forshaw made a [personal explanation](#) about an article in the *Australian* of 23 June 2011 concerning the retirement of senators.

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [see Journals entries [nos 6](#) and [52](#)].

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection.

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