



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 12 October 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.49 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Clean Energy Bill 2011 and 17 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 October 2011] [Procedural motions relating to the consideration of the bills were debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 16 August to 30 November 2011]

- ❑ Business Names Registration Bill 2011 and 2 related bills
- ❑ Clean Energy Bill 2011 and 17 related bills
- ❑ National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2011
- ❑ Steel Transformation Plan Bill 2011

Motions agreed to

The Senate debated and agreed to a motion to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 12 October 2011 to enable the Clean Energy Bill 2011 and 17 related bills to be considered [[first speaker](#)].

The Senate also agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the routine of business on 13 October 2011 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

[Notices of motion](#)

To introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Emergency Listings) Bill 2011—notice given by Senator Waters

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

- ❑ Banking Amendment (Covered Bonds) Bill 2011

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee–
13 October 2011 from 11.00 am to noon–in camera hearing
- ❑ Australia’s Immigration Detention Network Joint Select Committee–
22 November 2011 from 4.00 pm–public meeting
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–12 October 2011 from
4.45 pm–Statutory oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and
Investments Commission–public meeting
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–12 October 2011 from
9.35 am–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ National Broadband Network Joint Committee–13 October 2011 from 9.30 am to
11.00 am–public meeting

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee:
 - Professional Services Review Scheme–to report by 1 November 2011
 - Regulatory standards for the approval of medical devices–to report by
8 November 2011
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–Recent programming
decisions made by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation–to report by
13 October 2011
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–Live export trade, and the
Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and the Live
Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]–to report by
9 November 2011

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To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–13 October 2011 from 4.00 pm–
private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Access to health services in rural areas–Community Affairs References
Committee–to report by 30 April 2012–notice given by the Chair of the
Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert)
- ❑ Mandatory vehicle emissions standards–Environment and Communications
References Committee–to report by 30 November 2011–notice given by Senator
Milne

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

Approval of determination

The Senate approved the Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Amendment Determination 2011 (No. 3), made under subsection 10B(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* [[homepage](#)].

Documents tabled

- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [1 petition](#)

Other business

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

- ❑ [Iranian actress, Ms Marzieh Vefamehr](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Expansion of the Olympic Dam uranium mine](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ [SIEV X tragedy](#)—moved by Senators Milne and Hanson-Young

Proposed suspensions of standing orders

The Senate did not agree to the following motions moved by senators to suspend standing orders:

- ❑ Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)—to enable debate on a [motion](#) censuring the Government and the Australian Greens [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Senator Macdonald—to enable debate on a motion relating to the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) and his previous statements on limitations of debates [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Senator Ronaldson—to enable debate on a motion to take note of a matter clarified by the President relating to the order of call during debates [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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