

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator the Hon H Coonan (Chair), Senator Bishop (Deputy Chair), and Senators Marshall, Pratt, Siewert and Troeth

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Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Between 1 January 2011 and 30 June 2011, the committee considered 121 bills, and commented on 67 bills in 6 Alert Digests. The committee also produced six Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

New references

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- The future direction and role of the Scrutiny of Bills committee (referred 3 March 2011)

Alert Digests tabled

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- No. 1 of 2011 (9 February 2011)
- No. 2 of 2011 (2 March 2011)
- No. 3 of 2011 (23 March 2011)
- No. 4 of 2011 (11 May 2011)

- No. 5 of 2011 (15 June 2011)
- No. 6 of 2011 (22 June 2011)

Reports presented

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- First Report of 2011 (9 February 2011)
- Second Report of 2011 (2 March 2011)
- Third Report of 2011 (23 March 2011)
- Fourth Report of 2011 (11 May 2011)
- Fifth Report of 2011 (15 June 2011)
- Sixth Report of 2011 (22 June 2011)

Meetings

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

Private:	6
Briefings:	0
Total:	6