# Gambling Reform

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1 January 2011 - 30 June 2011

| | Matters current as at 1 January 2011 | Matters referred during period | Reports tabled that discharge a reference | Current inquiries as at 30 June 2011 |
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| Joint Select Committee | 3 | 1 | 0 +(1*) | 4 |

| | Number and Hours of Meeting | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Public | Hrs | Public Estimates | Hrs | Private | Hrs | Insp/Other | Hrs | Total Meetings | Total Hours |
| Joint Select Committee | 8 | 31:38 | 0 | 0:00 | 10 | 7:10 | 0 | 0:00 | 18 | 38:48 |

| | Meetings By State | | | | | | | |
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| | ACT | NSW | VIC | TAS | SA | WA | NT | QLD |
| Joint Select Committee | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

| | | Witnesses | | | Hansard Pages | | | | | |
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| | Televised Hearings | Estimates | Other (Bills) | General | Estimates | Other (Bills) | General | No of Submissions | No Of Pages | Government Responses |
| Joint Select Committee | 2 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 631 | 147 | 2265 | 0 |

* Interim report

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## Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 29 September 2010, agreed to by the Senate on 30 September 2010.

| **Current members** | *Date of appointment* |
|---|---|
| Mr Andrew Wilkie, MP (Denison, TAS, IND) *(elected Chair on 27.10.10 )* | 25.10.10 |
| Mr Nick Champion, MP (Wakefield, SA, ALP) *(elected Deputy Chair on 27.10.10)* | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) | 30.09.10 |
| Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) | 30.09.10 |
| Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND) | 25.10.10 |
| Mr Steven Ciobo, MP (Moncrieff, QLD, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Mr Josh Frydenberg, MP (Kooyong, VIC, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Mr Stephen Jones, MP (Throsby, NSW, ALP) | 25.10.10 |
| Mr Shayne Neumann, MP (Blair, QLD, ALP) | 25.10.10 |

| **Participating members** | *Date of appointment* |
|---|---|
| Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP) | 30.09.10 |
| Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) | 25.10.10 |

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| Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP) | 25.10.10 |
| Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) | 25.10.10 |

## Inquiries

*As at 1 January 2011*

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  (i) The Productivity Commission report on gambling, released in June 2010, including a national response to the full set of its recommendations;

  (ii) The design and implementation of a best practice full pre-commitment scheme—that is uniform across all States and Territories and machines—consistent with the recommendations and findings of the Productivity Commission;

  (iii) Legal advice commissioned and received by the Commonwealth by 1 February 2011 regarding the Commonwealth's constitutional competence and prospects for successfully legislating in this area, including the reasoning supporting the legal advice and financial and other consequences flowing from it;

  (iv) Any gambling-related legislation that has been tabled in either House, either as a first reading or exposure draft;

  (v) Appropriate terms of reference, to be set by no later than 30 June 2013, of a further Productivity Commission Inquiry to examine the impact of pre-commitment schemes on problem gambling and to determine what further harm minimisation measures may be necessary.

  (vi) Monitoring the impact of reforms to address problem gambling; and

  (vii) Such other matters relating to gambling referred by either House.

  (b) Make recommendations to the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the Assistant Treasurer, to inform any

position that the Commonwealth will take to the COAG Select Council on Gambling Reform.

- Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 [2010] and Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2010 (referred 28 October 2010)
- Prevalence of interactive and online gambling in Australia (*reference transferred from the Community Affairs References Committee 28 October 2010*)

## Current inquiries

*As at 30 June 2011*

- (a) Inquire into and report on:

  (i) The Productivity Commission report on gambling, released in June 2010, including a national response to the full set of its recommendations;

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- Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 (referred 20 June 2011)

## New references

*1 January 2011–30 June 2011*

- Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 (referred 20 June 2011)

## Public hearings

*1 January 2011–30 June 2011*

- Pre-commitments scheme—1 February 2011, Adelaide; 2 February 2011, Melbourne; 3 February 2011, Brisbane; 4 February 2011, Sydney; 14 & 15 February 2011, Canberra; 18 February 2011, Hobart; 25 March 2011, Canberra

## Reports tabled

*1 January 2011–30 June 2011*

- The design and implementation of a mandatory pre-commitment system for electronic gaming machines—First report (presented out of session on 6 May 2011; tabled 10 May 2011)

## Government responses

*1 January 2011–30 June 2011*

- Nil