



This week at a glance

A preview of Senate business

7 to 9 February 2012

On the first day of each sitting week the Senate Daily Summary outlines the business scheduled for consideration in the Senate. On subsequent days, it provides a convenient summary of the previous day's proceedings in the Senate, with links to official Senate records.

Another document useful in tracking the business of the Senate is the [Dynamic Red](#), which records proceedings in the Senate as they happen.

Condolence

On 7 February 2012 the Senate will pay tribute to the memory of the Right Honourable Sir Zelman Cowen, AK, GCMG, GCVO, QC, former Governor-General of Australia with a motion of condolence.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills to be considered

The Government has scheduled bills for debate this week, as follows:

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- Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Raising the Bar) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Amendment Bill 2010 [[homepage](#)]

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- National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [[homepage](#)]
- National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 [[homepage](#)]
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Significant Incident Directions) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]

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- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Regional Commercial Radio) Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]
- Extradition and Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [[homepage](#)]

Source: <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/parliamentary/index.cfm>

Private senator's bill to be debated

On [22 November 2010](#) the Senate agreed to a temporary order providing for the consideration of private senators' bills on Thursdays. On 9 February 2012 the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011 is scheduled for debate [[homepage](#)].

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

Report due to be tabled this week

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- Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011—Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Proposed references

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- Possible improper relation between Senator Boswell and Metcash—Privileges Committee—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

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- Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 30 June 2012—notice given by Senator Di Natale

Other business

[Documents presented out of sitting to be tabled on 7 February 2012](#)

Dissent from ruling

A motion moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) objecting to a ruling of the President on 25 November 2011 (that the motion to refer a matter to the Privileges Committee not be given precedence) is due to be debated on 7 February 2012.

Delegated legislation

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

Motion to disallow to be considered

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- Health Insurance (Allied Health Services) Amendment Determination 2011 (No. 2), made under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* [[homepage](#)]
—notice given by Senator Wright

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Online

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