



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 7 July 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.52 pm

*The Senate has now completed the winter sittings and will commence the spring sittings on [16 August 2011](#).*

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Customs Amendment (New Zealand Rules of Origin) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 July 2011]
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 July 2011]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Registration Fees) Amendment Bill 2011 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 July 2011]

The following private senator's bills were debated

- ❑ Carbon Tax Plebiscite Bill 2011 [No. 2]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2010 [No. 2]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Child Support (Registration and Collection) Amendment Bill 2011—1 Senator Xenophon amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Oil Transfers) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]

## Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2011–agreeing to the bill without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]

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

## Committees

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### Estimates

The Community Affairs Legislation Committee tabled a report into the 2011-12 Budget estimates. [\[report\]](#)

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

### Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- ❑ Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2011–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other reports

- ❑ Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee–Inquiry into the operation of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* [\[report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee–2010 Federal election: Report on the conduct of the election and related matters [\[report\]](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Publications Committee–7th report [\[report\]](#) [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]

### Document tabled

- ❑ President of the Senate–[Report to the Senate](#) on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 6 July 2011

### New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 9 of 2011](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Bankruptcy Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package) Bill 2011–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 21 September 2011
- ❑ Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Fees) Bill 2011–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 14 September 2011
- ❑ Government Advertising (Accountability) Bill 2011–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 21 September 2011
- ❑ Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 16 August 2011

- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011–Schedule 3–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 15 September 2011
- Work Health and Safety Bill 2011 and a related bill–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee–to report by 26 August 2011

The report also noted that the Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 was referred to the Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee pursuant to that committee's [resolution of appointment](#).

### **Meetings during the sitting of the Senate**

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

- Australia's Food Processing Sector Select Committee–7 July 2011–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–7 July 2011 from 4.45 pm–Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements–public hearing
- Scrutiny of New Taxes Select Committee–7 July 2011 from 1.45 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

### **Reporting date extended**

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Senators' Interests Committee into the development of a draft code of conduct for senators to 28 November 2011.

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [see Journals entries [nos 46](#) and [53](#)].

## **Documents**

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### **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]

### **Proposed order for the production of documents**

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) ordering documents relating to the Australia Network tender process to be tabled.

### **Documents tabled**

- Australian parliamentary delegation–123rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland, and meetings with international organisations, Paris, France–1 to 11 October 2010–Report [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Department of Defence–Special purpose flights–Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2010

- Department of Finance and Deregulation–
  - Former parliamentarians’ expenditure on entitlements–1 July to 31 December 2010
  - Parliamentarians’ expenditure on entitlements–1 July to 31 December 2010
- HMAS *Success* Commission of Inquiry–Allegations of unacceptable behavior and the management thereof–Part two: The management of the allegations and personnel involved–Report of the Commissioner
- Parliamentarians’ overseas study travel reports–1 July to 31 December 2010
- Review of the *Prohibition of Human Cloning for Reproduction Act 2002* and the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002*–Report

### Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports were discussed

### Ministerial statements tabled

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) tabled ministerial statements about–

- effectiveness of Australia’s aid program [[related documents](#) also tabled]
- global economy
- live animal exports [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

### Other business

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

### Motions agreed to

- [Central Australian renal study](#)–moved by Senator Siewert
- [Death of Dr Itamar Franco](#), former President of Brazil–moved by Senator Stephens
- [Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Burma](#)–moved by Senator Ludlam
- [Investigation](#) into alleged war crimes in Sri Lanka–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Recent cancer research](#) and mobile phones–moved by Senator Bilyk
- [South Sudan and Sudan](#)–moved by Senator Lundy

### Motion negated

- [Live animal export trade](#)–moved by Senator Siewert

### First speeches

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing dates for new senators to make their first speeches.

### **Temporary chairs of committees**

Warrants were tabled nominating Senators Adams, Back, Cameron, Furner and Stephens as temporary chairs of committees.

### **Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust**

Senator Marshall was appointed as a trustee to serve on the Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust.

### **Notices of motion**

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [see Journals entries [nos 4](#) and [20](#)].

## **Statistics**

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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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