



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 3 March 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.24 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2010-2011
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2010-2011
- Corporations and Other Legislation Amendment (Trustee Companies and Other Measures) Bill 2011
- Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Enrolment and Prisoner Voting) Bill 2010
- Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Bill 2010
[passed by the House of Representatives on 3 March 2011]

The following bills were debated

- Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was defeated by a majority vote

- Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]—defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 [private member's bill]—2 Australian Greens amendments agreed to [the House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010—8 Australian Greens amendments agreed to [the House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2010 [this bill will now be assented to]

Message from the House of Representatives

- Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—agreeing to the amendment made by the Senate [this bill will now be assented to]

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

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

Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- Autonomous Sanctions Bill 2010—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [report](#)

Other reports

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—421st report—The role of the Auditor-General in scrutinising government advertising [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Publications Committee—[4th Report](#) [report adopted]

Documents tabled

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information—
 - Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010
 - Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation for the period July to December 2010

Government responses tabled

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Primary Schools for the 21st Century—Interim report [response](#)
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Natural resource management and conservation challenges [response](#) [a motion to take note of the response was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

New committee

The Senate [amended](#) and concurred with a [resolution](#) of the House of Representatives to establish a Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network.

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 2](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Dividend and Other Measures) Bill 2011–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 21 March 2011
- ❑ Combating the Financing of People Smuggling and Other Measures Bill 2011–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 21 March 2011
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping) Bill 2011–Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 22 June 2011
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 13 May 2011
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 and a related bill–Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 21 March 2011

Other references

- ❑ Capacity of communication networks and emergency warning systems to deal with emergencies and natural disasters–Environment and Communications References Committee—to report by 2 November 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]
- ❑ Future direction and role of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Scrutiny of Bills Committee—to report by the last sitting day in June 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011, a related bill and related matters–Economics References Committee—to report by 2 May 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–3 March 2011 from 4.30 pm–Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–3 March 2011 from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm–private briefing

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee into Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements to 6 July 2011.

Notice of motion given

The Chair of the Privileges Committee (Senator Johnston) gave a notice of motion to [refer matters](#) to the committee relating to the adequacy of advice available to officers giving evidence to Senate committees and providing information to the Senate and senators.

Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [see Journals entries nos [46](#) and [50](#)].

Documents

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, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Arbib) to table documents relating to the appointment of Ms Catherine Deveny as a disabilities ambassador for the International Day of People with Disability, no later than noon on 21 March 2011.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Treasury portfolio was tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A letter of advice for the Finance and Deregulation portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Departmental and agency grants

A letter of advice for the Treasury portfolio was tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- Government document–Innovation Australia–Report for 2009-10
- President of the Senate–Report of the official visit to the Republic of Tunisia–19 to 21 September 2010
- [A petitioning document](#)

Documents discussed

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

Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Lundy) tabled a ministerial statement on the Universal Periodic Review, and a draft report of the working group [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [International Women's Day](#)–moved by Senator Cash

Motion debated

- [The Government's delivery of commitments](#)–moved by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Statistics

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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