



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 16 August 2011

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 08:11 pm

Senators

[Senator Carr](#) was sworn in as a senator for Victoria.

Senators [Singh](#) and [Di Natale](#) gave their first speeches.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011—committee of the whole continued—2 Senator Xenophon [amendments agreed to](#) and 1 Government amendment to be determined [further amendments remain to be considered]

The following bill was discharged from the *Notice Paper*

- ❑ Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010

Notice of motion to introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011—notice given by Senator Xenophon

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—Draft of the Business Names Registration Bill 2011 and related bills [\[report\]](#)

- ❑ Economics References Committee—State government insurance and the flood levy—Interim report [[report](#)] [a motion to extend the reporting date to 22 September 2011 was agreed to]
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Review of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade annual report 2009-10 [[report](#)]

Government responses tabled

- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Industry Skills Councils
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Australian Law Reform Commission
- ❑ Parliamentary Budget Office Joint Select Committee—Report

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—17 August 2011 from 11.30 am—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Australia's Immigration Detention Network Joint Select Committee—16 August 2011—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) from 6.30 pm followed by a public hearing
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—17 August 2011 from 11.15 am till 1.00 pm—public hearing—Review of Auditor-General's reports

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011—to report by 18 August 2011
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and a related bill—to report by 12 October 2011

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—Matters relating to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—to report by 12 October 2011—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Matters relating to the transfer of asylum seekers—to report by 22 September 2011—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ Privileges Committee—Possible interference with a witness—[notice](#) given by the Chair of the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Heffernan) [the President made [a statement](#)]

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Live export trade—to report by 12 October 2011

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—18 August 2011 from 4.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—18 August 2011 from 11.30 am—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—23 August 2011 from 4.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee—24 August 2011 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm—public meeting
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—24 August 2011 from 11.15 am to 1.00 pm—private briefing
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—22 August 2011 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm—public meeting

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Orders for the production of documents

[Notices of motion](#)

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- ❑ The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to table documents relating to a claimed high conservation value area in the Tasmanian Forest Inter-Governmental Agreement—no later than 5.00 pm on 18 August 2011—notice given by Senator Colbeck
- ❑ The Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Wong) to table an answer to a question on notice relating to the stimulus package—no later than 12.30 pm on 18 August 2011—notice given by Senator Cormann

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 1 of 2011-12
- ❑ Government documents [see Journals entries [nos 2](#) and [33](#)] [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [2 petitions](#)

Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers (Senator McLucas) tabled a ministerial statement about Afghanistan.

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [Department of Parliamentary Services](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Introduction of a carbon tax](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Death of former member

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 31 July 2011, of the Honourable Allan Clyde Holding, a former minister and member of the House of Representatives for the division of Melbourne Ports from 1977 to 1998. A [motion](#) moved by the Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Conroy) was carried [[first speaker](#)].

Death of Nancy Grace Augusta Wake

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) moved a [motion of condolence](#) on the death, on 7 August 2011, of Nancy Grace Augusta Wake, AC, GM. The motion was carried [[first speaker](#)].

Questions on notice—Failure to provide answers

[Senator Cormann](#) asked the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Wong) why an answer had not been provided to question on notice no. 437 asked on 11 March 2011 relating to the stimulus package. Senator Wong [responded](#) and a motion moved by Senator Cormann to take note of the response was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)].

[Senator Humphries](#) asked the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Conroy) why an answer had not been provided to questions on notice nos 232 and 274 asked on 29 November 2010. [Senator Conroy](#) provided an explanation. A [motion](#) moved by Senator Humphries to take note of the explanation was agreed to.

Temporary chair of committees

A warrant was tabled nominating Senator Coonan as a temporary chair of committees.

Notices of motion

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

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