



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 22 September 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.14 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Auditor-General Amendment Bill 2011 [private member's bill—passed by the House of Representatives on 20 September 2011]
- ❑ Navigation Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 September 2011]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [private senators' bill]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Landholders' Right to Refuse (Coal Seam Gas) Bill 2011 [private senator's bill]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)
[Committee reports](#)

Estimates

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

Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- ❑ Economics References Committee—The asset insurance arrangements of Australian state governments [[report](#)] [a motion was moved to take note of the report]

Other reports

- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—The koala – saving our national icon [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Part II: Incidents onboard HMAS *Success* between March and May 2009 and subsequent events [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Privileges Committee—147th report—Person referred to in the Senate—Reverend Monsignor Ian Dempsey [[report](#)] [[motion](#) to adopt the report agreed to]
- ❑ Publications Committee—9th report [[report](#)] [motion to adopt the report agreed to]

Government responses tabled

- ❑ Economics References Committee—GROCERYchoice website
- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—The operation of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*
- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Review of administration and expenditure No. 8—Australian intelligence agencies
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—116th report—Review into Treaties tabled on 24 and 25 November 2010, 9 February and 1 March 2011 and Treaties referred on 16 November 2010 (part 3)

New inquiry and proposed inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 13](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee and referred the Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011 to the Economics Legislation Committee to report by 23 November 2011.

The Senate debated but did not agree to a proposal to refer the Clean Energy Bill 2011 and 17 related bills and the Steel Transformation Plan Bill 2011 to each of the legislation committees [[first speaker](#)].

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Migration Joint Committee—12 October 2011 from 10.30 am—public meeting
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—22 September 2011 from 4.30 pm—Management of the Murray-Darling Basin—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 Economics References Committee into the impacts of supermarket price decisions on the dairy industry to 1 November 2011.

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—11 October 2011 from 4.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—12 October 2011 from 4.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee–12 October 2011 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am–Funding of political parties and election campaigns–public meeting

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Economics References Committee–Senator Ryan to replace Senator Eggleston for the committee’s inquiry into the impacts of supermarket price decisions on the dairy industry on 6 October 2011, and Senator Eggleston to be appointed as a participating member
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–Senator Gallacher to replace Senator Furner on 23 September 2011, and Senator Furner to be appointed as a participating member
- ❑ Scrutiny of New Taxes Select Committee–Senator Bushby discharged from and Senator Boswell appointed to the committee on 23 September 2011

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]

Notices of motion withdrawn

2 notices of motion to disallow the Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 2011 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2011 No. 144 and made under the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* were withdrawn [[homepage](#)].

Documents tabled

- ❑ [1 petition](#) and [2 petitioning documents](#)
- ❑ Australian National Audit Office–Annual report for 2010-11
- ❑ Department of the Senate–Travel expenditure–1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011
- ❑ Department of the Senate–Travelling allowance payments to senators and members–1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011
- ❑ Auditor-General–[Audit report](#) no. 7 of 2011-12

Ministerial statements tabled

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

- ❑ streamlining Australia’s anti-dumping system
- ❑ tax reform

Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports and government responses were discussed [see Journal entries [49](#) and [50](#)].

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [20th anniversary of the Madrid Protocol](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Convention relating to the Status of Refugees](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ [Eradication of polio](#)—moved by Senators Moore, Crossin, Boyce and Di Natale
- ❑ [Euromoney's Finance Minister of the Year award](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Hearing health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ [Libya](#)—moved by Senator Cameron
- ❑ [National Police Remembrance Day](#)—moved by Senator Parry
- ❑ [Passports for sex and gender diverse people](#)—moved by Senator Pratt
- ❑ [Petition pursuant to standing order 207](#)—moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans)

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Australia's Clean Energy Future Legislation Joint Select Committee](#)—moved by Senators Kroger and Macdonald
- ❑ [Suspension of Sri Lanka from the Councils of the Commonwealth](#)—moved by Senator Rhiannon

Motion debated

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a [motion](#) about the forestry transition in Tasmania [[first speaker](#)].

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [see Journal entries [5](#) and [23](#)].

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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