



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 2 March 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.42 pm

## Legislation

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For [bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping) Bill 2011 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ National Broadband Network Companies Bill 2010  
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures—Access Arrangements) Bill 2011  
[passed by the House of Representatives on 1 March 2011]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 5) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 March 2011]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced—1 Australian Greens [amendment](#) to be determined [further amendments remain to be considered]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 and a related bill—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—1 Government amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]

## Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [[report](#)] [a [statement](#) was made in relation to the report]

Other report

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 2](#) of 2011 and [2nd report](#) of 2011 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

### New committee

A message from the House of Representatives was reported requesting that the Senate concur with a [resolution](#) to establish a Joint Select Committee on the Christmas Island tragedy of 15 December 2010. The Senate concurred with the resolution.

A further message was reported requesting that the Senate concur with a [resolution](#) to establish a Joint Select Committee on the National Broadband Network. The message will be considered on a future sitting day.

### New inquiries

- Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010 together with amendments circulated by the Australian Greens—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 21 March 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]
- Development of a draft Code of Conduct for Senators—Senators' Interests Committee—to report by 12 May 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]

### Public meetings

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

- Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee—21 March 2011 from 10.15 am to 12.30 pm
- Treaties Joint Committee—21 March 2011 from 10.15 am to noon

### [Notices of motion](#) given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements—to report by 6 July 2011

To hold meetings when 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

#### To refer matters to committees

- ❑ 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—notice given by Senator Fisher
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 13 May 2011
- ❑ Future direction and role of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Scrutiny of Bills Committee—to report by the last sitting day in June 2011—notice given by the Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Coonan)
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011, a related bill and related matters—to report by 2 May 2011—notice given by Senator Xenophon

## 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]

### Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion which would have disallowed the Health Insurance (Eligible Collection Centres) Approval Principles 2010 [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#)].

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Notice of motion given

Senator Fifield gave a [notice of motion](#) to require 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 for People with Disability—no later than noon on 21 March 2011

#### Orders with continuing effect

##### *Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

Letters of advice for the Human Services and Immigration and Citizenship portfolios were 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]

##### *Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

