



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 14 June 2011

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 7.44 pm

## Legislation

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For [bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Acts Interpretation Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 May 2011]
- ❑ Aged Care Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 June 2011]
- ❑ Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Bill 2011 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 May 2011]
- ❑ Child Support (Registration and Collection) Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 May 2011]
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Director and Executive Remuneration) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 May 2011]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 May 2011]
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 May 2011]
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 May 2011]
- ❑ Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 May 2011]
- ❑ Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 May 2011]
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 May 2011]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 May 2011]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test and Other Provisions) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 31 May 2011]
- ❑ Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 June 2011]

- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Parenting Payment Transitional Arrangement) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 June 2011]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 May 2011]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 2) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 May 2011]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 3) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 May 2011]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 4) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 31 May 2011]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 May 2011]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2011 Measures No. 1) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 May 2011]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]-1 Australian Greens second reading [amendment](#) to be determined

### Notices of motion to introduce private senators' bills

- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Tobacco Industry Donations) Bill 2011—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- ❑ Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011—notice given by Senator Siewert

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

## Committees

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For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011 and related bills—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [[interim report](#) and [report](#)]
- ❑ Child Support (Registration and Collection) Amendment Bill 2011—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [[interim report](#)] [a motion to extend the final reporting date to 15 June 2011 was agreed to]
- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011—Community Affairs Legislation Committee [[interim report](#)] [a motion to extend the final reporting date to 20 June 2011 was agreed to]

- National Health Reform Amendment (National Health Performance Authority) Bill 2011–Community Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- Social Security Amendment (Parenting Payment Transitional Arrangement) Bill 2011–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#) [a motion to adopt the report was agreed to]

### Other reports

- Appropriations and Staffing Committee–52nd report–Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2011-12 [\[report\]](#)
- Community Affairs References Committee–
  - Social and economic impacts of rural wind farms [\[interim report\]](#) [a motion to extend the final reporting date to 23 June 2011 was agreed to]
  - Planning options and services for people ageing with a disability [\[interim report\]](#) [a motion to extend the final reporting date to 21 June 2011 was agreed to]
- Environment and Communications References Committee–The status, health and sustainability of the koala population [\[interim report\]](#) [a motion to extend the final reporting date to 24 August 2011 was agreed to]
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Administration of health practitioner registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency [\[report\]](#)
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–*Water Act 2007* provisions relating to the development of a basin plan [\[interim report\]](#) and [\[report\]](#)
- Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 [\[interim report\]](#) [a motion to extend the final reporting date to 15 June 2011 was agreed to]

### Government responses tabled

- Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee–Food production in Australia–Final report
- Community Affairs References Committee–Hear us: Inquiry into hearing health in Australia
- Economics References Committee–The regulation, registration and remuneration of insolvency practitioners in Australia: the case for a new framework–Interim response, together with options paper: a modernisation and harmonization of the regulatory framework applying to insolvency practitioners in Australia
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Meat marketing–
  - Interim report
  - Final report

### Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–
  - 14 and 15 June 2011–private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

- 15 June 2011 from 10.00 am–Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011–public hearing
- Electoral Matters Joint Committee–15 June 2011 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am–Conduct of the 2010 Federal election and matters related thereto–public hearing
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–14 June 2011 from 1.50 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

### **Reporting date established**

The Senate established a reporting date of 22 September 2011 for the second report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee into equity and diversity health checks in the Royal Australian Navy.

### **Notices of motion**

To extend reporting deadlines

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–
  - 2011-12 Budget estimates–to report by 5 July 2011
  - Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010–to report by 13 October 2011
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–
  - Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011–to report by 16 August 2011
  - Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test and Other Provisions) Bill 2011–to report by 23 June 2011
  - Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010–to report by 25 August 2011
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Future direction and role of the committee–to report by 22 September 2011

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Christmas Island tragedy of 15 December 2010 Joint Select Committee–16 June 2011 from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm–public hearing
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–
  - 15 June 2011 from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm–Statutory oversight of the operations of ASIC–public hearing
  - 16 June 2011 from 11.30 am–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–21 June 2011 from 4.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–16 June 2011–
  - from 4.00 pm–Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2011–public hearing
  - from 5.30 pm–Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test and Other Provisions) Bill 2011–public hearing
- Migration Joint Committee–22 June 2011 from 10.30 am to noon–public hearing

- Reform of the Australian Federation Select Committee–16 June 2011–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Treaties Joint Committee–20 June 2011 from 10.00 am to noon–public hearing

#### To refer matters to a committee

- Matters relating to animal welfare standards in live export markets–Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 25 August 2011–notice given by Senator Siewert

## Documents

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### Delegated legislation

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

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) requiring a report to be tabled by the Productivity Commissioner on the establishment of a sovereign wealth fund in Australia.

#### Orders with continuing effect

##### *Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies*

Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) were 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 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations 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*

Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) were 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*

Statements of compliance for the Australian Agency for International Development and the Commonwealth Ombudsman were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

### Ministerial statements tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) tabled ministerial statements about:

- Afghanistan
- Cyber Security Awareness Week [a motion was moved to take note of the statement]

- The Australian Government's final response to the *Report of the Montara Commission of Inquiry* and the Productivity Commission *Review of Regulatory Burden on the Upstream Petroleum (Oil & Gas) Sector* [a motion was moved to take note of the statement]

### Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 40 to 42 and 47 of 2010-11
- [Government documents](#) [see Journals entries nos [2](#) and [42](#)]

### Other business

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

### Motion agreed to

- [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme](#)—moved by Senator Barnett

### Motion negatived

- [Seabed mining](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

### Death of Australian Defence Force Personnel

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) [moved](#) that the Senate records its deep sorrow at the death of Sergeant Brett Wood, MG, Lance Corporal Andrew Gordon Jones, Lieutenant Marcus Sean Case and Sapper Rowan Jaie Robinson while on combat operations in Afghanistan. The motion was carried.

### Death of former senator

The President informed the Senate of the death on, 14 May 2011, of Andrew Murray Thomas, a senator for the state of Western Australia from 1975 to 1983. A [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) was carried [[first speaker](#)].

### Death of former member

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 22 May 2011, of the Honourable Ralph James Dunnet Hunt, AO, a former minister and member of the House of Representatives for the division of Gwydir from 1969 to 1989. A [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) was carried [[first speaker](#)].

### Statement by the President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to the donation of artefacts used by former Presidents of the Senate to the Museum of Australian Democracy.

### Valedictory speeches

Senators [Forshaw](#), [O'Brien](#) and [Wortley](#) gave their valedictory speeches, and a series of speeches were given recognising the contribution of those senators whose terms expire on 30 June [[first speaker](#)]. These speeches will continue from 4.00 pm on 15 June 2011.

**Notices of motion**

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

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