



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 21 September 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.29 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Extradition and Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 September 2011]
- ❑ Parliamentary Service Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Officer) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 September 2011]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Family Participation Measures) Bill 2011 [Senate bill]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 16 August to 30 November 2011]

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
- ❑ Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011
- ❑ National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment (Deer) Bill 2011
- ❑ Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Oils in the Antarctic Area) Bill 2011

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Bill 2010—committee of the whole continued—[1 Australian Greens amendment](#) to be determined [further amendments remain to be considered]

Motion agreed to

The Senate debated and agreed to a motion to vary the days of meeting for 2011, and the hours of meeting for 1, 3, 8 and 10 November 2011, to enable the Clean Energy Bill 2011 and 17 related bills to be considered, and for the consideration of these bills under a limitation of time [[first speaker](#)].

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Bankruptcy Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package) Bill 2011–Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Government Advertising (Accountability) Bill 2011–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

Other report

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 11](#) of 2011 and [11th report](#) of 2011 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–21 September 2011 from 4.30 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–22 September 2011 from 11.30 am–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–21 September 2011 from 5.00 pm–private briefing

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee–Funding of political parties and election campaigns–to report by 1 December 2011
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–Status, health and sustainability of the koala population–to report by 22 September 2011
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Exposure drafts of Australian privacy amendment legislation–to report by 6 October 2011

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when 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)

Membership

The Senate discharged Senator Urquhart from and appointed Senator Marshall to the Regulations and Ordinances Committee.

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]

Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion which would have disallowed the Migration Amendment Regulations 2011 (No. 4), made under the *Migration Act 1958* and contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2011 No. 122 [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#)].

Notice of motion to disallow given

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) gave a notice 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* [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

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

Documents tabled

- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations (Senator Evans) tabled a ministerial statement about the second anniversary of pension reforms [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to].

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motion agreed to

- ❑ [Participation and status of women in the economy](#)—moved by Senator Moore

Motions negatived

- ❑ [International Day of Peace](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ [Proposed legislation relating to asylum seekers](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [Nuclear safety and security](#)—proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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