



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 20 September 2011

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.50 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) 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]

[Notices of motion](#)

To introduce bills

- Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Legislation Amendment Bill 2011—notice given by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations (Senator Evans)
- Fisheries Management Amendment (North West Slope Fishery Partial Closure) Bill 2011—notice given by Senator Siewert
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Family Participation Measures) Bill 2011—notice given by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations (Senator Evans)

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings – 16 August to 30 November 2011]

- Clean Energy Bill 2011 and related bills
- 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

To vary the hours and days of meeting and consider bills under a limitation of time

A [notice of motion](#) was given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) 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.

Message from the House of Representatives

Reported

- National Health Reform Amendment (National Health Performance Authority) Bill 2011—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

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

Document tabled

- Standing order 37(3)—Access to committee documents—Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee (1975)—Report to the Senate

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Australia's Clean Energy Future Legislation Joint Select Committee—21 September 2011 from 9.30 am to noon—public meeting
- Environment and Communications References Committee—20 September 2011 from 5.30 pm—Status, health and sustainability of the koala population—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—22 September 2011 from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm—International child abduction to and from Australia—public meeting
- National Broadband Network Joint Committee—20 September 2011 from 6.00 pm to 9.30 pm—public meeting
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—21 September 2011 from 12.30 pm to 1.45 pm—public meeting
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—20 September 2011 from 4.30 pm—Live export trade, together with the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and the Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]—public meeting

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Environment and Communications References Committee—Status, health and sustainability of the koala population—to report by 21 September 2011
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011—to report by 3 November 2011

- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011—to report by 21 November 2011
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–Live export trade, and the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]—to report by 12 October 2011

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To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee–Funding of political parties and election campaigns—to report by 1 December 2011
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Exposure drafts of Australian privacy amendment legislation—to report by 12 October 2011

To hold meetings when 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)
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–21 September 2011 from 5.00 pm–private briefing

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Economics References Committee–Senator Colbeck to replace Senator Williams for the committee’s inquiry into the impacts of supermarket price decisions on the dairy industry on 6 October 2011, and Senator Williams to be appointed as a participating member
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee–Senator Boyce appointed

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to table information relating to New Zealand apple exports, no later than 5.00 pm on 6 October 2011.

Documents tabled

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

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [ABC broadcast of the West Australian Football League](#)—moved by Senators Bishop, Johnston and Ludlam
- [Anniversary of the Harkin-Engel Protocol](#)—moved by Senators Moore, Marshall, Birmingham, Parry and Hanson-Young
- [Surf Life Saving Australia](#)—moved by Senators Boyce, McKenzie, Di Natale and Thistlethwaite
- [Tax rates in the United States of America](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Motions negatived

- [Dispute between Gunns and Forestry Tasmania](#)—moved by Senator Colbeck
- [Microbreweries](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Impact of the proposed carbon tax](#) on the tourism industry—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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