

The Senate

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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from 5 pm)

2010-12/75

THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2012

AT 9.30 am

1. **Prayers and acknowledgement of country**
2. **General business – order of the day relating to private senators’ bills**
No. 51–Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011 – Resumption of second reading debate
Time limit: 2 hours and 20 minutes
3. **Petitions**
4. **Notices of motion**
5. **Placing of business**
 - Manager of Government Business (Senator Arbib) to move a motion relating to the government business to be considered at 1 pm
 - Manager of Government Business (Senator Arbib) to move a motion relating to the order of general business for today
 - Postponement notifications

6. **Discovery of formal business¹**

Business of the Senate – notice of motion –

No. 1 – Senator Waters – Reference to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (impacts of the coal seam gas industry)

General business – notices of motion –

No. 609 – Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) – Tasmanian forests intergovernmental agreement

No. 615 – Senator Cormann – Consideration of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 and related bills

No. 618 – Senator Milne – Recommendations of the Economics References Committee relating to the grocery retailing sector

No. 631 – Senator Rhiannon, Assistant Treasurer (Senator Arbib) and Senator Joyce – Mr Arthur Beetson

No. 632 – Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) – Introduction of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Monitoring of Whaling) Bill 2012

No. 633 – Senator Wright – Register of the National Estate

No. 634 – Senators Crossin, Back and Xenophon – Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform (prevention and treatment of problem gambling)

No. 635 – Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) – Violence in Syria

No. 636 – Senators Di Natale and Xenophon – Order for the production of documents – Advice and documentation received in relation to bet limits

No. 637 – Senator Bernardi – Communist Party of Australia

No. 638 – Senators Pratt and Hanson-Young – Discriminatory legislation before the Legislative Assembly of St Petersburg, Russia

No. 639 – Senator Rhiannon – Sri Lankan Lesson Learnt and Reconciliation Commission

No. 640 – Senator Cash – Reflections on Members of Parliament

No. 641 – Senator Fifield – Mismanagement of economic and fiscal policy

No. 642 – Chair of the Select Committee on Australia's Food Processing Sector (Senator Colbeck) – Authorising the committee to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 29 February 2012

¹ *If a notice of motion is declared formal it will be put and determined without amendment or debate. Any senator may object to a notice of motion being declared formal, in which case it will be listed for debate at a subsequent time*

No. 643 – Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Moore), and also on behalf of the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert) – Authorising the committees to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate today

No. 644 – Senator Stephens – Authorising the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade to meet during the sittings of the Senate on Monday, 27 February 2012 and 19 March 2012

No. 647 – Senator Siewert – Australian Year of the Farmer 2012

No. 648 – Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Bishop) – Authorising the committee to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate today

7. **Tabling and consideration of committee reports** – *pursuant to standing order 62(4)*

- Chair of the Standing Committee on Publications (Senator Carol Brown) to present 13th report and move for its adoption
- Government Whip (Senator McEwen) to present additional information received by legislation committees relating to estimates hearings:
 - Economics – supplementary budget estimates 2011 - 12
 - Environment and Communications – supplementary budget estimates 2011 - 12
 - Finance and Public Administration – supplementary budget estimates 2011 - 12
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade – supplementary budget estimates 2011 - 12
 - Legal and Constitutional Affairs – budget estimates 2011 - 12, supplementary budget estimates 2011 - 12
- Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Crossin) to present report – Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Online Games) Bill 2011[Provisions] (*pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report*)

*Time limit per speaker: 10 minutes
Total time limit for all motions: 60 minutes*

8. **Messages from the House of Representatives** transmitting the following bills for concurrence:

Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Bill 2011
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Service Reform) Bill 2011
Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Bill 2011
(*these bills are not subject to the bills cut-off order*)

9. **Order of business** – It is proposed to consider business in the following order –

Business of the Senate – notice of motion –

No. 1 – Senator Waters – Reference to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (impacts of the coal seam gas industry)

Government business – orders of the day –

No. 1–Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2012] – Resumption of second reading debate

No. 2–Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Raising the Bar) Bill 2011 [2012] – Resumption of second reading debate

At 1 pm

It is proposed to consider the following government business orders of the day –

No. 3–Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Significant Incident Directions) Bill 2011 – Resumption of second reading debate

No. 4–Customs Amendment (New Zealand Rules of Origin) Bill 2011 – Resumption of second reading debate

At 2 pm

10. **Questions**

11. **Motions to take note of answers**

Time limit: 30 minutes

12. **Any proposal pursuant to standing order 75**

(If a proposal is submitted, it will be circulated in the chamber)

Time limit: 60 minutes, or if no motions are moved to take note of answers, 90 minutes

13. **Ministerial statements**

Minister to table statements relating to:

- live animal exports
- Defence Security Authority vetting *(made in the House of Representatives on 8 February 2012)*

14. **Government responses to parliamentary committee reports**

Minister to present the government's responses to the following reports:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee:
 - Defence's request for tender for aviation contracts
 - Part II: Incidents onboard HMAS *Success* between March and May 2009 and subsequent events
- Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Interim and final reports—Inquiry into the operation of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*

- Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Report—Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific: Challenges and opportunities
- Joint Standing Committee on Treaties—110th report—Treaties tabled 18, 25(2) and 26 November 2009 and 2 (2) February 2010

15. **Tabling of documents**

(a) By President

- Work of Committees – 1 July to 31 December 2011
- Reports of the Auditor-General:
 - Report no. 25 of 2011-12 – Performance audit – Administration of Project Wickenby: Australian Taxation Office; Australian Crime Commission; Australian Federal Police
 - Report no. 26 of 2011-12 – Performance audit – Capacity development Indigenous service delivery: Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Department of Health and Ageing

(b) By ministers

- Particulars of proposed additional expenditure—Minister, by leave, to move motion to refer particulars of proposed additional expenditure to committees
- Portfolio additional estimates statements for portfolio and executive departments

(c) By senators tabling reports from committees

- Chair of the Selection of Bills Committee (Senator McEwen), by leave, to present report no. 1 of 2012 and move for its adoption

(d) By Clerk (delegated legislation including regulations, ordinances, determinations, rules, declarations and orders)

Time limit per speaker: 10 minutes

Time limit per motion: 30 minutes

Total time limit for all motions (items 13, 14 and 15): 60 minutes

16. **Committee membership, by leave**

Not later than 4.30 pm

17. **General business –notice of motion**

No. 640 – Senator Cash – Reflections on Members of Parliament

No. 641 – Senator Fifield – Mismanagement of economic and fiscal policy

Not later than 6 pm

18. **General business** – consideration of government documents (refer to today’s *Notice Paper*, page 18)

Time limit: 1 hour

Total time limit for items 17 and 18: 2 hours 30 minutes

Not later than 7 pm

19. **Consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports** (refer to today’s *Notice Paper*, page 4)

Time limit: 1 hour

20. **Adjournment** proposed – 8 pm, or when consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports concludes, whichever is earlier

21. **Adjournment** – not later than 8.40 pm

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

Temporary chairs of committees on roster – Senators Furner, Marshall, Pratt, Boyce, Moore, Bishop and Crossin

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**COMMITTEES AUTHORISED TO MEET DURING THE SITTING OF THE
SENATE TODAY**

- Community Affairs References Committee
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee – from 4.30 pm