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## GENERAL BUSINESS—CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE SENATORS' BILLS

### Order of the Day

**51 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment  
(Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Colbeck)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Edwards, in continuation,  
24 November 2011*).

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## BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

### Notice of Motion

*Notice given 8 February 2012*

\*1 **Senator Waters:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 22 August 2012:

- (a) the economic, social and environmental impacts of Australia's domestic and export coal seam gas (CSG)/liquid natural gas (LNG) industry on:
  - (i) surface and groundwater and future water licensing arrangements,
  - (ii) agricultural land and food production,
  - (iii) the coast and marine environments, including impacts on the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area and industries relying on these environments, including impacts from pipelines, ports, dredging and shipping,
  - (iv) the property rights and values of landholders,
  - (v) rural, regional and urban communities, and the effective management of relationships between mining and other interests, and
  - (vi) other related matters, including health impacts;
- (b) the greenhouse gas emission intensity of Australia's domestic and export CSG/LNG industries across their lifecycle, and the adequacy of accounting, monitoring and compliance of greenhouse impacts;
- (c) the potential impacts of other unconventional gas industries developing rapidly across Australia, including shale and tight gas;
- (d) the adequacy of existing and proposed state, territory and Commonwealth regulatory regimes to manage the above issues, including cumulative impacts and the appropriateness of 'adaptive management' in regulating the industry; and
- (e) any other related matter.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the Day

- 1 **Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2012]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Ludwig*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 November 2011).
- 2 **Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Raising the Bar) Bill 2011 [2012]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Manufacturing, Senator Carr*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 June 2011).
- 3 **Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Significant Incident Directions) Bill 2011**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Feeney, 7 February 2012*).
- 4 **Customs Amendment (New Zealand Rules of Origin) Bill 2011**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers, Senator McLucas*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (7 July 2011).
- 5 **National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010**  
In committee (8 February 2012).
- 6 **National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 November 2010).
- 7 **Extradition and Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**—(*Minister for Manufacturing, Senator Carr*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (21 September 2011).
- 8 **Broadcasting Services Amendment (Regional Commercial Radio) Bill 2011 [2012]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Ludwig*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 November 2011).
- \*9 **Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2011**—(*Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, Senator Evans*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Evans, 8 February 2012*).
- \*10 **Excise Amendment (Reducing Business Compliance Burden) Bill 2011**  
**Customs Amendment (Reducing Business Compliance Burden) Bill 2011**—(*Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, Senator Evans*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Evans, 8 February 2012*).
- 11 **Cybercrime Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**—(*Minister for Manufacturing, Senator Carr*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Carr, 24 August 2011*).

- 12 **Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010**—  
(Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator Farrell)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2010).
- 13 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2010**—(Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned*, Senator Feeney, 17 November 2010).
- 14 **Criteria for independent youth allowance—Proposed resolution**  
Consideration of message no. 38 from the House of Representatives (28 October 2010).
- 15 **Mental health—Proposed resolution**  
Consideration of message no. 80 from the House of Representatives (9 February 2011).
- 16 **Budget statement and documents 2011-12**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (*adjourned*, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator Lundy), 12 May 2011).

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY RELATING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES AND AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

### Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

- 1 **Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Interim report—Management of the Murray Darling Basin: the impact of mining coal seam gas on the management of the Murray Darling Basin**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 2 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Interim and preliminary reports—Procurement procedures for Defence capital projects**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 3 **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 4 **Economics Legislation Committee—Report—Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011 [Provisions]**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).

- 5 **Gambling Reform—Joint Select Committee—Second report—Interactive and online gambling and gambling advertising and Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 6 **Senators' Interests—Standing Committee—Report—Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 6 August and 30 November 2011**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 7 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Report on the funding of political parties and election campaigns**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 8 **Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Interim report—Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements: the management of the removal of the fee rebate for AQIS export certification functions**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 9 **Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee—Report—Annual report 2010-11**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 10 **Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report: Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011—Government response**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 11 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report: Review of government compensation payments—Government response**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 12 **Community Affairs References Committee—Report: Gene patents—Government response**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 13 **Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—Report: Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands—Government response**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 14 **Cyber Safety—Joint Select Committee—Interim report: High-wire act – cyber-safety and the young—Government response**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 15 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report: Native vegetation laws, greenhouse gas abatement and climate change measures—Government response**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 16 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report: Administration of health practitioner registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency—Government response**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).

- 17 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Report: Annual reports (No. 2 of 2009)—Government response**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 18 **Economics References Committee—Reports:**  
**Milking it for all its worth: Competition and pricing in the Australian dairy industry**  
**Impacts of supermarket price decisions on the dairy industry**  
**—Government responses**  
Consideration (7 February 2012).
- 19 **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—**  
**Report—Statutory oversight of Australian Securities and Investments Commission**  
**Interim report—Inquiry into the collapse of Trio Capital**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 7 February 2012*).
- 20 **Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—**  
**Report 427—Inquiry into national funding agreements**  
**Report 428—Review of Auditor-General’s reports nos 16 to 46 (2010-11)**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Polley, in continuation, 7 February 2012*).
- 21 **Economics References Committee—Report—Investing for good: The development of a capital market for the not-for-profit sector in Australia**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 25 November 2011*).
- 22 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report—**  
**Unauthorised disclosure of proceedings relating to the committee’s inquiry into Australia’s arrangement with Malaysia on asylum seekers**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Wright)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Wright, in continuation, 25 November 2011*).
- 23 **National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—**  
**Report—Etched in stone? Inquiry into the administration of the *National Memorials Ordinance 1928***  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Pratt)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Pratt, in continuation, 25 November 2011*).
- 24 **National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—Second report—**  
**Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator McEwen, in continuation, 25 November 2011*).
- 25 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Northern Land Council’s evidence to the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator McEwen, in continuation, 25 November 2011*).

- 26 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Held hostage: Government’s response to kidnapping of Australian citizens overseas**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Eggleston)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Eggleston, in continuation, 25 November 2011*).
- 27 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Report—The administration and purchasing of disability employment services in Australia**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Back)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Back, in continuation, 25 November 2011*).
- 28 **Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Integrity testing**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 25 November 2011*).
- 29 **Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Animal welfare standards in Australia’s live export markets, Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Heffernan)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 23 November 2011*).
- 30 **Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—The capacity of communication networks and emergency warning systems to deal with emergencies and natural disasters**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Fisher)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 23 November 2011*).
- 31 **Community Affairs References Committee—Report—The regulatory standards for the approval of medical devices**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Boyce, in continuation, 22 November 2011*).
- 32 **Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Annual report of committee activities 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Faulkner—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Faulkner, in continuation, 22 November 2011*).
- 33 **Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report: Pilot training and airline safety; and consideration of the Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010—Government response**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Heffernan—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 22 November 2011*).
- 34 **Reform of the Australian Federation—Select Committee—Report: Australia’s federation: An agenda for reform—Government response**  
Consideration (*21 November 2011*).

- 35 **Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report: Science underpinning the inability to eradicate the Asian honey bee—Government response**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Colbeck—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 21 November 2011*).
- 36 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee—Report: Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector—Government response**  
Consideration (*21 November 2011*).
- 37 **Economics References Committee—Final report—The impacts of supermarket price decisions on the dairy industry**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 3 November 2011*).
- 38 **Community Affairs References Committee—Final report—Inquiry into Commonwealth funding and administration of mental health services**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Wright, in continuation, 1 November 2011*).
- 39 **Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 121—Treaty tabled on 16 August 2011**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Birmingham—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Fawcett, in continuation, 1 November 2011*).
- 40 **Scrutiny of New Taxes—Select Committee—Final report—The carbon tax: Secrecy and spin cannot hide carbon tax flaws**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Boswell, in continuation, 1 November 2011*).
- 41 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report—International parental child abduction to and from Australia**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Humphries)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Humphries, in continuation, 31 October 2011*).
- 42 **Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Review of the Professional Services Review (PSR) Scheme**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 43 **Community Affairs References Committee—Interim reports—Funding and administration of mental health services**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 44 **Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 120—Treaties tabled on 5 July and 16 August 2011**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Williams, in continuation, 13 October 2011*).

- 45 **Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Recent ABC programming decisions**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Williams, in continuation, 13 October 2011*).
- 46 **Community Affairs References Committee—Report—The effectiveness of special arrangements for the supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines to remote area Aboriginal Health Services**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 11 October 2011*).
- 47 **Australia’s Clean Energy Future Legislation—Joint Select Committee—Report—Advisory report on the Clean Energy Bills and the Steel Transformation Bill 2011**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Milne—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 11 October 2011*).
- 48 **Scrutiny of New Taxes—Select Committee—Interim report—The carbon tax: Economic pain for no environmental gain**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the report (*13 October 2011*).
- 49 **Economics References Committee—Final report—The asset insurance arrangements of Australian state governments [Inquiry into the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 and Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011, and related matters]**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Kroger, in continuation, 22 September 2011*).
- 50 **Environment and Communications References Committee—Final report—The koala – saving our national icon [The status, health and sustainability of the koala population]**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cameron—That the Senate take note of the report (*Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), in continuation, 22 September 2011*).
- 51 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Incidents onboard HMAS Success between March and May 2009 and subsequent events: Part II**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bishop, in continuation, 22 September 2011*).
- 52 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Heffernan—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Back, in continuation, 22 September 2011*).

**53 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report: Government advertising and accountability—Government response**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 22 September 2011*).

**54 National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—First report—Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 22 September 2011*).

**55 Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee—Reports—**

**Examination of the annual report of the Australian Federal Police 2009-10**

**Examination of the annual report of the Australian Crime Commission 2009-10**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Mason—That the Senate take note of the reports (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig), in continuation, 22 September 2011*).

**Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General's reports**

**1 Auditor-General—Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2010-11**

Consideration (*22 September 2011*).

**2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 7 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Establishment, implementation and administration of the Infrastructure Employment Projects Stream of the Jobs Fund—Department of Infrastructure and Transport**

Consideration (*22 September 2011*).

**3 Auditor-General—Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2010-11—Corrections**

Consideration (*11 October 2011*).

**4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 8 of 2011-12—Performance audit—The National Blood Authority's management of the national blood supply**

Consideration (*13 October 2011*).

**5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 9 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Indigenous secondary student accommodation initiatives**

Consideration (*31 October 2011*).

**6 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 10 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Administration of the National Partnership on Early Childhood Education—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

Consideration (*7 November 2011*).

**7 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 11 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Implementation and management of the Housing Affordability Fund—Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities**

Consideration (*7 November 2011*).

- 8 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 12 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Implementation of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing in the Northern Territory**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 10 November 2011*).
- 9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 13 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme—Department of Transport and Infrastructure; Department of Human Services**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Colbeck—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 22 November 2011*).
- 10 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 15 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Risk management in the processing of sea and air cargo imports—Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**  
Consideration (*7 February 2012*).
- 11 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 16 of 201-12—Performance audit—The management of compliance in the small to medium enterprises market—Australian Taxation Office**  
Consideration (*7 February 2012*).
- 12 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 17 of 2011-12—Financial statement audit—Audits of the financial statements of Australian Government entities for the period ended 30 June 2011**  
Consideration (*7 February 2012*).
- 13 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 18 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Information and communications technology security: Management of portable storage devices**  
Consideration (*7 February 2012*).
- 14 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 19 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Oversight and management of Defence’s information and communication technology—Department of Defence**  
Consideration (*7 February 2012*).
- 15 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 20 of 2011-12—Assurance report—2010-11 major projects report—Defence Materiel Organisation**  
Consideration (*7 February 2012*).
- 16 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 21 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Administration of Grant Reporting Obligations—Department of Finance and Deregulation**  
Consideration (*7 February 2012*).
- 17 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 14 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Indigenous protected areas—Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities**  
Consideration (*7 February 2012*).

**18 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 22 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Administration of the Gateway Review Process—Department of Finance and Deregulation**

Consideration (7 February 2012).

**19 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 23 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Administration of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme—Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency**

Consideration (7 February 2012).

**\*20 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 24 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Administration of government advertising arrangements: March 2010 to August 2011**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ryan—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ryan, in continuation, 8 February 2012*).

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 23 June 2011*

**306 Chair of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (Senator Marshall): To move—That the Senate—**

(a) notes:

(i) the opening statement made by the President of Fair Work Australia on 1 June 2010 during his appearance at an estimates hearing of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee, and

(ii) in particular, the request made in that statement that the Senate reconsider its order of 28 October 2009 which requires that, on each occasion on which the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee meets to consider estimates in relation to Fair Work Australia, the President of Fair Work Australia appear before the committee to answer questions; and

(b) modifies the order of 28 October 2009 by declaring that, while relaxing the requirement that the President of Fair Work Australia attend to answer questions on all occasions when the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee meets to consider estimates in relation to Fair Work Australia, the Senate expects that the President will appear should his or her presence be requested by the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee in the future.

*Notice given 18 August 2011*

**359 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move—That the Senate condemns the Opposition's:**

(a) ongoing attacks on the *Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Tasmania*; and

- (b) failure to provide a constructive alternative for scores of contractors facing market downturn, closures of three export woodchip mills and regional areas of Tasmania welcoming the development opportunities the package will provide.

*As amended on 22 August 2011.*

*Notice given 21 September 2011*

- 458 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate condemns the Coalition for seeking to deny Tasmania \$270 million of assistance for forestry transition.

*Notice given 1 November 2011*

- 508 **Senator Madigan:** To move—That in light of the possible passage of the Clean Energy bills through the Senate and the acknowledgement of the fact that the Latrobe Valley region will be hit hardest by the introduction of a carbon tax, the Senate calls on the Government to acknowledge these concerns and place the Latrobe Valley on the priority list to receive access to the Government's national broadband network services as a matter of urgency.

*Notice given 2 November 2011*

- 531 **Senator Madigan:** To move—That, in light of the fact that the Australian Parliament, on behalf of the Australian people, has rightly recognised the cultural heritage of the Indigenous members of our community and identified the importance of their historic connection to the land on which we all live, the Senate recognises that there are other Australian communities which also have a cultural heritage which comes from their connection, over generations, to the district and environment which they have inhabited and from which they have created an identity which is passed on to future generations of those communities.

*Notice given 8 November 2011*

- 544 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the letter of the President of the Senate to the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), dated 7 November 2011, in which he states 'I have examined the Hansard and agree that the remarks made by Senator Abetz alleging fraudulent conduct on your part were contrary to standing order 193(3) and should have been ruled out of order on the grounds that they imputed improper motives to you and contained personal reflections', and
  - (ii) the President's advice 'as a senator, you have numerous opportunities to respond. These include...giving notice of a motion calling on Senator Abetz to retract'; and
- (b) calls on Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to retract the allegation in accordance with standing orders.

549 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) after the final vote on the Clean Energy bills, Senator Heffernan crossed the chamber to stand in front of the crossbenches and the Australian Greens' senators, and
  - (ii) this action obscured vision of cameras and the press gallery observing the proceedings for the Australian public; and
- (b) calls on Senator Heffernan and his colleagues to reflect on this regrettable behaviour and take appropriate steps to see that it does not recur.

*Notice given 24 November 2011*

605 **Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Cyber Safety (Senator Bilyk):** To move—That the Joint Select Committee on Cyber Safety be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 4 pm to 6 pm.

*Notice given 25 November 2011*

609 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, on the next day of sitting, report to the Senate on the failure of the Prime Minister (Ms Gillard) to uphold the *Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Tasmania*, in particular clauses 25 to 27 which stipulated immediate protection of 430 000 hectares of high conservation value forests where logging, including clear-felling and burning of ancient forests and wildlife habitat, is continuing.

*Notice given 7 February 2012*

615 **Senator Cormann:** To move—

- (1) That the Senate:
  - (a) notes the Government has not complied with:
    - (i) the order of the Senate, made on 1 November 2011, ordering the production of information relating to the cost of measures attached to the mining tax over the current forward estimates, and
    - (ii) a number of other outstanding orders in relation to mining tax revenue estimates and related assumptions;
  - (b) notes the Government has not taken any action to meet its commitment to have the Information Commissioner arbitrate on any Government refusal to release information sought by the Senate; and
  - (c) affirms the importance of receiving the information about mining tax revenue assumptions and the costings of all the related measures promptly to facilitate proper scrutiny by the Senate of the proposed mining tax and all the related measures.

- (2) That the orders of the day for the following bills may not be called on until the orders of the Senate have been complied with and the Senate has passed a resolution agreeing that the bills may be listed for debate:

Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011  
 Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011  
 Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011  
 Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011  
 Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011  
 Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2011  
 Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011  
 Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011  
 Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011  
 Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2011  
 Tax Laws Amendment (Stronger, Fairer, Simpler and Other Measures) Bill 2011.

618 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the failure of the Government to adopt the recommendations of the Economics References Committee, which were supported by members of four political parties and Senator Xenophon, for reinstating specific legislative provisions on price discrimination, tightening legislation to inhibit firms achieving market power through takeovers and calling on the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to conduct further study into the increasing shares of the grocery market being taken by the generic products of the major supermarket chains,
- (ii) the Government's refusal to contemplate improvements to the current competition laws on the basis that these laws have not been adequately tested in the courts,
- (iii) that Coles has announced large cuts in the prices of some fruit and vegetables, and
- (iv) that bodies such as Ausveg, the National Farmers' Federation, the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association and the Council of Small Business of Australia have expressed concern about the impact on farmers and small retailers if these price cuts are sustained; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

- (i) direct the Productivity Commission to report on the effectiveness of competition policy in the grocery retailing sector,
- (ii) direct the ACCC to update its 2008 report on competition in the grocery industry, with particular reference to the market power of the two largest retail chains, the impact of their increasing use of generic product lines and the impact of large cuts in the price of specific food items on the viability of Australian farmers,
- (iii) direct the ACCC to examine and report on the extent to which the cuts in fruit and vegetable prices initiated by Coles in early 2012 are affecting the prices of other goods sold by the major supermarket chains, their profits, the prices they pay their suppliers and the farmgate prices received by Australian farmers, and

- (iv) ensure that the ACCC is encouraged and adequately funded to bring matters before the courts that would lead to the current competition laws being adequately tested.

*Notice given 8 February 2012*

**\*631 Senator Rhiannon, Assistant Treasurer (Senator Arbib) and Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce): To move—That the Senate—**

- (a) notes:
  - (i) the sad passing of Arthur Beetson who died on 1 December 2011 at age 66, and
  - (ii) the extraordinary contribution that Arthur Beetson made to rugby league and to Australian sporting life as a player and coach, including:
    - (A) having represented Australia on 47 occasions,
    - (B) in 1973 becoming the first Indigenous player to captain Australia in any sport,
    - (C) being awarded an Order of Australia in 1987 in recognition of service to the sport of rugby league,
    - (D) being inducted into the Australian Rugby League Hall of Fame in 2003,
    - (E) being named in the front-row in the rugby league ‘Team of the Century’, and
    - (F) becoming the seventh post-war ‘Immortal’ of the game; and
  - (iii) the powerful and tireless leadership that he showed to his sport, as a mentor to young people and to the Indigenous community;
- (b) extends the deepest sympathy of all members of the Senate to the family and friends of Arthur Beetson; and
- (c) calls on all members of the Senate to support initiatives to pay tribute to the contribution and achievements of Arthur Beetson to his sport and to Australian public life, such as the establishment of the Arthur Beetson scholarship for young Indigenous Australians.

**\*632 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to require the monitoring of whaling activities by foreign whaling vessels. *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Monitoring of Whaling) Bill 2012.***

**\*633 Senator Wright: To move—That the Senate—**

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the Register of the National Estate (RNE) is a list of more than 13 000 natural, Indigenous and historic heritage places throughout Australia, created in 1975 and currently maintained by the Australian Heritage Council, and
  - (ii) as of 19 February 2012, all references to the RNE will be removed from the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) and the *Australian Heritage Council Act 2003*;
- (b) recognises that:
  - (i) Australia’s historic heritage makes a critical contribution to our national identity, community and economy,

- (ii) the RNE was frozen on 1 January 2007, and a 5 year transition period was given for the Commonwealth, states and territories to assess and enter eligible places within their respective jurisdictions onto the appropriate heritage registers, and
- (iii) if the transition process is not completed by 19 February 2012, thousands of heritage places will potentially be left without legislative protection; and
- (c) calls on the Government to:
  - (i) extend the 5 year transition period for phasing out the RNE as a statutory list by a further 12 months, from 19 February 2012 to 19 February 2013, as recommended by the Hawke Review of the EPBC Act, and
  - (ii) collaborate with the states and territories to ensure that the transition process is completed within that 12 month period.

\*634 **Senators Crossin, Back and Xenophon:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform for inquiry and report:

The prevention and treatment of problem gambling, with particular reference to:

- (a) measures to prevent problem gambling, including:
  - (i) use and display of responsible gambling messages,
  - (ii) use, access and effectiveness of other information on risky or problem gambling, including campaigns, and
  - (iii) ease of access to assistance for problem gambling;
- (b) measures which can encourage risky gambling behaviour, including:
  - (i) marketing strategies, and
  - (ii) use of inducements/incentives to gamble;
- (c) early intervention strategies and training of staff;
- (d) methods currently used to treat problem gamblers and the level of knowledge and use of them, including:
  - (i) counselling, including issues for counsellors,
  - (ii) education, and
  - (iii) self-exclusion;
- (e) data collection and evaluation issues;
- (f) gambling policy research and evaluation; and
- (g) other related matters.

\*635 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) condemns the appalling human rights abuses and escalating violence in Syria, that has seen thousands of innocent civilians killed; and
- (b) calls on President Assad to step down, to finally put an end to the intolerable bloodshed of the Syrian people.

\*636 **Senators Di Natale and Xenophon:** To move—That there be laid on the table by 27 February 2012 by the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Evans) any advice or documentation received by the Government regarding the cost of implementing \$1 bet limits on poker machines, particularly in relation to the \$1.5 billion figure referred to by the Minister in public comments.

- \*637 **Senator Bernardi:** To move—That the Senate agrees with Senator Rhiannon who was reported in the official notes of an October 2000 SEARCH Foundation seminar commemorating the 80th anniversary of the foundation of the Communist Party of Australia (CPA) as arguing ‘that the Green’s Party is closest to the best of the CPA’s politics and methods’.
- \*638 **Senators Pratt and Hanson-Young:** To move—That the Senate expresses grave concern:
- (a) regarding discriminatory legislation against lesbian, bi, gay and transgender people currently before the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg in Russia; and
  - (b) that these proposed laws undermine the human rights of lesbian, bi, gay and transgender people and breach human rights treaty obligations to which Russia is signatory.
- \*639 **Senator Rhiannon:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes:
    - (i) that the final report of Sri Lanka’s Lesson Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC) was released publicly on 16 December 2011,
    - (ii) the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Rudd) stated that the Government would wait until the LLRC reported before taking any further action regarding allegations of war crimes committed during the final stages of the Sri Lankan civil war,
    - (iii) the Australian Government is yet to respond to the LLRC’s final report,
    - (iv) Alistair Burt MP, the United Kingdom minister with responsibility for Sri Lanka has said that ‘The British Government is, on the whole, disappointed by the report’s findings and recommendations on accountability’,
    - (v) the Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister, John Baird has said:
      - (I) Canada remains concerned that the report does not fully address the grave accusations of serious human rights violations that occurred toward the end of the conflict.
      - (II) Canada continues to call for an independent investigation into the credible and serious allegations raised by the UN [United Nations] Secretary-General’s Panel that international humanitarian law and human rights were violated by both sides in the conflict.
      - (III) the government of Sri Lanka must demonstrate the principles of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law’,
    - (vi) the Tamil National Alliance, the democratically elected representative voice for the Tamil people in Sri Lanka has called on the international community to institute measures that will advance accountability and encourage reconciliation in Sri Lanka, in keeping with the recommendations of the UN Secretary-General’s Panel of Experts,
    - (vii) the report of the UN Secretary-General’s Panel of Experts on Accountability in Sri Lanka has said ‘the LLRC fails to satisfy key international standards of independence and impartiality, as it is compromised by its composition and deep-seated conflicts of interests of some of its members’, and

- (viii) Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the International Crisis Group have said the LLRC does not adequately address the issue of alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the final phases of the conflict between the government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam;
- (b) expresses disappointment that the Federal Government has not issued a public response to the LLRC final report; and
- (c) calls on the Government to:
  - (i) acknowledge that the LLRC fails to adequately address the issue of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the Sri Lankan conflict, and
  - (ii) support calls for the UN Secretary-General and the UN Security Council to establish an independent international mechanism to investigate the issue of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Sri Lanka, as recommended by the report of the UN Secretary-General's Panel of Experts on Accountability in Sri Lanka.

- \*640 **Senator Cash:** To move—That the Senate notes the reflections of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) on the President of the Senate, the Prime Minister (Ms Gillard), the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig), Senator Boswell, the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce) and Senator Cash.
- \*641 **Senator Fifield:** To move—That the Senate notes the mismanagement of economic and fiscal policy by the current Government.
- \*642 **Chair of the Select Committee on Australia's Food Processing Sector (Senator Colbeck):** To move—That the Select Committee on Australia's Food Processing Sector be authorised 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, from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.
- \*643 **Chairs of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Moore) and the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert):** To move—That the Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 9 February 2012, from 5 pm.
- \*644 **Senator Stephens:** To move—That the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be authorised to hold public meetings during the sitting of the Senate, as follows:
  - (a) on Monday, 27 February 2012:
    - (i) from 10 am to 11.30 am, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and
    - (ii) from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into Australia's overseas representation; and
  - (b) on Monday, 19 March 2012, from 10 am to 11.30 am, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea.

\*647 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the Australian Year of the Farmer 2012 is a year-long celebration of the vital role farmers play in feeding, clothing and housing people – both here and overseas;
- (b) acknowledges that:
  - (i) agriculture plays an important role in Australia's economy and prosperity, injecting more than \$405 billion into our economy per year, and
  - (ii) Australian farmers greatly contribute to global food security and supply; and
- (c) calls on the Government to support and provide funding for the initiatives of the Australian Year of the Farmer 2012.

\*648 **Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Bishop):** To move—That the Economics Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 9 February 2012, from 3.30 pm.

## Orders of the Day

### 1 **Green Loans Program—Ministerial statement and documents**

Consideration (28 September 2010).

### 2 **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—55th Conference—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 26 September to 6 October 2009, Tanzania and Rwanda, dated June 2010**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Moore—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 28 September 2010*).

### 39 **Health—Food labelling standards**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate—

- (a) notes recent reports in Australia that found infant formula had been contaminated with genetically modified (GM) soy and corn;
- (b) acknowledges the significant level of community concern about food labelling and safety issues in Australian food products, particularly those being fed to infants and young children; and
- (c) calls on the Government to introduce clear and effective labelling standards that require all GM additives in Australian food products to be labelled (*adjourned, Senator Heffernan, 30 September 2010*).

### 40 **Taxation—Carbon tax**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cormann—That the Senate notes the Gillard Government's decision to blatantly break its unequivocal commitment to the electorate not to introduce a carbon tax (*Senator Polley, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).

### 41 **Department of the Senate—Report for 2009-10**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 25 October 2010*).

**48 Communications—National Broadband Network—Cost benefit analysis**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)—That the Senate notes the Gillard Government's failure to undertake a cost benefit analysis of their National Broadband Network plan to ensure the most cost effective delivery of competitive broadband services to all Australians in a manner responsive to our future needs (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 18 November 2010*).

**59 Administration—Government commitments**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cormann—That the Senate notes that after more than 3 years in office and a change in Prime Minister, the Government still has not found its way and continues to fail to deliver on its commitments to the Australian people (*Senator Furner, in continuation, 3 March 2011*).

**62 Finance—Household budgets**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cormann—That the Senate notes the Labor Government's ceaseless and ongoing commitment to debt and to deficit budgeting, which is putting upward pressure on interest rates and further pressure on household budgets (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 12 May 2011*).

**63 Superannuation—Productivity Commission report—Order for production of document—Document**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cormann—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cormann, in continuation, 17 August 2011*).

**64 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Estimates hearings—Proposed attendance of witness**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the opening statement made by the President of Fair Work Australia on 1 June 2010 during his appearance at an estimates hearing of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee, and

(ii) in particular, the request made in that statement that the Senate reconsider its order of 28 October 2009 which requires that, on each occasion on which the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee meets to consider estimates in relation to Fair Work Australia, the President of Fair Work Australia appear before the committee to answer questions; and

(b) modifies the order of 28 October 2009 by indicating that the Senate expects that the President of Fair Work Australia will appear should his or her presence be requested by the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee in the future, while relaxing the requirement that the President attend to answer questions on all occasions when the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee meets to consider estimates in relation to Fair Work Australia (*25 August 2011*).

**65 Environment—Tasmanian logging industry—Financial assistance—Document**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Boswell, in continuation, 13 September 2011*).

**66 Economics—Government’s fiscal strategy**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cormann—That the Senate notes the Gillard Government’s failure to implement a sound fiscal strategy (*15 September 2011*).

**67 ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation to the 32nd AIPA General Assembly, Cambodia, 18 September to 24 September 2011, dated November 2011**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Eggleston—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Eggleston, in continuation, 21 November 2011*).

**68 Administration—Australian Labor Party Government—Proposed censure**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)—That the Senate censures the Government for 4 years of broken promises, economic mismanagement, wasteful spending, lies, hypocrisy and policy back flips, secret deals, leadership intrigue and incompetence, all of which has eroded the living standards of Australians and their confidence in government (*Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy), in continuation, 24 November 2011*).

**69 124th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly to Panama and Bilateral Visit to Brazil—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 4 April to 23 April 2011, dated November 2011**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator McEwen, in continuation, 21 November 2011*).

**Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents****1 Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities during exports by sea—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2011**

[*Replacement for document previously tabled on 16 August 2011*]

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 13 October 2011*).

**2 Trade—New Zealand—Export of apples to Australia—Order for production of documents—Document**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Fawcett, in continuation, 13 October 2011*).

**3 Departmental and agency grants—Orders for production of documents—Documents tabled 11 October 2011—**

**Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority**

**Department of Infrastructure and Transport**

**Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**

**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

**Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research [2]**

**Climate Change and Energy Efficiency portfolio**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 13 October 2011*).

- 4 **Natural Heritage Trust of Australia—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Fawcett, in continuation, 13 October 2011*).
- 5 **Australian Learning and Teaching Council—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 6 **Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Birmingham—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Back, in continuation, 13 October 2011*).
- 7 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 55—Australia’s urban water sector, dated 31 August 2011—Volumes 1 and 2**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 8 **Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator—Financial report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 9 **Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 10 **Department of Health and Ageing—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Polley, in continuation, 13 October 2011*).
- 11 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 12 **Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 13 **Australian Communications and Media Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 14 **Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Review of technologies for digital radio in regional Australia—Final report, dated 7 October 2011**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 15 **Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 16 **Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 17 **Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Reports for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 18 **CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).
- 19 **Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*12 October 2011*).

- 20 **Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (12 October 2011).
- 21 **Australian Research Council—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (12 October 2011).
- 22 **Australian Research Council—Strategic plan 2011-12 to 2013-14**  
Consideration (12 October 2011).
- 23 **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—  
Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (12 October 2011).
- 24 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (12 October 2011).
- 25 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Equal employment  
opportunity program—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (12 October 2011).
- 26 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report of the  
Chief Executive Officer for 2010-11**  
Consideration (12 October 2011).
- 27 **List of multilateral treaty actions under negotiation, consideration or review  
by the Australian Government as at 15 September 2011**  
Consideration (12 October 2011).
- 28 **Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of  
the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 29 **Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ronaldson—That the Senate take note  
of the document (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 30 **Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous  
Affairs—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of  
the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 31 **Department of Health and Ageing—Report for 2010-11—Corrigendum**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of  
the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 32 **Family Court of Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of  
the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 33 **Australian Law Reform Commission—Report for 2010-11 (Report no. 116)**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of  
the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).

- 34 **Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 35 **Wet Tropics Management Authority and State of the Wet Tropics—Reports for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator McLucas, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 36 **Gene Technology Regulator—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 37 **Department of Human Services—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 38 **Centrelink—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 39 **Medicare Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 40 **Professional Services Review—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 41 **Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism—Report for 2010-11, including report of Geoscience Australia**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ronaldson—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 42 **Health Workforce Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Adams, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 43 **Veterans' Review Board—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ronaldson—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 44 **Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator McLucas, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 45 **Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research and IP Australia—Reports for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Colbeck—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 46 **Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).

- 47 **Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Colbeck—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 48 **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 49 **Superannuation Complaints Tribunal—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 50 **Financial Reporting Council—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 51 **Takeovers Panel—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 52 **National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 53 **National Blood Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 54 **Department of Veterans' Affairs—Data-matching program—Report on progress 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ronaldson—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 55 **Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 56 **Fair Work Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 57 **National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 58 **Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 59 **Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 60 **Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 61 **Auditing and Assurance Standards Board—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).
- 62 **Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*31 October 2011*).

- 63 **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 64 **Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited (Teaching Australia)—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 65 **Skills Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 66 **Low Carbon Australian Limited (formerly the Australian Carbon Trust Limited)—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 67 **Old Parliament House—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 68 **Future Fund Board of Guardians and Future Fund Management Agency (Future Fund)—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 69 **Repatriation Commission, Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission and Department of Veterans' Affairs—Reports for 2010-11, including financial statements of the Defence Service Homes Insurance**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 70 **Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 71 **Productivity Commission—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 72 **Cancer Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 73 **National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 74 **National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 2010-11 on the operation of the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989***  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 75 **Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 76 **Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 77 **Department of the Treasury—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).

- 78 **Australian Accounting Standards Board—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (31 October 2011).
- 79 **Australian War Memorial—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 80 **Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 81 **NBN Co Limited—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 82 **National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 83 **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 84 **Department of the Treasury—Report on the operation of the Guarantee Scheme for Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding, dated 13 October 2011**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 85 **Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 86 **Australian Office of Financial Management—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 87 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and Australian Energy Regulator—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 88 **Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 89 **Australian Crime Commission—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 90 **Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 91 **Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Report of the Integrity Commissioner for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 92 **Surveillance Devices Act 2004—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s report on inspections of surveillance device records for the period 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010—Australian Crime Commission and Australian Federal Police; and for 2009-10—Victoria Police (Ethical Standards Department)**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 93 **Australian Institute of Criminology and Criminology Research Council—Reports for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).

- 94 **Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 95 **National Water Commission—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 96 **Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 97 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Resolution MEPC.202(62): Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, (Special Area Provisions and the Designation of the Baltic Sea as a Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV), Adopted at London on 15 July 2011**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 98 **Multilateral treaty—Explanatory statement 3 of 2011—Resolution MEPC.202(62): Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention For The Prevention Of Pollution From Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, Adopted at London on 15 July 2011**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 99 **Australian Reward Investment Alliance—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 100 **Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 101 **Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 102 **Australian Public Service Commissioner—Report for 2010-11, including report of the Merit Protection Commissioner**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 103 **Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 104 **Tax Practitioners Board—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 105 **Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 106 **Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 107 **National Transport Commission—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).

- 108 **Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 109 **Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 110 **Army and Air Force Canteen Service (Frontline Defence Services)—Report for 2010-11, including report on the equal employment opportunity management plan**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 111 **Tourism Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 112 **Food Standards Australia New Zealand—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 113 **International Air Services Commission—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 114 **Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 115 **Department of Infrastructure and Transport—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 116 **ASC Pty Ltd—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 117 **ASC Pty Ltd—Statement of corporate intent 2011-2014**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 118 **Office of the Australian Information Commissioner—Report for the period 1 November 2010 to 30 June 2011, including a report for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 October 2010 on the operation of the *Privacy Act 1988***  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 119 **National Film and Sound Archive—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 120 **Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 121 **Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 122 **Airservices Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).
- 123 **Department of Defence—Reports for 2010-11—  
Volume 1—Department of Defence  
Volume 2—Defence Materiel Organisation**  
Consideration (*1 November 2011*).

- 124 **Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 125 **Australian Human Rights Commission—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 126 **Surveillance Devices Act 2004—Report for 2010-11 on the operation of the Act**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 127 **Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—Report for 2010-11 on the operations of the Act**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 128 **War Crimes Act 1945—Report for 2010-11 on the operation of the Act**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 129 **Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2010-11—Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 130 **Royal Australian Mint—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (1 November 2011).
- 131 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifier 643/11, 648/11, 649/11, 652/11 to 655/11 and 657/11 to 659/11—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Faulkner—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Faulkner, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 132 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 643/11, 648/11, 649/11, 652/11 to 655/11 and 657/11 to 659/11—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 14 October 2011**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Faulkner—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Faulkner, in continuation, 2 November 2011*).
- 133 **Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (7 November 2011).
- 134 **Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—Report for 2010-11 on the operations of the Act—Corrigendum**  
Consideration (7 November 2011).
- 135 **Australian Human Rights Commission—Yousefi family v Commonwealth of Australia (Report no. 46)**  
Consideration (7 November 2011).
- 136 **Wheat Exports Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (7 November 2011).
- 137 **Defence Housing Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (7 November 2011).

- 138 **Australian Strategic Policy Institute Limited—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (7 November 2011).
- 139 **Australian Human Rights Commission—Report on the review into the treatment of women at the Australian Defence Force Academy (Phase 1 of the review)**  
Consideration (8 November 2011).
- 140 **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (8 November 2011).
- 141 **Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (8 November 2011).
- 142 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 51—Wheat export marketing arrangements, dated 1 July 2010—Government response**  
Consideration (8 November 2011).
- 143 **Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (8 November 2011).
- 144 **Crimes Act 1914—Review of the operation of Subdivision A of Division 6 of Part VIIC of the Act—Final report, dated September 2011**  
Consideration (9 November 2011).
- 145 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 July to 30 September 2011**  
Consideration (9 November 2011).
- 146 **Safe Work Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (9 November 2011).
- 147 **Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (9 November 2011).
- 148 **Environment—Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement—Harvesting requirements—Order for production of documents—Document**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Colbeck—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 10 November 2011*).
- 149 **Trade—Export of live cattle to Indonesia—Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australian Government Solicitor—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Orders for production of documents—Documents**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Colbeck—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 10 November 2011*).
- 150 **Australian Electoral Commission—Election 2010—Funding and disclosure report**  
Consideration (21 November 2011).
- 151 **Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2011**  
Consideration (21 November 2011).

- 152 **Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (21 November 2011).
- 153 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (21 November 2011).
- 154 **Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (21 November 2011).
- 155 **Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (21 November 2011).
- 156 **High Court of Australia—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (21 November 2011).
- 157 **Tiwi Land Council—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 158 **Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 159 **Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Recreational Company—Report for 2010-11, including financial statements for the RAAF Central Welfare Trust Fund**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 160 **Services Trust Funds—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund, Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund and Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Reports for 2010-11**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 161 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement done at Tokyo on 1 October 2011**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 162 **Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2010-11 on the Ombudsman's activities under Part V of the Australian Federal Police Act 1979**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 163 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2011**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 164 **Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 165 **Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2010-11—Australian Crime Commission**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 166 **AAF Company—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 167 **General Practice Education and Training Limited—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).

- 168 **Anti-People Trafficking Interdepartmental Committee—Third report—Trafficking in persons: The Australian government response – 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 169 **Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 170 **Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2010-11**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 171 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI on Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships by Inclusion of New Regulations on Energy Efficiency for Ships—Resolution MEPC.203(62) adopted at London on 15 July 2011**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 172 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement between the European Union and Australia on the Processing and Transfer of Passenger Name Record (PNR) Data by Air Carriers to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service done at Brussels on 29 September 2011**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 173 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Latvia on Social Security done at Riga on 7 September 2011**  
Consideration (22 November 2011).
- 174 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 644/11 to 647/11, 650/11, 651/11, 656/11, 660/11, 663/11 to 665/11 and 668/11—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman**  
Consideration (23 November 2011).
- 175 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 644/11 to 647/11, 650/11, 651/11, 656/11, 660/11, 663/11 to 665/11 and 668/11—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 21 November 2011**  
Consideration (23 November 2011).
- 176 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2011—Native Title**  
Consideration (23 November 2011).
- 177 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2011—Social justice**  
Consideration (23 November 2011).

## Orders of the Day relating to Private Senators' Bills

The following orders up to 62 have been renumbered due to the adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee's second report of 2011 on 23 June 2011.

- 1 **Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 2 **Ombudsman Amendment (Education Ombudsman) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Hanson-Young*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 3 **Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Hanson-Young*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 4 **Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Ludlam*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 5 **Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Ludlam*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 6 **Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Siewert*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 7 **Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Siewert*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 8 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Siewert and Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 9 **Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Milne*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Milne, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).

- 10 **Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff for Electricity) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Milne)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Milne, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 12 **Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 13 **Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Pratt, in continuation, 28 October 2010*).
- 15 **Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 (No. 2)—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brandis)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Brandis, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).
- 16 **Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).
- 17 **Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon and Hanson-Young)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).
- 19 **Fair Work Amendment (Paid Parental Leave) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).
- 20 **Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*3 March 2011*).
- 21 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2010 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 7 July 2011*).
- 22 **Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Prohibition of Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).
- 23 **Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).

- 24 **Food Safety (Trans Fats) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Siewert*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).
- 25 **Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).
- 26 **National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).
- 27 **Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).
- 28 **Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services) Bill 2010 (No. 2)**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 30 September 2010*).
- 30 **Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*30 September 2010*).
- 31 **Drink Container Recycling Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*30 September 2010*).
- 32 **Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*30 September 2010*).
- 33 **Choice of Repairer Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)  
Second reading (*restored 30 September 2010*).
- 34 **Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009 [2010]**—(*Senate bill*)  
Second reading (*restored 30 September 2010*).
- 35 **Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009 [2010]**—(*Senate bill*)  
Second reading (*restored 30 September 2010*).
- 36 **Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 [2010]**—(*Senate bill*)  
Second reading (*restored 30 September 2010*).
- 37 **Migration Amendment (Detention of Minors) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Hanson-Young*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 28 October 2010*).

- 39 **Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon and Siewert)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 16 November 2010*).
- 40 **Migration Amendment (Detention Reform and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 18 November 2010*).
- 42 **Banking Amendment (Controls on Variable Interest Rate Changes) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 18 November 2010*).
- 43 **Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 22 November 2010*).
- 45 **Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Green, Senator Bob Brown)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 23 November 2010*).
- 46 **Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon and Milne)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Gallacher, in continuation, 22 September 2011*).
- 47 **Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senators Heffernan, Siewert and Xenophon)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 24 November 2010*).
- 49 **Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011 (No. 2)—(Senate bill)—(Senator Scullion)**  
In committee (*12 May 2011*).
- 52 **Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 2 March 2011*).
- 53 **Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 21 March 2011*).
- 54 **Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 12 May 2011*).

- 55 **Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Siewert*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 15 June 2011*).
- 56 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Tobacco Industry Donations) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 15 June 2011*).
- 58 **Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 20 June 2011*).
- 60 **Carbon Tax Plebiscite Bill 2011 [No. 2]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator Abetz*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Milne in continuation, 15 September 2011*).
- 61 **Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Fees) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 21 June 2011*).
- 62 **Government Advertising (Accountability) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 21 June 2011*).
- 63 **Migration Amendment (Declared Countries) Bill (No. 2) 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Hanson-Young*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 5 July 2011*).
- 64 **Bankruptcy Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 5 July 2011*).
- 66 **Landholders' Right to Refuse (Coal Seam Gas) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Waters*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Cormann, in continuation, 22 September 2011*).
- 68 **Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 10 November 2011*).
- 69 **Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011 [No. 2]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 13 September 2011*).

- 70 **Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)**—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 September 2011).
- 73 **Public Accounts and Audit Committee Amendment (Ombudsman) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)**—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 1 November 2011).
- 75 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (International Broadcasting Services) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)**—(Senator Ludlam)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 10 November 2011).
- 76 **Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting and Telecommunications Amendment) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)**—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown, and Senator Di Natale)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 21 November 2011).
- 78 **Government Investment Funds Amendment (Ethical Investments) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)**—(Senators Di Natale and Ludlam)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 24 November 2011).
- \*79 **Migration Amendment (Removal of Mandatory Minimum Penalties) Bill 2012—(Senate bill)**—(Senator Hanson-Young)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 8 February 2012).

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## BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**On the next day of sitting (27 February 2012)**

### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

#### 1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Bill 2011, the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Service Reform) Bill 2011 and the Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### 2 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011, the Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Bill 2011 and the Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Tuition Protection Service) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Australia's Water Resources) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**4 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**5 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

## Government Business—Orders of the Day

**1 Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

**Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Tuition Protection Service) Bill 2011**

**Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Bill 2011—**  
(*Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 November 2011).

**2 Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2011 [2012]—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Ludwig)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 November 2011).

## General Business—Notices of Motion

*Notice given 23 November 2011*

- 602 **Senator Ludlam:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991*, and for related purposes. ***Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Natural Program Breaks and Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2012.***

*Notice given 25 November 2011*

- 608 **Senator Rhiannon:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) 25 November 2011 commemorates the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – White Ribbon Day,
- (ii) domestic violence occurs in every geographic area and in all socio-economic and cultural groups in Australia, in particular in regional and rural Australia and Indigenous communities,
- (iii) the prevention and elimination of domestic violence is a goal of the Australian Government, and yet the Government has failed to fund the continuation of the pilot Bsafe program, which successfully operated in regional Victoria from 2007 to 2010, providing personal safety alarms to women and children at risk of domestic violence to

- prevent further violence and enable them to remain in their own homes and communities,
- (iv) the cessation of the pilot Bsafe program, which was funded through a 3 year \$340 000 federal grant that ended in December 2010, caused distress to the women and children and their families and friends who had come to rely on it,
  - (v) there is an extraordinary level of support for the Bsafe program from the beneficiaries, community workers, police, women's groups and the broader community across the country,
  - (vi) the Bsafe program won the national Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Award in 2010,
  - (vii) the Bsafe program was extremely cost effective, costing approximately \$1 000 for the two safety alarms, and provided enormous benefits in reducing the risk and breaking the cycle of domestic violence, giving assurance to vulnerable women and children and allowing them to return to participating fully in society, as detailed in the Bsafe program evaluation report,
  - (viii) in Victoria the community sector is ready and eager to expand this potentially life-saving resource to women across the state, and
  - (ix) one woman who was a recipient of a Bsafe alarm asked 'How much does my life cost'; and
- (b) calls on the Government to:
- (i) urgently fund the continuation of the successful pilot Bsafe program in regional Victoria to allow women and children continued access to the service, and
  - (ii) fund the extension of the Bsafe program to other regions in Victoria and into other states.

#### General Business—Order of the Day relating to Private Senators' Bills

**74 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Australia's Water Resources) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Waters)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Waters, in continuation, 1 November 2011*).

#### On 28 February 2012

#### Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 24 November 2011*

1 **Senator Di Natale:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2012:

A review of the *Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia* under the *National Health Act 1953*, with particular reference to:

- (a) pharmacy remuneration and value for taxpayer funds;
- (b) the effective provision of professional and patient services;
- (c) the effectiveness of governance arrangements;

- (d) the Community Service Obligation;
- (e) the Pharmacy Location Rules;
- (f) the Community Pharmacy Agreement (CPA) processes involving a single entity, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia:
  - (i) being granted the status as the sole organisation representing registered pharmacists,
  - (ii) negotiating the CPA with the Commonwealth,
  - (iii) overseeing the operation of the CPA, through the two-party Agreement Consultative Committee (ACC),
  - (iv) approving allocation and expenditure of funds under the CPA, through the two-party ACC, and
  - (v) negotiating pharmacy location and ownership rules;
- (g) potential conflicts of interest between the provision of ethical and professional pharmacy services and the commercial interests of pharmacy owners; and
- (h) other matters related to the role played by pharmacists in the health system.

#### General Business—Notices of Motion

*Notice given 28 September 2010*

- 27 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for accurate labelling of food, and for related purposes. *Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling Laws) Bill 2010.*

*Notice given 19 September 2011*

- 438 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
    - (i) trawling in the northeast area of the North West Slope Trawl Fishery, in depths less than 200 metres off the Western Australian Kimberley coast was accidentally made possible due to an administrative error when the Western Australian and Federal Governments amended the Offshore Constitutional Settlement Agreement in 1998,
    - (ii) this error accidentally allows bottom trawling in areas shallower than 200 metres despite the fact that this is a critical habitat for goldband snapper and other demersal fish species which have been off-limits to North West Slope Trawl Fishery trawlers as they are a deep water crustacean prawn fishery,
    - (iii) the ecological sensitivity of this area has been acknowledged in the Australian Fisheries Management Authority's correspondence with permit holders,
    - (iv) legislative instruments have been introduced prohibiting trawl fishing in this northeast area, but the most recent instrument expired in December 2010,
    - (v) since that time, the closure has been maintained informally by industry self-regulation,

- (vi) negotiations between the Federal and Western Australian Governments which were intended to fix this error have stalled and the trawling industry has stated that they will commence bottom trawling in this area on the imminent cessation of the closure which is 30 September 2011,
  - (vii) a resumption of trawling in this area would adversely impact the benthos and demersal fish stocks of this region, thus putting the entire ESD [ecologically sustainable development] certified Northern Demersal Scalefish Managed Fishery at great sustainable risk, and
  - (viii) the Western Australian Department of Fisheries has stated in its latest *State of the fisheries and aquatic resources* report that the demersal scalefish resources in this area are fully exploited; and
- (b) calls on the Federal Government to reinstate the North West Slope Fishery Direction No. 02 Area Closure legislative instrument which excludes trawl fishing in the northeast area of the North West Slope Trawl Fishery in Western Australia.

*Notice given 20 September 2011*

- 442 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*, and for related purposes. ***Fisheries Management Amendment (North West Slope Fishery Partial Closure) Bill 2011.***

### **On 29 February 2012**

#### **Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day**

##### **1 Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on the Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies.

##### **2 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

##### **3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

##### **4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

##### **5 Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 and the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

## General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 8 February 2012*

- \*646 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Native Title Act 1993* to further the interests of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders, and for related purposes. ***Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill (No. 1) 2012.***

## General Business—Orders of the Day relating to Private Senators' Bills

- 65 **Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)**—(Senator Xenophon)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 17 August 2011).
- 67 **Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)**—(Senator Xenophon and Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 25 August 2011).

## On 1 March 2012

### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee**  
Report to be presented on higher education and skills training for agriculture and agribusiness.
- 2 **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Emergency Listings) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 3 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the operation of the Lobbying Code of Conduct and the Lobbyist Register.

## General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 8 February 2012*

- \*645 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to promote the supply of Opal fuel and control the supply of other fuels in certain areas, and for related purposes. ***Opal Fuel Bill 2012.***

## General Business—Order of the Day relating to Private Senators' Bills

- 72 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Emergency Listings) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)**—(Senator Waters)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Waters, in continuation, 13 October 2011).

### On 13 March 2012

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

##### 1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011, the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 and the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 24 November 2011*

- 606 **Senator Madigan:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Fair Work Act 2009*, and for related purposes. ***Fair Work Amendment (Arbitration) Bill 2012.***

### On 14 March 2012

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

##### 1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Online Games) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

##### 2 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

##### 3 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011, the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2011, the Tax Laws Amendment (Stronger, Fairer, Simpler and Other Measures) Bill 2011, the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2011, the Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011, Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011, the Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011, the Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011, the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011, the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011 and the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

##### 4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Report to be presented on the Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test.

##### 5 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Corporations Amendment (Further Future of Financial Advice Measures) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Online Games) Bill 2011**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 November 2011).

- 2 **Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011**

**Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011**

**Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011**

**Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011**

**Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011**

**Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2011**

**Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011**

**Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011**

**Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011**

**Tax Laws Amendment (Stronger, Fairer, Simpler and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

**Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2011**—(*Assistant Treasurer, Senator Arbib*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Arbib, 7 February 2012*).

**On the tenth sitting day of 2012 (15 March 2012)**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2011.

**On 20 March 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on the 2011-12 additional estimates.

**On 21 March 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

Final report to be presented on biosecurity and quarantine arrangements.

## On 22 March 2012

### Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

*Notice given 25 November 2011*

- 1 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Standing Committee of Privileges for inquiry and report:

Having regard to Senator Boswell's acceptance of a \$30 000 donation from Metcash, and other such donations in previous years and his subsequent request, on 23 November 2010, for a parliamentary inquiry into the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's decision to block the expansion of Metcash:

- (a) whether any person, by the offer or promise of an inducement or benefit, or by other improper means, attempted to influence a senator in the senator's conduct as a senator, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard; and
- (b) whether Senator Boswell received any benefit for himself or another person on the understanding that he would be influenced in the discharge of his duties as a senator, or enter into any contract, understanding or arrangement having the effect, or which may have the effect, of controlling or limiting the senator's independence or freedom of action as a senator, or pursuant to which the senator is in any way to act as the representative of any outside body in the discharge of the senator's duties.

*Notice given 8 February 2012*

- \*2 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges for inquiry and report:

Having regard to Senator Cash's shares in Woodside Petroleum and her speech to the Senate on 23 August 2011 and questions without notice, on 28 August 2008 and 3 December 2008, regarding Woodside's proposal for a gas hub in the Kimberley:

- (a) whether any person, by the offer or promise of an inducement or benefit, or by other improper means, attempted to influence a senator in the senator's conduct as a senator, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard; and
- (b) whether Senator Cash received any benefit for herself or another person on the understanding that she would be influenced in the discharge of her duties as a senator, or enter into any contract, understanding or arrangement having the effect, or which may have the effect, of controlling or limiting the senator's independence or freedom of action as a senator, or pursuant to which the senator is in any way to act as the representative of any outside body in the discharge of the senator's duties.

- \*3 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges for inquiry and report:

Having regard to Senator Joyce's acceptance of hospitality from GVK and Hancock Group and the subsequent purchase by GVK of \$1.2 billion assets from Hancock Group, including assets in Queensland's Galilee Basin, and Senator Joyce's opposition to the Minerals Resource Rent Tax and the Clean Energy Bills:

- (a) whether any person, by the offer or promise of an inducement or benefit, or by other improper means, attempted to influence a senator in the senator's conduct as a senator, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard; and
- (b) whether Senator Joyce received any benefit for himself or another person on the understanding that he would be influenced in the discharge of his duties as a senator, or enter into any contract, understanding or arrangement having the effect, or which may have the effect, of controlling or limiting the senator's independence or freedom of action as a senator, or pursuant to which the senator is in any way to act as the representative of any outside body in the discharge of the senator's duties.

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

**1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 25 November 2011*

- 610 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the President of the Senate report to the Senate on the next day of sitting on whether the Committee of Privileges is endangered with politicisation by 'SLAPP' writ style references, such as that of Senator Kroger on 22 November 2011, which was publicised by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) before any adjudication was possible.

#### General Business—Order of the Day relating to Private Senators' Bills

**77 Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 23 November 2011.*)

#### **On the last sitting day in March 2012 (22 March 2012)**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

Report to be presented on operational issues in export grain networks.

### On 30 March 2012

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Australia's Immigration Detention Network—Joint Select Committee**  
Final report to be presented.

### On 12 April 2012

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011.  
(*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### Government Business—Order of the Day

- 1 **Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011**  
**Customs Amendment (Military End-Use) Bill 2011**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*22 November 2011*).

### On 30 April 2012

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on health services and medical professionals in rural areas.
- 2 **Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee**  
Final report to be presented on the future direction and role of the committee.

### On 3 May 2012

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on prospective marriage visas.

### On 9 May 2012

#### General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 24 November 2011*

- 607 **Senator Madigan:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for parliamentary approval of certain binding international agreements, and for related purposes. ***Treaties (Parliamentary Approval) Bill 2012.***

**On 10 May 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 Senators' Interests—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the development of a draft code of conduct for senators.

**On 25 May 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**\*1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010.

General Business—Order of the Day relating to Private Senators' Bills

**14 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 29 September 2010*).

**On 31 May 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**\*1 Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on the approval and monitoring of Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) breast implants.

**On 26 June 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on the 2012-13 Budget estimates.

**On 28 June 2012**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

**1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services.

**2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

Final report to be presented on procurement procedures for defence capital projects.

**On 29 June 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**  
Final report to be presented on the management of the Murray-Darling Basin.

**On 30 June 2012**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Australia's Food Processing Sector—Select Committee**  
Report to be presented.
- 2 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee**  
Report to be presented on infrastructure delivery and engineering skills shortages.

**On 31 August 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee**  
Third report to be presented.

**On 12 September 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on palliative care in Australia.

**On 1 November 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**  
Report to be presented on Australia and the countries of the Indian Ocean rim.

**On 30 April 2013**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Cyber Safety—Joint Select Committee**  
Final report to be presented.

**On 30 June 2013**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Gambling Reform—Joint Select Committee**  
Report to be presented.

**On the next day of sitting after the presentation of the  
Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform report**

General Business—Order of the Day relating to Private Senators' Bills

59 **Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 20 June 2011*).

**No later than 12 months after the commencement of the review**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics References Committee**

Report to be presented on the review of the operation of the amendments made by Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011. (*Review to commence no later than 12 months after the commencement of Part 1 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011.*)

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**BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

**Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 22 March 2012*).

**Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011‡**

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 18 August 2011; reporting date varied 21 November 2011; reporting date: 29 February 2012*).

**Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (*referred 10 November 2011; reporting date: 29 February 2012*).

**Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Online Games) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 3 November 2011; reporting date: 14 March 2012*).

**Corporations Amendment (Further Future of Financial Advice Measures) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 14 March 2012*).

**Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 3 November 2011; reporting date: 14 March 2012*).

**Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011**‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 22 March 2012*).

**Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡

Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (*referred 10 November 2011; reporting date: 12 April 2012*).

**Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡**Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡**Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Tuition Protection Service) Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡

Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (*referred 13 October 2011; reporting date varied 8 November 2011; reporting date: 27 February 2012*).

**Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Emergency Listings) Bill 2011**‡

Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (*referred 10 November 2011; reporting date varied 22 November 2011; reporting date: 1 March 2012*).

**Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Australia's Water Resources) Bill 2011**‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 10 November 2011; reporting date: 27 February 2012*).

**Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2011 [2012]**‡

Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 27 February 2012*).

**Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date varied 8 February 2012; reporting date: 27 February 2012*).

**Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 8 February 2012; reporting date: 25 May 2012*).

**Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡**Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡**Tax Laws Amendment (Stronger, Fairer, Simpler and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡**Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡**Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡**Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡**Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡**Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011 [Provisions]**‡

**Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡****Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡****Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 10 November 2011; reporting date: 14 March 2012*).

**Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡****Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 29 February 2012*).

**Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011‡**

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 15 September 2011; reporting date varied 20 September and 21 November 2011; reporting date: 29 February 2012*).

**Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡****Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡****Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date varied 8 February 2012; reporting date: 13 March 2012*).

**Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡****Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Service Reform) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡****Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (*referred 3 November 2011; reporting date: 27 February 2012*).

*Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Senate Bills List at [www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm)*

*‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.*

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## BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

**Government bill****Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010**

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 16 August 2011.

**Private senators' bills****Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2010—(Senate bill)**

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 10 May 2011.

**Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)**

Third reading negatived, 16 June 2011.

**Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Public Health and Safety) Amendment Bill 2010—(Senate bill)**

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 13 September 2011.

**Migration Amendment (Declared Countries) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)**

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 5 July 2011.

**National Broadband Network Financial Transparency Bill 2010 (No. 2)—(Senate bill)**

Second reading negatived, 15 September 2011.

**Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)**

Second reading negatived, 3 March 2011.

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### *Questions remaining unanswered*

Question Nos, as shown, from 5 to 1499 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

#### *Notice given 28 September 2010*

- 5 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program, can all application forms for funding to date be provided for the 2009-10 financial year.

#### *Notice given 8 December 2010*

**Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 340-341)—

- (1) (a) What support does the Australian Government provide to the Indonesian Police Force, including the unit known as Detachment 88 (D88); (b) on what date was that support first provided; and (c) can a breakdown be provided of support in subsequent financial years, separating funding for D88 from other support.
- (2) (a) What support does the Australian Government provide to the groups in Kopassus, including the units known as Detachment 81 and Sandi Yudha; (b) on what date was that support first provided; and (c) can a breakdown be provided of support in subsequent financial years.
- (3) (a) What defence equipment or other equipment is provided to D88, Detachment 81 or Sandi Yudha; and (b) can an itemised list be provided of the type and cost of items provided to each of the three groups.

- (4) Has any training been provided for each of the three groups, D88, Detachment 81 and Sandi Yudha; if so, for each group what are the details of this training, including dates, location and numbers of Australian personnel involved.
- (5) Can an outline be provided of the policy objectives that the Australian Government aims to meet in providing support to these units.
- (6) (a) Does the Australian Government require the Indonesian Government to report on the activities and achievements of either D88, Detachment 81 or Sandi Yudha; and/or (b) is any independent evaluation or monitoring of the activities required by the Australian Government under the terms of its support for any of the units.
- (7) Has the Australian Government sought or received any advice about its legal obligations under the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (the Convention) and, in particular, the obligations of Australian Government agencies in providing funding or training to foreign officers or units that may be in contravention of the Convention; if so, can details of the nature of the advice sought or received be provided.
- (8) What is the Australian Government's response to allegations that D88, Detachment 81 or Sandi Yudha have been used to repress the activities of peace activists in West Papua, the Malukuas and elsewhere in Indonesia.
- (9) (a) Has the Australian Government sought or received any advice about allegations of the use of torture by D88, Detachment 81 or Sandi Yudha during their operations; if so, can details of the nature of the advice sought or received be provided; and (b) has the Australian Government raised this issue with the Indonesian Government in any way; if so, can the details be provided of the nature of any representations made to the Indonesian Government.

340 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

*Notice given 25 March 2011*

543 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the target audience for the Australia Network, and was it determined by market research; if so, is this research publicly available.
- (2) Has the department undertaken any studies to determine whether the Australia Network is reaching the determined target audience; if so: (a) when were the studies undertaken; and (b) what were the results.
- (3) Did the department undertake a study of the Australia Network's effectiveness before the Government announced that it would put out to tender a new 10 year contract.
- (4) Does the department consider that television remains the best medium for reaching the determined target audience; if so, why.

*Notice given 30 May 2011*

673 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) What measures and/or procedures are in place to prevent contraband or weapons being brought into detention centres.
- (2) Since 1 January 2008, have any contraband or weapons been detected in detention centres; if so, can the following in relation to each detention centre be provided: (a) what items were found; (b) where those items were found; (c) on what date they were found; and (d) what action was taken against the person or persons identified as being involved.

*Notice given 21 July 2011*

840 **Senator Rhiannon:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In regard to Lao People's Democratic Republic's (Laos') proposed Xayaburi Dam on the mainstream of the Mekong River, Australia's support to the Mekong River Commission (MRC), and Australia's bilateral aid to Mekong countries bordering the Mekong River:

- (1) As a major donor to the MRC, and for the MRCs *Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement under the 1955 Mekong Agreement* (PNPCA), what position does the Australian Government hold on the proposed Xayaburi Dam, and the other proposed mainstream dams on the Mekong River.
- (2) What is the Australian Government's understanding of the current status of the PNPCA.
- (3) Does the Australian Government consider that obligations under the procedures have been met, and whether they are completed or still ongoing.
- (4) What messages will Australia be sending to the Mekong governments in the lead up to the proposed ministerial meeting to discuss the Xayaburi Dam.
- (5) Given that the Vietnam and Cambodian Governments have made clear public statements regarding their concerns with the Xayaburi Dam, including support for the recommended 10 year moratorium on the dams, how will Australia support these countries' clearly stated public views on the Xayaburi Dam and the PNPCA.
- (6) Will the Minister, or an Australian Government representative, meet bilaterally with the Lao Government to encourage a renewed commitment by Laos to international dialogue and decision making, via regionally mandated processes, for the Xayaburi Dam; if so, what messages will the Australian Government give to the Lao Government.
- (7) Given Australia's previous influential role in Development Partner considerations of the proposed dams, will the Australian Government join with other governments such as Vietnam and the United States of America, in publicly supporting the recommendations of the Strategic Environmental Assessment and call for a 10 year moratorium on decisions regarding the Mekong mainstream dams.

*Notice given 17 August 2011*

- 928 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What is the accumulated sum of outstanding and written off debt from consular assistance rendered since the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee report, *Helping Australians abroad: A review of the Australian Government's consular services* was tabled in 1997.
- 929 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Was the Australian Government's revenue from passport fees in the 2009-10 financial year equal to or greater than the cost of providing consular assistance.
- 932 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did the Minister receive a brief from the department seeking approval of text contained in the request for tender and/or associated documents in relation to Australia Network before their release, if so:
- (1) When was the brief received by the Minister's office.
  - (2) When was brief sighted by the Minister.
  - (3) What type of ministerial action was requested by the department, and was it agreed to by the Minister.
- 933 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did the Minister or any of his ministerial staff request changes to the text contained in the request for tender and/or associated documents in relation to Australia Network; if so, when, and what was the nature of the requested changes.
- 934 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Was the final version of the request for tender and associated documents in relation to Australia Network approved by Cabinet or the Minister; if so, when.
- 935 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did the Minister or any of his ministerial staff receive a briefing, written or verbal, from the department or a member of the tender panel regarding any of the information provided by tenderers in their tender submissions in relation to Australia Network; if so, when and what was the nature of the information provided.
- 936 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—When did the tender panel in relation to Australia Network finalise its report and did it include a recommendation as to a preferred tenderer.
- 937 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Was it the panel's view that both tenderers met the requirements of the tender in relation to Australia Network.
- 938 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did the Minister or any of his ministerial staff receive a briefing, written or verbal, from the Department or a member of the tender panel regarding the panel's progress in relation to the Australia Network tender.
- 939 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—When was the tender panel's report in relation to Australia Network first sighted by the Secretary of the department.

- 940 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did the Minister or any of his ministerial staff receive a briefing, written or verbal, from the department regarding the tender panel’s report and recommendation of a preferred tenderer in relation to the Australia Network tender:
- (1) If so:
    - (a) when was the brief received by the Minister’s office;
    - (b) when was the brief sighted by the Minister; and
    - (c) what type of ministerial action was requested by the department, and was it agreed to by the Minister.
  - (2) If not, why not.
- 941 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did the department prepare a Cabinet submission detailing the tender panel’s report and recommendation of a preferred tenderer in relation to the Australia Network tender; if so, when.
  - (2) Was input into the brief provided by other governments; if so, which ones.
- 942 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—When was the department first notified of the Government’s intention to extend the existing Australia Network contract, while additional information is sought from tenderers.
- 943 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Minister or any of his ministerial staff received a briefing, written or verbal, from the department and/or consultants regarding the expansion of the Australia Network into the Middle East and North Africa and its impact on the Network’s penetration rates in Asia and/or the Pacific; if so, when and what was the nature of this advice.
- 944 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Prior to the Cabinet’s consideration of the Australia Network tender, who was the designated decision-maker for the tender.
  - (2) Assuming that the designated decision-maker was not Cabinet, on what legal basis was the decision-maker stripped of that role.
  - (3) Prior to the former decision-maker being stripped of this role had a decision been made as to who would be the successful tenderer.
  - (4) Who is now the decision-maker.
- 945 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Minister or any of his ministerial staff received a briefing, written or verbal, from the department and/or consultants regarding the additional costs associated with expanding the Australia Network’s coverage into the Middle East and North Africa; if so, when and what was the nature of this advice and the additional cost.

- 946 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Minister or any of his ministerial staff received a briefing, written or verbal, from the department and/or consultants expressing their concerns about the change to the request for tender and/or association documentation in relation to Australia Network; if so, when and what was the nature of their concerns.
- 947 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Minister or any of his staff and/or the department received any correspondence from, or had discussions with, any of the interested parties involved in the tender process in relation to Australia Network concerning the impact of the Government's decision on the financial viability of their proposal; if so, when and what parties were involved, and what was the nature of the correspondence and/or discussions.
- 948 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Minister or any of his ministerial staff and/or the department received correspondence from, or had discussions with, any of the interested parties involved in the tender process in relation to Australia Network since the Government's decision to seek further information; if so, when and which parties were involved, and what was the nature of the correspondence and/or discussions.

*Notice given 23 August 2011*

- 1022 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—
- (1) Will the Australian Government require Sky News to reveal:
    - (a) the details of the nature and extent of its discussions with Chinese state network China Central Television (CCTV) in relation to the agreement the two broadcasters signed on 17 August 2011; and
    - (b) what assurances of coverage, access and freedom of the press in China has CCTV given Sky News.
  - (2) To what extent will the Government take into account the agreement and discussions between Sky News and CCTV in relation to the Sky News bid for the Australia Network tender.
  - (3) What commitments have or have not been given by Sky News about its access and expansion into the Chinese market in relation to its bid for the Australia Network.

*Notice given 12 September 2011*

**Senator Humphries:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1111-1150)—

- (1) Have staffing numbers in agencies within the Minister's portfolio been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts; if so, in which areas and at what classification.
- (2) Are there any plans for staff reduction in agencies within the Minister's portfolio; if so, can details be provided i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.

- (3) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs, and if reductions are envisaged can details be provided, including reasons, target numbers etc.

1112 Minister representing the Treasurer

1117 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

1131 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1146 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 14 September 2011*)

*Notice given 19 September 2011*

1220 **Senator Boswell:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—How much will the renewable energy target cost the Australian taxpayer by 2020, in terms of government investment, subsidies, grants and higher electricity costs.

*Notice given 20 September 2011*

1230 **Senator Rhiannon:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What steps has the Australian Government taken, or is it taking, to investigate whether Sri Lankan officials seeking to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in October 2011 have not been implicated in war crimes.
- (2) Have any of the members of the delegation travelling with President Mahinda Rajapakse sought certificates from the Australian Government confirming immunity from any possible legal proceedings in Australia..

*Notice given 21 September 2011*

1231 **Senator Rhiannon:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will a representative from AusAID or the Minister's office be attending the Global Microcredit Summit in Spain in November 2011:

- (a) if so, who will be attending the summit; and
- (b) if not, why is there no representative attending and what plans are in place for the Minister or AusAID to engage in the outcomes and learnings from the summit.

**Senator Abetz:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1238-1239)—For the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio, can details be provided of the location of all offices, and for each office:

- (a) the address;
- (b) whether the building is: (i) leased, or (ii) owned;
- (c) the size;
- (d) how many staff are based in the building;
- (e) if leased, what is the cost of the lease;
- (f) if owned, what is the value of the building; and
- (g) if owned, what is the depreciation of the building.

1238 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1239 Minister representing the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth

*Notice given 22 September 2011*

- 1245 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What was of the department's total expenditure on travel for the 2010-11 financial year, and of this, what sum was spent on:
- (a) first class air travel;
  - (b) business class air travel;
  - (c) economy class air travel;
  - (d) international air travel; and
  - (e) domestic air travel.
- 1246 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What was the department's total expenditure on hospitality and entertainment for the 2010-11 financial year, and of this, what sum was used for entertainment provided:
- (a) overseas;
  - (b) within Australia; and
  - (c) in conjunction with the United Nations Security Council bid.
- 1247 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What was:
- (a) the department's total expenditure for the 2010-11 financial year on:
    - (i) information and computer technology,
    - (ii) consultancies,
    - (iii) external accounting,
    - (iv) external auditing,
    - (v) external legal services, and
    - (vi) membership and grants paid to affiliate organisations; and
  - (b) for each category in (a), what was the program breakdown of this expenditure.
- 1255 **Senator Birmingham:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In regard to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA):
- (1) What is ACMA's total expenditure for the 2010-11 financial year on:
    - (a) advertising;
    - (b) travel (including a breakdown of business versus economy and domestic versus international);
    - (c) hospitality and entertainment;
    - (d) information and communications technology;
    - (e) consultancy;
    - (f) education/training to staff;
    - (g) external accounting;
    - (h) external auditing;
    - (i) external legal; and
    - (j) memberships or grants paid to affiliate organisations.
  - (2) Can a breakdown of the expenditure in (1) be provided for each division within the ACMA on:
    - (a) advertising;

- (b) travel (including a breakdown of business versus economy and domestic versus international);
  - (c) hospitality and entertainment;
  - (d) information and communications technology;
  - (e) consultancy;
  - (f) education/training to staff;
  - (g) external accounting;
  - (h) external auditing;
  - (i) external legal; and
  - (j) memberships or grants paid to affiliate organisations.
- (3) Within each divisional area, can a breakdown of expenditure be provided, for each Executive Manager on:
- (a) advertising;
  - (b) travel (including a breakdown of business versus economy and domestic versus international);
  - (c) hospitality and entertainment;
  - (d) information and communications technology;
  - (e) consultancy;
  - (f) education/training to staff;
  - (g) external accounting;
  - (h) external auditing;
  - (i) external legal; and
  - (j) memberships or grants paid to affiliate organisations.

1258 **Senator Birmingham:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) Can details be provided on total expenditure for the 2010-11 financial year for the department on:
- (a) advertising;
  - (b) travel (including a breakdown of business versus economy and domestic versus international);
  - (c) hospitality and entertainment;
  - (d) information and communications technology;
  - (e) consultancy;
  - (f) education/training to staff;
  - (g) external accounting;
  - (h) external auditing;
  - (i) external legal; and
  - (j) memberships or grants paid to affiliate organisations.
- (2) Can a breakdown of the expenditure in (1) be provided for each departmental group within the department on :
- (a) advertising;
  - (b) travel (including a breakdown of business versus economy and domestic versus international);
  - (c) hospitality and entertainment;
  - (d) information and communications technology;
  - (e) consultancy;
  - (f) education/training to staff;

- (g) external accounting;
  - (h) external auditing;
  - (i) external legal; and
  - (j) memberships or grants paid to affiliate organisations.
- (3) Within each divisional area, can a breakdown of expenditure be provided, for each Assistant Secretary on:
- (a) advertising;
  - (b) travel (including a breakdown of business versus economy and domestic versus international);
  - (c) hospitality and entertainment;
  - (d) information and communications technology;
  - (e) consultancy;
  - (f) education/training to staff;
  - (g) external accounting;
  - (h) external auditing;
  - (i) external legal; and
  - (j) memberships or grants paid to affiliate organisations.

*Notice given 28 October 2011*

- 1295 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the answer to question no. BE11/0580 taken on notice during the 2011-12 Budget estimates of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, how much notice was given in each category of person or persons listed in the answer.

*Notice given 31 October 2011*

- 1297 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) In regard to internal product (Outcome 1):
    - (a) has the department had any internal audits of its internal processes conducted since 1 July 2007;
    - (b) is there an internal Audit Committee within the department; if so:
      - (i) who is on the committee, (ii) what is the role of the committee, and (iii) do the reports of the committee go to the Secretary of the department; if so, can copies be provided; if not, why not and do these reports go to an external audit committee;
    - (c) have any audits been conducted on the quality of departmental decision making in relation to applications from Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMA's); if so:
      - (i) were these audits conducted by internal or external agencies,
      - (ii) what did those audits reveal,
      - (iii) were the audits on positive and negative decisions or just negative decisions,
      - (iv) who conducted the audits and at what cost,
      - (v) can copies of the audits be provided; if not, why not,
      - (vi) are there any other mechanisms for looking at departmental decision making; if so, what are they,

- (vii) is the department concerned about inconsistency between decision makers, and what is the scope of that inconsistency on the caseloads of Iranians, Sri Lankans, Iraqis and Afghans,
  - (viii) what other audits have been conducted,
  - (ix) have those audits been made public; if none, why not,
  - (x) can copies of those audits be provided; if not, why not,
  - (xi) how many cases does each case manager handle at any one time,
  - (xii) what has been the highest number handled by individual case managers and when was that,
  - (xiii) what is the spread of cases, and
  - (xiv) are they all from IMA applicants;
  - (d) has the department received any requests by any agency or individuals to change the name of IMAs or other applicants after they have received their visas; if so, what are the reasons that people ask for their names to be changed on personal records.
- (2) In regard to offshore detention (Outcome 4):
- (a) how many Serco officers were on duty on 18 October 2011 at the Northern Immigration Detention Centre;
  - (b) how many detainees were in that compound on that day;
  - (c) under what circumstances would there be no officers present in a compound at any given time;
  - (d) what is the process of debriefing Serco officers or providing them with counselling after self-harm or other disturbing incidents;
  - (e) is it true that Serco officers are not being debriefed or provided with counselling after self-harm or other disturbing incidents;
  - (f) is Serco required to meet mandated occupational health and safety standards under the department's contract;
  - (g) is the department satisfied that these mandated standards are being met by Serco; if so, how is it satisfied;
  - (h) have there been any instances where the department has not received security incident reports from Serco; if so, on how many occasions and what were the reasons; and
  - (i) can the department guarantee that all security incident reports completed by Serco officers are being provided to the department; if they are not required, why not.

1301 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—

- (1) Has the department had any dealings with the Association of Building Sustainability Assessors (ABSA).
- (2) Is the department aware of any concerns with ABSA.
- (3) How does the department check the work of groups like ABSA in the delivery of programs like the Green Loans program and the mandatory disclosure in residential building scheme.
- (4) Has the department received any complaints in relation to the conduct of ABSA.
- (5) Does the department have any concerns with the conduct of ABSA.

- (6) Can details be provided, including the program and date, of how much funding the ABSA has received from the department.

1304 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations on 4 November 2011*, now with the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations as per ministerial changes on 14 December 2011)—In regard to the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio, how many reviews, advisory councils or inquiries has the Government conducted or commissioned since 2007 and:

- (a) what is the cost of each;
- (b) who chairs or chaired each review, advisory council or inquiry;
- (c) have any of these made any recommendations in relation to the *Fair Work Act 2009*;
- (d) has the Government taken action on any of these reviews; and
- (e) has the Government taken action on any recommendations in relation to the Fair Work Act.

1305 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Tourism (*transferred to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 22 November 2011*)—In regard to the announcement made by the Government that it would remove the necessity for restaurants and cafes to provide separate menus on weekends and public holidays that incorporate service surcharges, ahead of the decision were there any representations from the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations or the Minister for Small Business; if so, can details be provided.

1308 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the answer to question no. BE11/0081 taken on notice during the 2011-12 Budget estimates of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, in which it was indicated that the Enterprise Migration Agreement templates were under development:

- (1) Have they been finalised.
- (2) Can a template be provided.
- (3) Which projects will potentially have the ability to use an Enterprise Migration Agreement.
- (4) Which projects have sought an Enterprise Migration Agreement to date.

1316 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—In regard to the statutory capped effective life for various categories of oil and gas assets established in section 40-102(5) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*:

- (1) How much foregone revenue does the department estimate the Commonwealth has and will incur: (a) since the introduction of these tax breaks in 2002; and (b) over the next decade, given the large investments planned in the oil and gas industry.
- (2) Has the department conducted, or is it aware of, any cost-benefit analysis for these tax breaks.
- (3) Is the department aware of the analysis by the Australian Conservation Foundation that these tax breaks could cost between \$1.6 billion and \$2 billion annually by 2018 and does it have any reason to doubt this estimate.

- (4) What was the reasoning behind the department advising the Treasurer in 2010 that these tax breaks are arguably inefficient and distortionary.
- (5) Will the existence of these tax breaks counteract in part the price signal intended to be created by the carbon tax.

1317 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—In regard to the debate on impact of negative gearing on the housing market at the recent Tax Forum:

- (1) Did the temporary suspension of negative gearing during the Keating Government lead to an increase in rents across the country.
- (2) What proportion of negatively geared properties are newly constructed rather than existing properties.
- (3) Would the abolition of negative gearing lead to an ongoing decrease in the rate of return on investment property, or just a one-off fall in prices, and does the department have any estimate of the size of any price fall.
- (4) Do any overseas countries allow negative gearing; if so, can a list be provided describing any relevant differences to the Australian situation.

*Notice given 1 November 2011*

1322 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 7 November 2011*)—For each of the following financial years: 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11:

- (1) In relation to the export of sawn native forest timbers from Western Australia:
  - (a) what quantity of sawn jarrah, karri and marri was exported from Western Australia on a per species basis;
  - (b) from which ports was the timber exported;
  - (c) who was the owner of the timber at the point of departure from Western Australia;
  - (d) which ports received the timber (for each port, provide details of the quantity of each species received, for each year specified); and
  - (e) who was the owner of the timber at the point of arrival overseas (for each owner, provide details of the quantity of each species received, for each year specified).
- (2) In relation to the export of whole native forest logs from Western Australia:
  - (a) what quantity of whole native forest logs was exported from Western Australia on a per species basis;
  - (b) what was the financial value of the logs exported on a per species basis;
  - (c) from which ports were the logs exported, (for each port, provide details of the quantity of each species exported, for each year specified); and
  - (d) which ports received the timber, (for each port, provide details of the quantity of each species received, for each year specified).

*Notice given 2 November 2011*

**Senator Abetz:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1323-1324)—In regard to the decision made by Qantas on 29 October 2011 to lock out its staff and ground its fleet:

- (1) How many meetings has the Minister or the Minister's office had with Mr Alan Joyce or Qantas executives, and for each meeting what was the date and time.
- (2) Can details be provided of the damage to Qantas caused by the union's campaign of industrial action as outlined by Qantas.
- (3) Was the Minister ever informed of the likely consequences of this damaging campaign on the survival of the airline.

1323 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1324 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

**Senator Abetz:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1325-1326)—In regard to the decision made by Qantas on 29 October 2011 to lock out its staff and ground its fleet:

- (1) How many meetings has the Minister or the Minister's office had with representatives of the Transport Workers Union, the Australian Licensed Engineers Association or the Australian and International Pilots Association in the past 12 months, and for each meeting what was the date, time and who was present.
- (2) Can details be provided of the damage to Qantas caused by the union's campaign of industrial action or any intention to cause damage as outlined by any of these unions.
- (3) Was the Minister or the Minister's office ever informed of the union's intention to continue industrial dispute.

1325 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1326 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

**Senator Abetz:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1327-1329)—In regard to the decision made by Qantas on 29 October 2011 to lock out its staff and ground its fleet:

- (1) At what time was the Minister's office informed that Qantas intended on locking out staff from Monday and grounding the fleet.
- (2) At what time was the Minister informed that Qantas intended on locking out staff from Monday and grounding the fleet.
- (3) Was the message conveyed that Mr Alan Joyce was available to speak to in regards to the advice that was provided.
- (4) At what time was advice requested from the department.
- (5) At what time was advice received from the department.
- (6) At what time was a teleconference with ministers convened.
- (7) At what time did the teleconference with ministers take place and which ministers were involved.
- (8) Were any other people who were not Ministers involved in the teleconference; if so, who.

- (9) Which minister made the final decision for the Government to take action under section 424 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (the Act).
- (10) At what time did the Minister intervene under section 424 of the Act.
- (11) At what time was a brief: (a) prepared; and (b) provided to the lawyers representing the Government at Fair Work Australia.
- (12) Was the Minister in receipt of any advice prior to 29 October 2011 that the Qantas dispute was having a damaging effect on any sectors of the Australian economy; if so, can details be provided, including who the advice was from and what was the advice.
- (13) Was the Minister aware of any calls prior to 29 October 2011 for the Government to take action on the Qantas dispute; if so, can details be provided, including from whom the calls were made, the concern expressed and the Minister's action.
- (14) Prior to 29 October 2011 and since May 2011, did the Minister or anyone in the Minister's office request information or prepare a note or briefing for the Minister on the use of sections 424 or 431 of the Act; if so, can details be provided including the date, who prepared the information and the reason for the request.
- (15) Was the Minister aware that Qantas, under provisions of the Act, could take action to lock out their staff.
- (16) Did the Minister have any concerns prior to 29 October 2011 that the ongoing Qantas dispute was having an impact on the Australian economy or sectors within it; if so, did the Minister take any action to deal with those concerns.

1328 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1329 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

*Notice given 4 November 2011*

1422 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In regard to the Migration Review Tribunal (MRT) and the Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT):

- (1) What was the total operating expenditure for the 2010-11 financial year.
- (2) What was the increase from the 2009-10 financial year.
- (3) What is the difference between the budgeted and actual expenditure for the 2010-11 financial year.
- (4) With reference to the answer to question no. BE11/0012 taken on notice during the 2011-12 Budget estimates of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, which states 'with their terms ending on 30 June 2010, 21 members did not seek reappointment, or were not reappointed for a further term', of these 21 members:
  - (a) how many did not seek reappointment;
  - (b) how many were not reappointed; and
  - (c) of those who were not reappointed what was the reason in each case.
- (5) With reference to the answer to question no. BE11/0005 taken on notice during the 2011-12 Budget estimates of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, which states 'fees for the period from 1 March 2011 are subject to current negotiation and have not yet been invoiced':

- (a) what is the status of the of the ‘current negotiation’; and
  - (b) has it been completed; if so, what were the fees invoiced to the Independent Protection Assessment Office for this period; if not, why not.
- (6) How many additional tribunal members were appointed effective 1 July 2011.
- (7) In regard to each of the following Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):
- (a) fewer than 5 per cent of tribunal decisions set aside by judicial review;
  - (b) 70 per cent of bridging visas (detention cases) decided within 7 working days;
  - (c) 70 per cent of RRT cases decided within 90 calendar days;
  - (d) 70 per cent of MRT visa cancellation or revocation cases decided within 150 calendar days;
  - (e) 70 per cent of MRT cases decided within 350 days;
  - (f) fewer than 5 complaints received per 1 000 cases; and
  - (g) at least 40 per cent of decisions published,
- can an analysis be provided of whether they were met for the 2010-11 financial year and 2011-12 financial year to date, and if a KPI was not met, why was it not met and what action has been taken.
- (8) What has been the set-aside rate for the RRT and the MRT for the 2011-12 financial year to date by country of origin and visa category, and how does this compare with previous years.
- (9) How many decisions have been made from 1 July 2011 to date by the RRT.
- (10) How many decisions have been made from 1 July 2011 to date by the MRT.
- (11) What has been the total cost of running the tribunals in the 2011-12 financial year to date.
- (12) How many set aside decisions of the tribunal have been challenged by the minister in the 2011-12 financial year to date.
- (13) With reference to an online article ‘Immigration tribunals warn of tough times’ (by Adam Gartrell on *Ninemsn*, 14 October 2011), in which the tribunals head Mr Denis O’Brien is quoted as saying ‘Meeting the target of finalising 70 per cent of RRT cases within 90 days will be a significant challenge in 2011-12’, what is the basis for this statement.
- (14) What will be the cost impact of the Government’s new onshore processing policy and the prediction that up to 600 irregular maritime arrivals (IMAs) may arrive per month on the tribunal’s operations, and are the tribunals making provisions for the expected increased arrivals and onshore processing; if so, what are they; if not, why not.
- (15) How many IMAs are currently subject to the Protection Obligation Determination (POD) process which replaced the Refugee Status Determination process used for IMAs, and of this number, how many IMAs have had their claims for protection processed by the POD process.

*Notice given 7 November 2011*

1431 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In regard to the interim replacement of the secretary of the department, Mr Andrew Metcalfe, with Mr Martin Bowles:

- (1) What is the usual process for replacing a departmental secretary when they take extended leave.
- (2) Was this process followed in this instance; if not, why not and what process was followed.
- (3) When did Mr Metcalfe first raise his intention to take extended leave, and who was this communicated to.
- (4) When did Mr Metcalfe formally submit a leave application for annual leave, study leave and long service leave.
- (5) When were these applications formally approved and by whom.
- (6) How many days will Mr Metcalfe be taking as study leave and what is the approved course of study to be undertaken during this time.
- (7) How many days will Mr Metcalfe be taking as annual leave.
- (8) How many days will Mr Metcalfe be taking as long service leave.
- (9) Was the position advertised; if so, where was it advertised and on what date, and can a copy of the advertisement be provided; if not, why was it not advertised.
- (10) How many applications were received for the position.
- (11) How many applications were received from within the department.
- (12) Were applicants required to address selection criteria; if so, can a copy of the selection criteria be provided.
- (13) How many applicants were interviewed for the position.
- (14) Were any applicants interviewed more than once; if so, how many.
- (15) Did Mr Bowles submit a formal application for the position.
- (16) Did Mr Bowles address the selection criteria.
- (17) Can a copy of the memo sent to departmental staff advising of the appointment of Mr Bowles to the position of acting secretary be provided.
- (18) What experience does Mr Bowles have: (a) in the department; and (b) with immigration policy.
- (19) Given Mr Bowles' appointment as special advisor to the department from 5 December 2011, prior to taking up the position as secretary from March 2012: (a) what will his duties be as special advisor; and (b) does the position of special advisor have a role description; if so, can a copy of the description be provided.

*Notice given 10 November 2011*

**Senator Abetz:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1455-1456)—In regard to the department and all agencies within the Minister's portfolio, can a breakdown be provided of spending for the 2010-11 financial year and an estimate of spending for the 2011-12 financial year, in relation to:

- (a) advertising;
- (b) travel, including a further breakdown for economy versus business class travel and domestic versus international travel;

- (c) hospitality and entertainment;
- (d) information and communications technology;
- (e) consultancies;
- (f) education or training for staff;
- (g) external accounting;
- (h) external auditing;
- (i) external legal; and
- (j) memberships or grants paid to affiliate organisations.

1455 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1456 Minister representing the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth

1458 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the answer to question no. AET 157, taken on notice during the 2010-11 additional estimates hearings of the Economics Legislation Committee, which stated that 5.8 full-time equivalents within the department are working on housing affordability:

- (1) To what extent are taxation issues relating to housing included in the work or analysis of these staff.
- (2) Can a detailed outline be provided of the work of these staff relating to 'identifying currently underutilised land'.

1459 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the Select Committee on Housing Affordability in Australia report, *A good house is hard to find: Housing affordability in Australia*, dated June 2008:

- (1) Of the 33 recommendations, of which at least eight directly relate to the department, how many have been implemented to date.
- (2) Can an update on any action be provided, including progress and outcomes made on all recommendations relating to the department, since the report was released.
- (3) Given that recommendation 4.1 states 'In the interests of more informed discussion of arrangements to encourage affordable housing, the Treasury be asked to publish current estimates of various taxation and related measures affecting the housing market', can a current estimate of taxation and related measures affecting the housing market be provided, including a disaggregated breakdown for spending across all relevant departments.

1460 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to *Australia's Future Tax System report*, has the department ever conducted any modelling or analysis on:

- (a) the number of recommendations it contained relating to the taxation treatment of housing, and specifically, of Recommendation 14 (p. 70) to 'Provide a 40 per cent savings income discount to individuals for non-business related:
  - (a) net interest income;
  - (b) net residential rental income (including related interest expenses);
  - (c) capital gains (and losses); and
  - (d) interest expenses related to listed shares held by individuals as non-business investments';

if so, can the modelling/analysis be described and provided;

- (b) Recommendation 51 (p. 263) which stated ‘Ideally, there would be no role for any stamp duties, including conveyancing stamp duties, in a modern Australian tax system. Recognising the revenue needs of the States, the removal of stamp duty should be achieved through a switch to more efficient taxes, such as those levied on broad consumption or land bases. Increasing land tax at the same time as reducing stamp duty has the additional benefit of some offsetting impacts on asset prices’; if so, can the modelling/analysis be described and provided;
- (c) Recommendation 52 (p. 263) relating to the benefits of implementing a broad based land tax; if so, can the modelling/analysis be described and provided;
- (d) Recommendations 102 to 104 (p. 610) relating to increasing the maximum rate of Rent Assistance to assist renters to afford an adequate standard of dwelling, to index the rent maximum to movements in national rents, to base eligibility on rent paid, and to extend Rent Assistance equitably to public housing tenants; if so, can the modelling/analysis described and provided;
- (e) Recommendation 105 (p. 610) relating to housing payments to tenants with high or special needs who may face discrimination in the private market; if so, can the modelling/analysis be described and provided.

1463 **Senator Kroger:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation—

- (1) What government and private sector reviews have been undertaken and made public in respect of securities finance in Australia over the past decade.
- (2) How many instances in the past decade have there been of a participant in the clearing facility of the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) failing to deliver stock on agreed T+3 terms.
- (3) How many Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions have been the subject of an enforceable undertaking with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission over the past decade.
- (4) Is the Minister aware of any Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions which have been promoting retail margin loan products in respect of stocks outside or below the ASX200; if so, does he believe that such an offering is consistent with the findings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services’ inquiry into financial products and services in Australia or the intent of the Corporations Legislation Amendment (Financial Services Modernisation) Bill 2009.
- (5) Is the Minister aware of Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions with significant debt portfolios in respect of stocks outside or below the ASX200, does he believe that the current arrangements in terms of capital adequacy of Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions is in any way compromised by such portfolios.
- (6) Is the Minister aware of any documents which cast doubt on the veracity of any evidence given to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services’ inquiry into financial products and services in Australia.

- (7) Is the Minister aware of a case currently being heard in the Supreme Court of Victoria between Primebroker Securities Limited (in liquidation) (Receivers and Managers Appointed) & Ors. v. the Australian and New Zealand Banking Group Limited & Ors.

*Notice given 14 November 2011*

1465 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In regard to the Australia Institute’s research and survey of July 2011 (‘What you don’t know can hurt you’ – Institute Paper No. 6) on public attitudes about online competition:

- (1) How is the department promoting a competitive online market place.
- (2) What stakeholder engagement has it undertaken to examine how vertical search engines are able to compete on an equal basis.
- (3) What consideration has the department given to the need for network neutrality in ensuring effective growth in the digital economy.
- (4) Has the department encountered concern from stakeholders regarding transparency of search engine rankings and how is this likely to influence their position in the digital economy.

1468 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What arrangements for information sharing between the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and the Office of the Child Support Registrar were in place from 2001 to the coming into law of the *Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Act 2010* (the Act).
- (2) What is the nature of the information sharing arrangements in place between the ATO and the Office of the Child Support Registrar following the coming into law of the Act.
- (3) (a) Are the documents forming the information sharing arrangements:
  - (i) private or restricted access documents, and
  - (ii) able to be recovered under freedom of information; and(b) if access to the documents is restricted, on what basis is access restricted.
- (4) On what date was the first formal administrative arrangement put in place to allow authorised access to taxation information by the Office of Child Support Registrar.

*Notice given 18 November 2011*

1470 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In regard to the answer to question on notice no. BE11/0577 taken on notice during the 2011-12 Budget estimates hearings of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, who is on the Community Consultation Committee and who determined who would be on it.

*Notice given 23 November 2011*

1479 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—In regard to the Commonwealth Firearms Advisory Council (CFAC) which was established in 2010:

- (1) Which members do not represent the gun lobby.

- (2) Has the CFAC ever discussed, advocated or put to the Minister:
- (a) the reintroduction of 0.50 BMG, military issue ammunition (which bullets can travel up to 2.5 kilometres);
  - (b) the introduction of silencers;
  - (c) the introduction of paintball markers that look like M16s;
  - (d) the relaxation of hand gun laws to facilitate big magazines and high calibre firearms for use in competition; or
  - (e) mental health issues and the availability of knives;
- if so, in what way do the matters fall within the business of the CFAC.

*Notice given 25 November 2011*

1480 **Senator Macdonald:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) In regard to the National Broadband Network (NBN) rollout:
  - (a) why has NBN Co dismissed the use of existing teleports in Australia;
  - (b) why is NBN Co not looking to maximise Australian content;
  - (c) (i) what orbital slots is NBN Co using, (ii) how did it procure the orbital slots; and (iii) at what cost; and
  - (d) are the orbital slots fully coordinated with adjacent satellite operators.
- (2) In regard to NBN Co satellite services:
  - (a) how many users is NBN Co intending to serve with the two Ka-band satellites and what is the estimated cost on a per user basis;
  - (b) can the satellite service be delivered more cost effectively through hosted payloads; if not, why not;
  - (c) why have senior NBN Co procurement staff stated to industry during discussions that their vision is that NBN Co will become the satellite operator in Australia;
  - (d) is there an intention to re-create Aussat;
  - (e) why is NBN Co building a large organisation to procure, design and manage the satellite service when it could be done by specialist organisations;
  - (f) why has it taken more than 2 years to develop the project;
  - (g) can the Minister or NBN Co advise if NBN Co will provide government-subsidised satellite services to large multi-national enterprises; and
  - (h) (i) what is the cost per user for the interim satellite service, (ii) how does this compare to commercially available services, and (iii) can the interim service be scaled with additional leased capacity on other satellites; if not, why not.

*Notice given 5 December 2011*

1484 **Senator Macdonald:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—In regard to the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM):

- (1) What are the current staff numbers in the BoM field offices in north and northwest Queensland.

- (2) Have those numbers changed over the past year.
- (3) Are there any plans to decrease these staffing levels over the next 3 years.
- (4) Are there plans to move any of these positions to the BoM head offices in either Brisbane or Melbourne.
- (5) Can the number of Observers, Technical Officers (Meteorology) and Meteorologists be provided, as at December 2011 (present time) and as at December 2001 (10 years ago) for each of the following:
  - (a) those located in each state and territory capitals, including a total of all; and
  - (b) those located outside the state and territory capitals (exclude from these figures in (a) and (b) staff specifically dedicated to defence and civil aviation).
- (6) What are the current numbers of Senior Executive Service (SES) staff located at the: (a) Head Office in Melbourne; and (b) in the state capitals.
- (7) What were the staff numbers 5 years ago for SES positions located at the: (a) Head office in Melbourne; and (b) the state capitals.
- (8) Is the new radar at Herveys Range in Townsville, built to replace an old radar at Mount Stuart during 2011, providing accurate forecasts.
- (9) Are there any recorded incidents where showers in the region of the Townsville Airport were not 'seen' by the Herveys Range radar; if so, can details be provided.

*Notice given 12 December 2011*

- 1488 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—In regard to the proposed Commonwealth South-West Marine Parks:
- (1) Given that in October 2011 a document entitled 'Revised SW Network September 2011' was discovered, are the proposed boundaries on that map the Commonwealth's proposed boundaries.
  - (2) Is it correct that when the current marine planning process is finished, Australia will have more sanctuaries than the rest of the world combined.
  - (3) Can the Minister provide the relevant scientific data on which these new proposed marine park areas have been based.
  - (4) Can the Minister provide the submissions received from the consultation process so that it is possible to assess the basis on which the submissions provide a sound basis for creating new national marine parks.

*Notice given 13 December 2011*

- 1492 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health—In regard to the National Health and Medical Research Council report into naltrexone implants, can the names of the persons who wrote the original draft and all those who were involved in the review be provided.
- 1493 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—In regard to the Australian Labor Party's National Conference, did the department provide any briefing notes to the Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary in anticipation of the conference or on request; if so, what was each briefing note in relation to.

*Notice given 15 December 2011*

- 1494 **Senator Boswell:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—In regard to the Marine Bioregional Planning Program:
- (1) What will the total cost be to patrol, police and administer the Coral Sea marine park once it has been declared.
  - (2) Which government agencies will be responsible for monitoring any illegal fishing methods, such as drift nets, super seiners and long liners.
- 1495 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In regard to the Pontville Immigration Detention Centre:
- (1) What number of detainees have been released after they were granted permanent visas and, of those, how many have remained in Tasmania.
  - (2) Have any of the detainees of the detention centre been allowed into the community while not having been granted permanent visas; if so, how many.

*Notice given 19 December 2011*

- 1496 **Senator Bushby:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—In regard to the Future of Financial Advice (FoFA) package of reforms:
- (1) How many:
    - (a) new customers will be impacted directly by the FoFA reforms (e.g. need to make a decision on payment of advice, need to complete forms etc);
    - (b) existing customers will be impacted directly by the FoFA reforms (e.g. need to make a decision on payment of advice, need to complete forms etc);
    - (c) customers will be either directly or indirectly impacted by the FoFA reforms, to what effect, and can a financial benefit analysis be provided of these impacts;
    - (d) financial planners will be impacted by the FoFA reforms; and
    - (e) financial planning businesses will be impacted by the FoFA reforms.
  - (2) (a) What is the current state of competition in the financial advice industry—is the industry in a high, moderate or low competitive state; and (b) will the FoFA reforms erect additional barriers to entry for new financial planning businesses and superannuation funds.
  - (3) Given that media commentary indicates that the FoFA reforms will lead to even greater concentration in the advice industry, has the department discussed this matter with its competition experts; if so, with what results.
  - (4) (a) What will the impact of the FoFA reforms be on the underlying cost structures of financial planning businesses; and (b) for those businesses that are ASX-listed what will be the impact on their share price.
  - (5) What is the average hourly cost of financial advice for both in-house super advice and for comprehensive financial advice.
  - (6) What will be the cost of advice in the 3 years following the FoFA reforms for both in-house and externally provided comprehensive advice.

- (7) What will be the impact of the FoFA reforms on the underlying cost structures for financial advice businesses.
- (8) What will be the impact on employment in the financial advice sector resulting from the FoFA reforms.
- (9) In relation to product providers which allow their customers to pay for advice via deduction from their superannuation fund balances: (a) what will be the cost of building new systems to meet the new regulatory requirements; and (b) how will these cost impositions be funded—will they be: (i) passed on to customers, (ii) amortised via lower returns, or (iii) paid for from shareholder funds from the head entity.
- (10) How many customers will complete an opt-in form and thereby agree to maintain their advisor relationship.
- (11) (a) Does the department agree with the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) submission that the opt-in system will result in some consumers unwittingly losing their financial advice facility (e.g. mail lost, not opened, deadline date ignored, or simple consumer inertia), and therefore losing access to the FOS in the event of financial loss which they believe has been occasioned by bad advice; and (b) what will be the likely magnitude of this problem and what measures are needed to ensure that such losses are not systemic.
- (12) Assuming that the FoFA reforms gain passage during the Autumn sittings of Parliament: (a) what will be the time period for funds and advisers to build systems to comply with the FOS requirements; and (b) how does this preparation time compare to the time which applied to the introduction of the Corporate Law Economic Reform Program (CLERP) 4, CLERP 6, anti-money laundering reforms/Financial Action Task Force, and the financial services reforms.
- (13) (a) What additional costs to the industry will be caused by not aligning the MySuper changes with the FoFA reforms; and (b) what will be the impact on customers and funds of this mutually exclusive approach to reform applying to the same industry.

1497 **Senator Boyce:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the answer provided to question no. 72 taken on notice during the 2011-12 Supplementary Budget Estimates of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee:

- (1) Can statistics be provided on the number of regulations promulgated for each of the past 5 calendar years, including a break-up by department.
- (2) Does the department have information on where Australia fits in the world league table of regulation makers for example United Kingdom, Canada, South Africa and the United States of America; if so, can a table detailing that information be provided.
- (3) Does the department liaise with its state and offshore counterparts to benchmark the production of new regulations, and has it attended any conferences on this topic; if so, can the conference outcomes be provided.
- (4) Has the department inquired into the level of powers conferred by regulation rather than by statute; if so, were these inquiries conducted internally and/or by external consultants to examine this matter and can a copy of the results/outcomes be provided.

- (5) (a) What role, if any, does the department play in minimising the growth of regulations; (b) what checks and balances are in place; and (c) which branch and section of the department is responsible for recommending policy on growth of new regulations and/or administrative procedures relating to new regulations.
- (6) What mechanisms are in place within the department to expunge old and outdated regulations and, if these mechanisms are different for other departments, can an outline be provided of those that differ from the Attorney-General's Department.
- (7) What role does the Office of Parliament Counsel play in generating new regulations and does it have a role in monitoring and/or advising on 'regulation creep', for example, does it have an internal procedure to ensure that, where possible, material which might be included in subsequent regulations is actually inserted into a parent statute.

1498 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—At any time since the Minister's election to Parliament on 3 October 1998:

- (1) Was the Minister aware of the \$66 050 donated to the Queensland Branch of the Australian Labor Party by Sunland Group Limited between 1998 and 2004.
- (2) Was the minister in attendance at any of the fundraising functions which have raised money from Sunland Group Limited for any branch of the Australian Labor Party.

*Notice given 20 December 2011*

1499 **Senator Kroger:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Since 3 December 2007, when Mr Rudd was Prime Minister or later as Foreign Minister:
  - (a) how many times did he visit the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in total;
  - (b) what meetings has he had with Sunland Group Limited or its representatives in either the UAE or Australia;
  - (c) has he ever received free accommodation or hospitality at any property owned or controlled by the Sunland Group Limited in either Australia or the UAE;
  - (d) what representations have been made by him to any of the ruling families of the UAE, its Government or to individual Emirates, on behalf of Sunland Group Limited or its related entities;
  - (e) has he attended any meetings with any:
    - (i) members or representatives of the Al-Qasimi royal family with Soheil Abedian also in attendance,
    - (ii) members or representatives of the Al Maktoum Royal Family with Soheil Abedian also in attendance at such meeting,
    - (iii) members or representatives of the Al Nahyan Royal Family with Soheil Abedian also in attendance at such meeting,
    - (iv) members of the Gulf Australia Business Council with Soheil Abedian or Sahba Abedian also in attendance, and

- (v) consular staff of the UAE Embassy in Australia with either Soheil Abedian or Sahba Abedian in attendance; and
  - (f) has he ever requested Soheil Abedian or Sahba Abedian to make representations on behalf of himself or the Australian Government in respect of the UAE vote for Australia's United Nations Security Council seat bid; if so, what was the nature of these representations.
- (2) What representations has the Minister personally made on behalf of Australia to the UAE in respect of the interests of Matthew Joyce and Marcus Lee.
  - (3) Is the Minister aware of evidence given in an open court, under oath, in the Victorian Supreme Court hearing of *Sunland Waterfront (BVI) and Others v. Prudentia Investments Pty Ltd and Others* which shows clearly that Matthew Joyce, Marcus Lee and their co-accused are the innocent victims of a false complaint.
  - (4) Has the Minister brought recent developments in the Victorian Supreme Court hearing of *Sunland Waterfront (BVI) and Others v. Prudentia Investments Pty Ltd and Others* to the attention of relevant authorities in the UAE; if not, when will he do so.

*Notice given 16 January 2012*

- 1500 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to each review currently being conducted, or recently conducted, by the department, can a list be provided detailing the:
- (a) name of the review;
  - (b) individuals, groups and companies conducting the review;
  - (c) individuals, groups and companies being paid;
  - (d) terms of reference;
  - (e) timeline;
  - (f) cost per stage;
  - (g) anticipated final cost;
  - (h) scheduled reporting date, including any preliminary stages and the final report;
  - (i) reasons why the work was not conducted by senior executive service members of the department; and
  - (j) departmental officer who commissioned the review.
- 1501 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation (*transferred to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 1 February 2012*)—Can a list be provided detailing all external submarine related advisors or consultants employed by: (a) Deep Blue Tech Pty Ltd; and (b) ASC Pty Ltd, including the value of each contract, for each calendar year from 2009 to 2011 inclusive.
- 1502 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Australian Hydrographic Service:
- (1) What was the total number of days spent at sea in 2011 by the Leeuwin Class Hydrographic Ships, including how many:
    - (a) of these days related to 'Operation Resolute' (as a number or a percentage of total days at sea); and
    - (b) square nautical miles (or a more convenient unit) were surveyed.

- (2) What was the total number of days spent at sea in 2011 by the Paluma Class Survey Motor Launches, including how many:
  - (a) of these days specified related to 'Operation Resolute' (as a number or a percentage of total days at sea); and
  - (b) square nautical miles (or a more convenient unit) were surveyed.

1503 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation—With reference to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and Goldsmith and Associates Pty Ltd (Goldsmiths), on what date did ASIC first:

- (a) become aware that Goldsmiths were operating in Australia and seeking investments from the general public;
- (b) receive a complaint from any individual or organisation in relation to Goldsmiths' operations in Australia, and what was the nature of this complaint and how was it communicated to ASIC;
- (c) become aware that Goldsmiths was not a holder of an Australian Financial Services licence;
- (d) commence action to restrict or stop Goldsmiths from operating in Australia, and what was the nature of this action; and
- (e) communicate to the Australian public that it was concerned about Goldsmiths' operations in Australia, and what was the nature of this communication.

1504 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) How are Long Service Leave (LSL) entitlements protected under the *Fair Work Act 2009*.
- (2) Did the Prime Minister, as the workplace relations spokeswoman, promise to have a new legislated regime for LSL entitlements by June 2009; if so, to what stage has this progressed.

1505 **Senator Bernardi:** To ask the Minister for Sport—

- (1) Since 24 November 2007, on how many occasions has responsibility for the Sport portfolio been transferred between departments, and what was the total cost of each transfer.
- (2) What is the anticipated cost to transfer the Sport portfolio from within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport, and will this cost be met from existing departmental resources.
- (3) How many public servants will be required to work from a new office location as result of the transfer in (2), and what is the anticipated total cost to relocate the staff.
- (4) Is the transfer of the portfolio expected to deliver demonstrable improvements in productivity.
- (5) What is the purpose of this transfer of the Sport portfolio.

1506 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Browse Basin liquefied natural gas (LNG) precinct (James Price Point) and the strategic assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act):

- (1) Given that Woodside Petroleum Ltd has announced it is seeking to delay the final investment decision until 2013 at the earliest, and the Western Australian Supreme Court has found the proponent does not have secure tenure at the site, will the Minister:
  - (a) place the strategic assessment on hold; if not, why not; and
  - (b) expand the assessment process to consider alternative sites; if not, why not.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of a recent Main Roads Western Australia announcement that AECOM Australia Pty Ltd has been selected as the preferred proponent in a joint venture with Brierty Ltd for the construction of the Browse Basin LNG precinct access road.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that AECOM was engaged by both the Western Australian Department of State Development and Main Roads Western Australia as environmental consultant for flora and fauna surveys as part of the Commonwealth and state environmental impact assessment processes, for both the gas hub and the access road to James Price Point.
- (4) Is the Minister concerned that the ‘targeted survey’ conducted by AECOM for threatened bilbies in the vicinity of the proposed road failed to find any bilbies, while a volunteer citizen science project run by the local community found and filmed colonies of bilbies in the vicinity of the gas hub and the proposed road.
- (5) In line with the EPBC Act, will the Minister require a reassessment of the proposed James Price Point access road that is not reliant on environmental information provided by a company with a commercial interest in the project being approved; if not, why not.
- (6) In relation to the answer to question on notice no. 1427, does the Minister accept that the requirement for the establishment of a scientific peer review panel for the strategic assessment is in fact contained in the report *Browse LNG Precinct: Scope of the Strategic Assessment*, and not in the Strategic Assessment Terms of Reference document.
- (7) Is the Minister aware that this scoping report, a key part of the strategic assessment process under the Western Australian Environmental Protection Act and the EPBC Act, states on page 180 that, ‘Given the significant environment and the scale and complexity of the proposal, there is required a high level of confidence of the technical work underpinning the Strategic Assessment. As such there is an intention to undertake ongoing reviews of the strategic assessment process and of all deliverables and outputs. Arrangements for Peer review, including the establishment of a Peer Review Panel consisting of members from government and non-government sectors are to be advised’.
- (8) Will the Minister request that the Peer Review Panel be instigated to undertake a peer review of all the scientific studies and documentation relied on by the proponent; if not, why not.

1507 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the review of the *Fair Work Act 2009*:

- (1) How much is each member of the review panel being paid to participate.
- (2) What secretariat support has been provided.
- (3) What advice was sought from the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) prior to the announcement of the details of the review.

- (4) Does the department consider the post-implementation review to be in conformity with the requirements of the OBPR.
- (5) When were the: (a) draft terms of reference; and (b) shortlist of people or bodies under consideration to conduct the review, first sent to the Minister's office by the department.
- (6) Was the Productivity Commission on the shortlist of people or bodies considered to conduct the review; if not, why not.

1508 **Senator Humphries:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to a text message sent by the Member for Fraser:

- (1) Did the Prime Minister receive a text message from the Member for Fraser in November 2011 lobbying Canberra to host the G20 Summit; if so, did the Prime Minister respond and did the response indicate support or otherwise for the proposal.
- (2) Is it standard practice for members of parliament to make representations to the Prime Minister by text message.

1510 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—With reference to the Australian Electoral Commission and the 2007 federal election:

- (1) How many cases of multiple voting were detected for the seat of McEwen, and of that number how many:
  - (a) cases were due to administrative error; and
  - (b) people were spoken to in order to determine this figure.
- (2) How many people admitted to multiple voting, and what action, if any, was taken against them.

1511 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1202 (Senate *Hansard*, 2 November 2011, p. 8060):

- (1) For individuals identified as possibly having voted more than once, how many are believed to have voted: (a) twice; (b) 3 times; (c) 4 times; (d) 5 times; (e) 6 times; (f) 7 times; (g) 8 times; (h) 9 times; (i) 10 times; and (j) more than 10 times.
- (2) (a) What is the highest number of multiple voting activities by one individual; (b) how were their actions followed up; and (c) did they receive a police warning.
- (3) For each voter that was issued with a police warning, how many times had they multiple voted.
- (4) How many: (a) males; and (b) females, are believed to have multiple voted.
- (5) Can a list be provided detailing how many multiple voters were aged: (a) 18 to 25, in yearly increments; (b) 26 to 75, in ten yearly increments; and (c) 76 and over.

1512 **Senator Birmingham:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—

- (1) What was the total funding in grants provided through Caring for our Country in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2008-09;
  - (b) 2009-10; and
  - (c) 2010-11.

- (2) For each organisation receiving more than \$1 million in those grants in any given year, and in relation to each grant received by the organisation in that year, can a list be provided detailing the:
  - (a) total amount;
  - (b) timing of payments; and
  - (c) purpose of the grant.

1513 **Senator Birmingham:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—With reference to the legal advice, relating to the potential for compensation claims from any possible repeal of the carbon tax legislation, requested on 16 September 2011 and received on 21 September 2011, as referred to in the answer to question no. 66 taken on notice during the October 2011 supplementary budget estimates hearing of the Environment and Communications Committee:

- (1) Who requested the advice and by what means was the request made.
- (2) To which departmental officers was the advice provided.
- (3) To which ministers and/or parliamentary secretaries, or their offices, was the advice provided.
- (4) On what date (or dates) was the advice forwarded to any ministers and/or parliamentary secretaries or their offices.
- (5) Was the advice formally noted by any ministers or parliamentary secretaries; if so, by whom and on what date (or dates).

1514 **Senator Waters:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the defence radar on Turkey Hill, Acland intended to be moved for the stage 3 expansion of the New Acland Coal Mine (*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* referral no. 2007/3423); if so, will this be at the expense of the taxpayer.
- (2) Do army helicopters transiting from the nearby Oakey base avoid the existing New Acland Coal Mine to escape dust damage to engines.
- (3) Does the stage 3 expansion of the New Acland Coal Mine have any other implications for national defence operations in the area.

*Notice given 18 January 2012*

1515 **Senator Humphries:** To ask the Minister Assisting on Queensland Floods Recovery—With reference to the Queensland floods recovery efforts:

- (1) What delegated responsibilities have the Attorney-General or other ministers given to the Minister regarding disaster management or recovery.
- (2) How many decisions, listed by month, has the Minister made as the Minister Assisting on Queensland Floods Recovery.
- (3) How many representations has the Minister made to other ministers or the non-government sector in this role.
- (4) What is the Minister's greatest achievement in this role.
- (5) How many media releases have been made by the Minister regarding the Queensland floods recovery, and on what dates were they made.

*Notice given 19 January 2012*

1516 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—

- (1) What is the current dollar value of equities owned or held in trust by the Future Fund; or funds under its management; or managed on behalf of the Future Fund by its investment managers, in each of the following companies:
  - (a) Alliant Techsystems Inc;
  - (b) The Babcock & Wilcox Company;
  - (c) Babcock International Group;
  - (d) BAE Systems;
  - (e) Bechtel Corporation;
  - (f) European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS);
  - (g) Finmeccanica;
  - (h) GenCorp Inc;
  - (i) General Dynamics;
  - (j) Goodrich Corporation;
  - (k) Honeywell International;
  - (l) ITT Corporation;
  - (m) Jacobs Engineering Group Inc;
  - (n) Larsen & Toubro Limited;
  - (o) Lockheed Martin Corporation;
  - (p) Northrop Grumman Corporation;
  - (q) Redhall Group;
  - (r) Rockwell Collins;
  - (s) Rolls-Royce;
  - (t) Safran Group;
  - (u) Serco Group; and
  - (v) Thales Group.
- (2) Can a list be provided detailing the nations whose nuclear weapons programs the Future Fund considers to be: (a) legitimate; and (b) illegitimate.
- (3) Does the Future Fund consider India's nuclear weapons programs to be legitimate.
- (4) On what basis does the Future Fund consider it unacceptable to invest in companies that manufacture cluster munitions and anti-personnel landmines, but acceptable to investment in those that manufacture nuclear weapons.

1517 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Attorney-General on 7 February 2012*)—

- (1) What financial contributions, if any, have each of the following government agencies or departments provided to the Lowy Institute for International Policy in the 2010-11 and 2011-12 (to date) financial years:
  - (a) Australian Federal Police;
  - (b) Attorney-General's Department;
  - (c) Australian Security Intelligence Organisation; and

(d) Australian Export Finance and Insurance Corporation.

(2) On what basis were such financial contributions made.

1518 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—What have been the precise dates of the Prime Minister's: (a) weekly; and (b) ad hoc, meetings with the Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Brown, since the signing of the 'Labor-Greens agreement'.

1519 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to remarks made by the sentencing judge on the conviction of the individuals charged with plotting an attack on the Holsworthy army base, in particular, that 'they also had an expressed hatred of Australian people and non-Muslims who they repeatedly referred to as "infidels"':

- (1) Were the individuals convicted of this offence Australian citizens; if so, were they Australian citizens by virtue of: (a) birth; or (b) a citizenship ceremony.
- (2) If the convicted individuals were Australian citizens by virtue of a citizenship ceremony, what research into their antecedents was undertaken to determine their suitability for Australian citizenship.
- (3) Given the outcome of this prosecution and the apparent views of those convicted, is the department considering any changes to its methodologies for determining the suitability of individuals for Australian citizenship.

*Notice given 20 January 2012*

1520 **Senator Humphries:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Emergency Management—With reference to the upgrade of the national Emergency Alert telephone warning system indicated in the media release, 'National phone warning system gets upgrade thanks to Commonwealth and Victorian Governments', dated 13 January 2012:

- (1) How will existing emergency alert warning systems that provide information to registered numbers be affected by the implementation of the upgraded system.
- (2) Will there be any periods of operational outage during the system upgrade; if so, for how long.
- (3) Is there a means of adjusting the radius of the physical emergency zone for alerts on an ad hoc basis.
- (4) What methods will be adopted by the Federal Government to ensure each state and territory has the required training and abilities to operate the upgraded system.
- (5) How much funding is being provided by the: (a) Federal Government; and (b) Victorian Government.

*Notice given 24 January 2012*

1521 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the Pontville Immigration Detention Centre:

- (1) Can a list be provided detailing how many: (a) television sets; and (b) DVD players and other related devices, have been supplied to the detention centre, including their cost.

- (2) How many of these items have been broken, damaged or otherwise interfered with requiring repairs or replacement, stating which, and advising the total repair bill to date and the total replacement cost to date.

1522 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Fair Work Ombudsman annual report for 2010-11:

- (1) Does the report reference the Fair Work Ombudsman's acknowledged errors in its Wage Rate Calculator, on its website and in advice given to the public; if not, why not.
- (2) (a) What performance indicators or other measurement tools are used to track these and other errors; and (b) if such errors are not tracked, how can the public be satisfied that the office of the Fair Work Ombudsman is improving its performance.
- (3) In regard to the 'performance snapshot' on page vi, can the 825 000 calls to the Fair Work Infoline be broken down into categories, such as: employer or employee; small business or large business; legal, union, or representative roles, as opposed to individuals; if so, can this data be provided.
- (4) Of the 32 000 education packs forwarded to employers, how many were: (a) supplied to small businesses; and (b) left as a result of education visits.
- (5) Does the Fair Work Ombudsman engage media monitoring services; if so, at what cost.
- (6) In regard to the compliance rates referred to on page 3: (a) does the Fair Work Ombudsman have any information suggesting that employers have accidentally or unwittingly over paid staff; and (b) are records kept in relation to these statistics.
- (7) Given that the report states that a Fair Work Ombudsman employee received a Public Service Medal for 'creating an online tool that helps employees calculate how much they should be paid', can the Minister confirm that problems with the calculator were not with the tool itself, but with the information that was input by others.
- (8) In regard to the pie graph on page 41, titled 'Breakdown of attributes of alleged discrimination complaints received in 2010-11', can a list be provided detailing how many of these alleged discrimination complaints were valid, including a break-down as per the categories presented in the pie chart.

*Notice given 27 January 2012*

1523 **Senator Humphries:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Federal Government's proposed poker machine mandatory pre-commitment trial:

- (1) How was the Australian Capital Territory selected as the site of the trial.
- (2) On what date were the following individuals first consulted on the possibility of the Australian Capital Territory being involved in the trial:
  - (a) the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory;
  - (b) the Member for Fraser;
  - (c) the Member for Canberra; and
  - (d) Senator Lundy.

- (3) Were any state governments consulted on their possible inclusion in the trial; if so, which states and on what date.
- (4) How will the compensation package be divided and assigned to clubs in the Australian Capital Territory.
- (5) Can the complete details of how the pre-commitment trial will operate be provided.

*Notice given 31 January 2012*

1524 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the Pontville Immigration Detention Centre:

- (1) How many ambulance visits have there been to the detention centre since it was opened.
- (2) How many ambulance visits have been necessitated for the treatment of detainees.
- (3) Who bears the cost of ambulance visits to the detention centre.
- (4) For what types of medical emergency were the ambulances required.
- (5) In regard to the reported hunger strike:
  - (a) how many detainees have been on a hunger strike at any one time;
  - (b) how many have required hospitalisation or on-site medical treatment as a result of a hunger strike;
  - (c) on what date did the first hunger strike take place and how many participated in that hunger strike; and
  - (d) what was the basis of the hunger strike.
- (6) Given that it has been claimed that certain representations were made to detainees as to community detention and the processing of their applications, can the Minister confirm that no such representations were made by departmental officials or Serco staff; if so, what advice can be provided as to the source of misapprehensions under which the detainees suffered in relation to community detention and the expeditious processing of their applications.
- (7) Are the detainees taken on day trips; if so:
  - (a) how many day trips have been undertaken; and
  - (b) can a list be provided detailing those day trips, including:
    - (i) the location, for example, visits to the zoo or cinema, and
    - (ii) the associated costs.

*Notice given 2 February 2012*

1525 **Senator Waters:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the proposed strategic assessment of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area:

- (1) How are comments made by a spokeswoman from the department, reported by Australian Associated Press on 11 January 2012, suggesting that the strategic assessment will focus on identifying and assessing cumulative impacts from major industry and port developments, including ongoing dredging projects such as that at Gladstone, which could affect the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, consistent with the following statements:

- (a) by the Minister on *Four Corners*, aired on 7 November 2011, that ‘I’d prefer a situation where as much as possible is able to be dealt with once we’ve concluded the strategic assessment, but people have legal rights under law to commence the process, and those processes continue in the interim’; and
  - (b) by the departmental Deputy Secretary, Ms Dripps, during the 2011 Supplementary Budget estimates hearing of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee on 18 October 2011, that ‘Any proposal for development along the coast of Queensland that was likely to occur after that point [the conclusion of the strategic assessment] would be included in the strategic assessment’.
- (2) What implications, if any, will the strategic assessment have on the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) assessment process, conditions and outcomes for each of the following types of projects that are having, or are likely to have, a significant impact on the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage values:
- (a) projects currently undergoing a project level EPBC Act assessment, where a final decision is: (i) likely, or (ii) unlikely, to be made prior to the conclusion of the strategic assessment;
  - (b) projects that have been referred for project level EPBC Act assessment since the strategic assessment was announced; and
  - (c) projects that will be referred prior to the conclusion of the strategic assessment.
- (3) What implications, if any, will the strategic assessment have on the EPBC Act assessment process, conditions and outcomes for each of the following types of projects that are having, or are likely to have, a significant impact on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:
- (a) projects currently undergoing a project level EPBC Act assessment, where a final decision is: (i) likely, or (ii) unlikely, to be made prior to the conclusion of the strategic assessment;
  - (b) projects that have been referred for project level EPBC Act assessment since the strategic assessment was announced; and
  - (c) projects that will be referred prior to the conclusion of the strategic assessment.

1526 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the proposed development of a network of marine parks, (the South-west Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network), in Western Australia:

- (1) When will the boundaries proposed by the Commonwealth Government be released to the public and what is the process following their release.
- (2) Has the Western Australian Government been consulted in the preparation of the proposed boundaries; if so, what is its position.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that Australia has more marine areas in sanctuary zones (with no commercial or recreational fishing) than anywhere else in the world.

- (4) Can the Minister confirm that, when the current marine planning process is finished, Australia will have more sanctuary zones than the rest of the world combined.
- (5) Do the boundaries proposed by the Commonwealth Government include new areas of marine national park near the Abrolhos Islands, the Perth Canyon or other areas off the coast of Western Australia.
- (6) Did the proposal of the new marine national park area originate in:
  - (a) the department;
  - (b) the Minister's office; or
  - (c) a non-government organisation; if so, which organisation(s).
- (7) Have any submissions to the Minister or the department been received in regard to the proposed boundaries of the marine national parks; if so, will the submissions be released to the public.
- (8) What scientific data was used to establish the proposed boundaries for the marine park areas.
- (9) What other advice did the Minister receive in regard to the development of the boundaries and the conservation goals of the proposed reserves.

1527 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Does the Royal Australian Navy have an ice-strengthened vessel or ice-breaking vessel in its fleet; if not, are there plans to build or buy such a vessel.

1528 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the answer provided to question on notice no. 1211 (*Senate Hansard*, 2 November 2011, p. 8072), what was the 'new or improved technology or business skills' introduced to Australia by Ta Ann Tasmania Pty Ltd.

1529 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What information does the Government have on the Uighur people recently sent to China by the Malaysian Government.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that 3 of the 20 Uighur asylum seekers who fled to Cambodia and were forcibly deported back to China in December 2009 have received lengthy prison terms.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any information concerning the other 17 asylum seekers who were forcibly deported to China in 2009.

1530 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the answer to question no. 1277, regarding Japanese whaling ships in the Southern Ocean:

- (1) Has the Government sought more information from the Japanese Government following reports from the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society that the vessel *Shonan Maru 2*, which is clearly marked 'Government of Japan', had armed guards on board.
- (2) Has the Government formally protested to the Japanese Government over the vessel's entry into the Australian Whale Sanctuary.

*Notice given 3 February 2012*

1531 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) What communication (verbal or written) took place between the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the departmental Secretary, Ms Jane Halton, in the lead up to the CEO commissioning a literature review on the subject of naltrexone implants.
- (2) Given that the CEO of NHMRC states in a letter to Western Australian MLA Peter Abetz that the Secretary asked him to prepare the naltrexone literature review, did the Minister have any communication with the Secretary seeking such a review.
- (3) Prior to the document 'Naltrexone implant treatment for opioid dependence – Literature Review' being made public on the NHMRC website, did the Minister's office have any communication with any officer of NHMRC concerning the content of the review.
- (4) Did the Minister or her staff make any representation to any staff or officials of NHMRC requesting that there be no naltrexone experts in the group established to examine the literature relating to naltrexone implants.
- (5) Does the Minister condone the failure by NHMRC to follow its own guidelines, in particular, when it failed to:
  - (a) involve any active naltrexone experts in the review process; and
  - (b) identify any authors or reviewers of the literature review, particularly given that the NHMRC website states in the 'Joint NHMRC/AVCC Statement and Guidelines on Research Practice (1997)' document, 'Any part of an article critical to its main conclusion must be the responsibility of at least one author. An author's role in a research output must be sufficient for that person to take public responsibility for at least that part of the output in that person's area of expertise'.
- (6) Who made the decision to first place, and then keep, the naltrexone literature review in the guidelines section of the NHMRC website given that it is clearly not a guidelines document.
- (7) Given that Professor Gary Hulse of the University of Western Australia found that the use of naltrexone implants resulted in a reduction of opioid overdoses (from 21 in the 6 months prior to insertion of naltrexone implants to 0 in the 6 months after insertion):
  - (a) on what basis did the NHMRC reviewers come to the conclusion that this was not statistically significant, particularly when Professor Hulse and others assert that this is significant at the  $P < 0.0001$  level;
  - (b) can the name of the person who contributed the opinion to the review that the result was not statistically significant be provided; and
  - (c) will the Minister instruct NHMRC to have an expert check if Professor Hulse's work is statistically significant.
- (8) With reference to statements made by Ms Halton during the 2008-09 Budget estimates hearing of the Community Affairs Committee on 22 October 2008, in particular, that Dr George O'Neil had no interest in good manufacturing practice (GMP) despite Dr O'Neil lodging his first

GMP applications in 2003 and 2004 and being granted a GMP licence in 2005, from what source was this information gathered.

- (9) Why were no Australian or international experts on naltrexone or naltrexone implants consulted or involved in the production of the NHMRC literature review.
- (10) Did Dr Alex Wodak have any involvement in the:
  - (a) request for a literature review on naltrexone implants;
  - (b) writing of the review; or
  - (c) peer reviewing of this literature review.
- (11) Given that Professor Philipp Lobmaier of the Norwegian Centre for Addiction Research, regarded as the most eminent world authority on naltrexone implants, has described the NHMRC literature review as being in the category of an 'ideologically motivated position paper', will the Minister urge NHMRC to withdraw this document until a full inquiry into the irregularities in its production has been made public.
- (12) Can the Minister assure the public that all future literature reviews published on the NHMRC website will be produced in keeping with its protocols.
- (13) Will the Minister ensure that NHMRC submits the literature review to world experts for revision as a matter of urgency.
- (14) How long will the Minister tolerate the continuing display of this flawed document on the NHMRC website.

1532 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer—In follow up to questions taken on notice during the 2010-11 Supplementary Budget estimates hearing of the Economics Legislation Committee (question nos SBT116-120) relating to the Productivity Commission and the *Fair Work Act 2009*, and with reference to section 6 of the *Productivity Commission Act 1998*, which states that the Productivity Commission's functions are to 'undertake, on its own initiative, research about matters relating to industry, industry development and productivity' and 'promote public understanding of matters relating to industry, industry development and productivity':

- (1) Has the Productivity Commission informed itself on any issues with the *Fair Work Act 2009*; if so, can this information be provided, including associated recommendations or suggested courses of action.
- (2) What is the Productivity Commission's view on the *Fair Work Act 2009* and does it consider the Act to be working well.
- (3) Does the Productivity Commission believe that half a million jobs can be created between July 2011 and July 2012.

*Notice given 6 February 2012*

1533 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—What is the whole of government budget, across all portfolios, for intercepting, transferring, housing, processing (including administrative and judicial review) and removing asylum seekers in the: (a) 2010-11; and (b) 2011-12 (to date), financial years.

1534 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the following examples of skilled workers in the technical and trades areas in Western Australia who were eligible under the previous points test, yet are ineligible under the points test that became effective on 1 July 2011:

- 34 year old construction project manager with competent English and 8 years work experience (w/exp)

	Old	New
Occupation	50	
Age	25	25
English	15	0
W/exp	5	15
Quals		15
Aust Study		
Language		
Partner		
Sponsorship	10	5
	105 (eligible)	60 (ineligible)

- 33 year old mechanical engineer with competent English and 8 years w/exp

	Old	New
Occupation	60	
Age	25	25
English	15	0
W/exp	10	15
Quals		15
Aust Study		
Language		
Partner		
Sponsorship	10	5
	120 (eligible)	60 (ineligible)

- 29 year old electrician with competent English and 8 years w/exp

	Old	New
Occupation	60	
Age	30	30
English	15	0
W/exp	10	15
Quals		10
Aust Study		
Language		
Partner		
Sponsorship	10	5
	125 (eligible)	60 (ineligible)

- 41 year old construction project manager with proficient English and 8 years w/exp

	Old	New
Occupation	50	
Age	15	15
English	25	10
W/exp	5	15
Quals		15
Aust Study		
Language		
Partner		
Sponsorship	10	5
	105 (eligible)	60 (ineligible)

- 40 year old mechanical engineer with proficient English and 8 years w/exp

	Old	New
Occupation	60	
Age	15	15
English	25	10
W/exp	10	15
Quals		15
Aust Study		
Language		
Partner		
Sponsorship	10	5
	120 (eligible)	60 (ineligible)

- 42 year old electrician with proficient English and 8 years w/exp

	Old	New
Occupation	60	
Age	15	15
English	25	10
W/exp	10	15
Quals		10
Aust Study		
Language		
Partner		
Sponsorship	10	5
	120 (eligible)	55 (ineligible)

- (1) What is the policy rationale behind technical and trades workers being eligible on 30 June 2011 and ineligible on 1 July 2011.
- (2) Does the department have any plans to review the points test.
- (3) What feedback has been received relating to the points test.

1535 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Seasonal Worker Program announced by the Government on 18 December 2011:

- (1) How will the \$21.7 million allocated to the program be spent, and where will this funding come from.
- (2) How does the Seasonal Worker Program differ from the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme.
- (3) Which countries are included in the:
  - (a) Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme; and
  - (b) Seasonal Worker Program.
- (4) Can copies of all signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) relating to the Seasonal Worker Program be provided.
- (5) In regard to Nauru and Tuvalu, detailed separately:
  - (a) what is the current state of discussions in relation to an MOU;
  - (b) when did discussions commence; and
  - (c) when is the MOU expected to be signed.
- (6) Was an evaluation report completed for the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme; if so, can a copy be provided; if not, why not.
- (7) Can details be provided of the ‘small-scale, three-year trial arrangements with cotton and cane growers, aquaculture ventures and accommodation providers in the tourism industry’, including how these industries were selected to be part of the trial.
- (8) What selection criteria are employers required to satisfy in order to be an ‘approved employer’.
- (9) How many applications by companies seeking to be an ‘approved employer’ have been:
  - (a) received;
  - (b) approved; and
  - (c) denied, including the reason(s) for denial.

1536 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs on 8 February 2012*)—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1432, regarding the incident at the Curtin Immigration Detention Centre on 2 November 2011 resulting in the injury of a female Serco officer:

- (1) What is the status of the Australian Federal Police investigation into this matter.
- (2) Have the individuals involved in the incident been identified.
- (3) What action has or will be taken against those involved in the incident.

**Senator Cash:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1537-1538)—Can an update be provided as to the status of each of the 31 recommendations presented by the National Resources Sector Employment Taskforce.

1537 Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research

1538 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

*Notice given 8 February 2012*

- \*1539 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health—With reference to the department’s review into the situation of holders of the Retirement Visa (Subclass 410) and Investor Retirement Visa (Subclass 405) and access to Medicare through Reciprocal Health Care Agreements, when is the final report due.
- \*1540 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) Following a letter dated 17 March 2011 from the Minister to the Member for Forrest, which stated that ‘My Department, together with a number of other Government agencies, is currently reviewing the issues faced by individuals remaining in Australia long term as temporary residents. In this context concerns raised by Retirement visa holders, and possible options for resolution, are being given due consideration’:
    - (a) has any continuing work been undertaken by the department in relation to this matter; if so, can details of this work be provided; and
    - (b) what further work is planned by the department.
  - (2) Has the department accepted the feasibility of any of the ‘alternative scenarios’ of the Australian Government Actuary (AGA) report into the estimated costs of 410 retirement visa holders gaining a pathway to permanent residence; if so, which scenarios.
  - (3) How has the AGA report been used since its publication to ‘help inform Government discussions’, as mentioned in a letter from the department to British ExPat Retirees in Australia (BERIA) in June 2010.
  - (4) What feedback has the department received on the issue of permanent residence for 410 retirement visa holders from ‘other Government agencies, retirement visa holders and their representatives, including organisations such as BERIA’, as mentioned in a letter from the department to BERIA in June 2010.
- Senator Macdonald:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*1541-\*1545)—For the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011, or if more convenient for data purposes the 2010-11 financial year, what flights were taken by departmental staff between: (a) Townsville and Canberra; and (b) Canberra and Townsville, including details on whether they were direct or indirect flights.
- \*1541 Minister representing the Treasurer
- \*1542 Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research
- \*1543 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- \*1544 Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
- \*1545 Minister representing the Minister for Industry and Innovation
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## ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### 2010-11 supplementary Budget estimates

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2010-11 supplementary Budget estimates are as follows:

#### Group A:

Environment and Communications .....Friday, 3 December 2010  
 Finance and Public Administration .....Friday, 3 December 2010  
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade .....Friday, 10 December 2010  
 Legal and Constitutional Affairs .....Friday, 3 December 2010

#### Group B:

Community Affairs .....Friday, 10 December 2010  
 Economics .....Friday, 10 December 2010  
 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations .....Friday, 10 December 2010  
 Rural Affairs and Transport .....Friday, 10 December 2010

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

### 2010-11 additional estimates

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2010-11 additional estimates are as follows:

#### Group A:

Environment and Communications .....Friday, 8 April 2011  
 Finance and Public Administration .....Friday, 15 April 2011  
 Legal and Constitutional Affairs .....Friday, 8 April 2011  
 Rural Affairs and Transport ..... Tuesday, 12 April 2011

#### Group B:

Community Affairs .....Friday, 8 April 2011  
 Economics .....Friday, 8 April 2011  
 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations .....Friday, 8 April 2011  
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ..... Thursday, 21 April 2011

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

### 2011-12 Budget estimates

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2011-12 Budget estimates are as follows:

#### Group A:

Environment and Communications ..... Friday, 8 July 2011  
 Finance and Public Administration ..... Friday, 8 July 2011  
 Legal and Constitutional Affairs ..... Friday, 8 July 2011  
 Rural Affairs and Transport ..... Tuesday, 26 July 2011

#### Group B:

Community Affairs ..... Friday, 22 July 2011  
 Economics ..... Friday, 22 July 2011  
 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations ..... Friday, 22 July 2011  
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ..... Friday, 29 July 2011

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

**2011-12 supplementary Budget estimates**

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2011-12 supplementary Budget estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**

Environment and Communications .....Friday, 2 December 2011  
 Finance and Public Administration .....Friday, 2 December 2011  
 Legal and Constitutional Affairs .....Friday, 2 December 2011  
 Rural Affairs and Transport..... Tuesday, 29 November 2011

**Group B:**

Community Affairs .....Friday, 9 December 2011  
 Economics ..... Monday, 28 November 2011  
 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations .....Friday, 9 December 2011  
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade .....Friday, 9 December 2011

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

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**Amendments to standing orders****1 Prayer and acknowledgement of country—Amendment to standing order 50**

That standing order 50 (Prayer) be amended as follows:

Omit the standing order, and substitute the following:

**50 Prayer and acknowledgement of country**

The President, on taking the chair each day, shall read the following prayer:

Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy special blessing upon this Parliament, and that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper the work of Thy servants to the advancement of Thy glory, and to the true welfare of the people of Australia.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The President shall then make an acknowledgement of country in the following terms:

I acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples who are the traditional custodians of the Canberra area and pay respect to the elders, past and present, of all Australia's Indigenous peoples.

(Agreed to 26 October 2010.)

## Committees

### \*2 Amendment of committee names; Allocation of departments

- (1) That standing order 25(1) be amended as follows:  
Omit "Environment, Communications and the Arts"  
Substitute "Environment and Communications".
- (2) That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

#### *Community Affairs*

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs  
Health and Ageing  
Human Services

#### *Economics*

Industry and Innovation  
Resources, Energy and Tourism  
Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research  
Treasury

#### *Education, Employment and Workplace Relations*

Education  
Employment and Workplace Relations

#### *Environment and Communications*

Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy  
Climate Change and Energy Efficiency  
Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

#### *Finance and Public Administration*

Finance and Deregulation  
Parliament  
Prime Minister and Cabinet

#### *Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*

Defence, including Veterans' Affairs  
Foreign Affairs and Trade

#### *Legal and Constitutional Affairs*

Attorney-General  
Immigration and Citizenship

*Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*  
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Infrastructure and Transport  
Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government,  
including the Arts and Sport.

*(Agreed to 8 February 2012.)*

**\*3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Community Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 1 March 2012, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 and the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 and a related bill.

*(Agreed to 8 February 2012.)*

**\*4 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate, from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, on Thursday, 9 February, Thursday, 1 March, Thursday, 15 March and Thursday, 22 March 2012.

*(Agreed to 8 February 2012.)*

**\*5 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 9 February 2012, from 10 am.

*(Agreed to 8 February 2012.)*

**\*6 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 5.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the review of Defence annual report 2010-11.

*(Agreed to 8 February 2012.)*

**7 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Standing order 25(9)—Determination of chair**

That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:

- (a) that the chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and
- (b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).

*(Agreed to 2 November 2011.)*

- \*8 Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**  
 That the Joint Standing Committee on Migration be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 10.30 am to noon.  
 (Agreed to 8 February 2012.)
- 9 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation**  
 That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as *amicus curiae* if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O’Chee is set down for trial.  
 (Agreed to 4 September 2000.)
- 10 Privileges—Standing Committees—Temporary order**  
 That the following operate as a temporary order with immediate effect until the conclusion of the 43rd Parliament:  
 Standing order 18 establishing the Committee of Privileges be amended as follows:
- (a) in paragraph (1), omit “7”, substitute “8”; and
  - (b) omit paragraph (3), substitute:
    - (3) The committee shall consist of 8 senators, 4 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 nominated by a minority party and independent senators.
- (Agreed to 11 October 2011.)
- 11 Privileges—Senators’ Interests—Standing Committees—Conferral on reference**  
 That the Committee of Privileges and the Committee of Senators’ Interests may confer on the latter committee’s reference into a draft code of conduct for senators.  
 (Agreed to 12 September 2011.)
- \*12 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**  
 That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 11 am to 1 pm, on Wednesday, 29 February, Wednesday, 14 March and Wednesday, 21 March 2012.  
 (Agreed to 8 February 2012.)
- \*13 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Authorisation to meet**  
 That the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 9 February 2012, from 4.30 pm to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the examination of the Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test.  
 (Agreed to 8 February 2012.)
- \*14 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**  
 That the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Monday, 27 February 2012, from 10 am to 12.30 pm.  
 (Agreed to 8 February 2012.)

## Estimates

### 15 2011-12 additional estimates—2012-13 Budget estimates—Hearings

- (1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2012 be scheduled as follows:

**2011-12 additional estimates:**

Monday, 13 February and Tuesday, 14 February (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 15 February and Thursday, 16 February (*Group B*).

**2012-13 Budget estimates:**

Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May, and, if required, Friday, 25 May (*Group A*)

Monday, 28 May to Thursday, 31 May, and, if required, Friday, 1 June (*Group B*)

Monday, 15 October and Tuesday, 16 October (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)

Wednesday, 17 October and Thursday, 18 October (*supplementary hearings—Group B*).

- (2) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.
- (3) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**

Environment and Communications

Finance and Public Administration

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**

Community Affairs

Economics

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

- (4) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
- (a) Tuesday, 20 March 2012 in respect of the 2011-12 additional estimates; and
- (b) Tuesday, 26 June 2012 in respect of the 2012-13 Budget estimates.

*(Agreed to 2 November 2011; amended 8 February 2012 as a consequence of the order relating to the allocation of departments.)*

### 16 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Estimates hearings—Consideration of Indigenous matters

That the Senate endorse the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.10 of the Community Affairs Committee report on the 2008-09 Budget estimates that:

Future estimates hearing programs include a separate time to conduct an estimates hearing on Indigenous matters that would include all the portfolios with budget expenditure or responsibility for Indigenous issues.

*(Agreed to 26 August 2008.)*

**17 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—  
Estimates hearings—Consideration of Fair Work Australia**

That—

- (a) when the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee meets to consider additional estimates in 2010:
  - (i) the committee further examine Fair Work Australia, and
  - (ii) the President of Fair Work Australia appear before the committee to answer questions; and
- (b) on each subsequent occasion on which the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee meets to consider estimates in relation to Fair Work Australia, the President of Fair Work Australia appear before the committee to answer questions.

*(Agreed to 28 October 2009.)*

**Legislation**

**18 Consideration of private senators' bills—Temporary order**

- (1) That:
  - (a) standing orders 55(1), 57(1)(d) and 59 be modified as follows to provide for the consideration of general business orders of the day relating to bills on Thursdays from 9.30 am for not more than 2 hours and 20 minutes; and
  - (b) this order operate as a temporary order from the first sitting day in 2011 until 30 June 2012.

**55 Times of meetings**

- (1) The days and times of meeting of the Senate in each sitting week shall be:
 

Monday	10 am – 6.30 pm, 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm
Tuesday	12.30 pm – adjournment
Wednesday	9.30 am – 8 pm
Thursday	9.30 am – 8.40 pm

**57 Routine of business**

- (1) The routine of business shall be:
  - (d) On Thursday:
    - (ia) General business orders of the day for consideration of bills only for up to 2 hours 20 minutes
      - (i) Petitions
      - (ii) Notices of motion
      - (iii) Postponement and rearrangement of business
      - (iv) Formal motions – discovery of formal business
      - (v) Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4)
      - (vi) Government business
      - (vii) At 2 pm, questions
      - (viii) Motions to take note of answers
      - (ix) Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency
      - (x) Not later than 4.30 pm, general business

- (xi) Not later than 6 pm, consideration of government documents under general business
  - (xii) Not later than 7 pm, consideration of committee reports and government responses under standing order 62(1)
  - (xiii) At 8 pm, adjournment proposed
  - (xiv) At 8.40 pm, adjournment.
- (2A) If a division is called for on Monday before 12.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned till after that time.

**59 Government and general business**

Government business shall take precedence over general business, except that general business shall take precedence over government business on Thursday as follows:

- (a) from 9.30 am, for a period not exceeding 2 hours and 20 minutes, general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills shall be considered; and
- (b) from not later than 4.30 pm, for a period not exceeding 2½ hours, and general business orders of the day shall take precedence over general business notices of motion on alternate Thursdays.

*(Agreed to 22 November 2010 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee's fourth report of 2010; continuation of temporary order agreed to 12 May and 24 November 2011.)*

**19 Senate consideration—Private senators' bills**

That general business order of the day no. 51 (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011) be considered on Thursday, 9 February 2012 under the temporary order relating to the consideration of private senators' bills.

*(Agreed to 7 February 2012.)*

**Meeting of Senate**

**20 Meeting of Senate**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2012 be as follows:

**Autumn sittings:**

Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February  
Monday, 27 February to Thursday, 1 March  
Tuesday, 13 March to Thursday, 15 March  
Monday, 19 March to Thursday, 22 March

**Budget sittings:**

Tuesday, 8 May to Thursday, 10 May

**Winter sittings:**

Monday, 18 June to Thursday, 21 June  
Monday, 25 June to Thursday, 28 June

**Spring sittings:**

Tuesday, 14 August to Thursday, 16 August  
Monday, 20 August to Thursday, 23 August  
Monday, 10 September to Thursday, 13 September  
Monday, 17 September to Thursday, 20 September  
Tuesday, 9 October to Thursday, 11 October

Monday, 29 October to Thursday, 1 November  
 Monday, 19 November to Thursday, 22 November  
 Monday, 26 November to Thursday, 29 November.

*(Agreed to 1 November 2011.)*

## Orders for production of documents

### 21 Taxation—Henry Tax Review—Superannuation—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
- (i) the Henry Tax Review made a number of recommendations in relation to superannuation,
  - (ii) those recommendations were not adopted by either the Rudd or Gillard Governments which pursued proposals criticised in the context of the Henry Tax Review,
  - (iii) the Government so far has not released any of the Treasury modelling or other relevant information and advice about the impact of those Henry Tax Review recommendations, and
  - (iv) release of that information is in the public interest to enable a fully informed community discussion about the best way forward for superannuation;
- (b) calls on the Government to honour its stated commitment to openness and transparency and release all the information it holds about the Henry Tax Review recommendations on superannuation forthwith; and
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by noon on Thursday, 30 September 2010:
- (i) any modelling, assessments or advice generated on superannuation-related issues for the purposes of the Henry Tax Review before it finalised its report and recommendations,
  - (ii) any Treasury modelling, assessments and advice to the Government about the impact of the Henry Tax Review's recommendations on superannuation, and
  - (iii) any other information held by the Government about the superannuation-related recommendations in the Henry Tax Review.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 29 September 2010; document tabled 30 September 2010.)*

### 22 Taxation—Mining tax—Revenue estimates—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
- (i) the Government continues to hide key assumptions it has used to estimate revenue from its original as well as its revised mining tax proposals,
  - (ii) since the last sitting of the Senate, the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy repeatedly sought information from the Government about changes it made to those assumptions between the 2010-11 Budget and the announcement of the new proposed mining tax arrangements on 2 July 2010,

- (iii) the committee specifically sought information about changes to commodity price, production volume, exchange rate assumptions and any other variables relevant to its mining tax revenue estimates,
- (iv) the information sought by the committee is published by the Western Australian State Government in its budget papers as a matter of course,
- (v) the Government did not allow the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury (Dr Henry) to provide that information even when he appeared before the committee for a second time on 13 July 2010,
- (vi) the Prime Minister (Ms Gillard) to this day has not responded to Senator Cormann's letter, dated 12 July 2010, asking for this information to be released,
- (vii) the Treasurer (Mr Swan) has since conceded that:
  - (A) under the revised assumptions, the original Resource Super Profits Tax (RSPT) proposal would have raised approximately \$24 billion over the forward estimates rather than the \$12 billion revenue estimate contained in the Budget,
  - (B) a massive \$6 billion out of the \$10.5 billion revised mining tax revenue estimate was based on changes to government assumptions, and
  - (C) under the original assumptions, the Mineral Resource Rent Tax (MRRT) or expanded Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) would only have raised \$4 billion over the forward estimates, and
- (viii) the release of all relevant government assumptions is necessary to enable proper scrutiny of the Government's mining tax proposal and that, as such, release of that information is in the public interest;
- (b) calls on the Government to honour its stated commitment to openness and transparency and release all the information it holds about mining tax revenue estimates forthwith; and
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by 5 pm on Thursday, 30 September 2010 all the Government's assumptions used to estimate:
  - (i) the revenue from the RSPT as contained in the 2010-11 Budget, including but not limited to, the assumptions on commodity prices, production volumes and exchange rates, and
  - (ii) the revenue from and overall fiscal impact of the MRRT/expanded PRRT arrangement announced on 2 July 2010, including all changes to assumptions used for the 2010-11 Budget.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 30 September 2010; document tabled 30 September 2010.)*

### **23 Taxation—Mining tax—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the Government conducted negotiations about its revised mining tax with BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Xstrata in secret before entering into an agreement about this new mining tax proposal with those three companies only,
  - (ii) approximately 99 per cent of the mining industry was excluded from those secret mining tax negotiations, and

- (iii) in its haste to reach a new deal quickly, the Government gave those three companies an unfair competitive advantage, including by:
  - (A) allowing them to directly influence the ultimate design of the new tax while excluding their competitors,
  - (B) using data provided by those three companies on commodity prices, production volumes and other key assumptions, and
  - (C) giving them preferential access to inside information about Government assumptions and thought processes around the new tax;
- (b) considers that:
  - (i) information made available by the Government to those three companies should be made available to everyone,
  - (ii) any data provided by those three companies for use in any Treasury modelling of the revised mining tax proposals should be publicly released, and
  - (iii) all parts of any agreement between the Government and those three companies about the revised mining tax arrangements, including any schedules and other attachments, should be publicly available; and
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by 5 pm on Thursday, 30 September 2010:
  - (i) any information held by the Government related to the negotiations and agreement about the new mining tax proposal announced on 2 July 2010, including but not limited to, briefing notes, e-mails, data provided to the Government by BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Xstrata and any other information generated in the context of the negotiations about the new mining tax proposal, and
  - (ii) a copy of the signed heads-of-agreement on the new mining tax proposal between the Government and BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Xstrata.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 30 September 2010; document tabled 30 September 2010.)*

**24 Taxation—Mining tax—Government estimates—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the executive director of the Revenue Group in the Department of the Treasury (Mr David Parker) told the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy on 5 July 2010 that the department:
    - (A) had assessed where the \$10.5 billion estimated revenue from the revised mining tax was expected to come from ‘by commodity’, and
    - (B) had not assessed where that revenue would come from on a state-by-state basis, but that ‘it would not be a difficult piece of analysis to do’,
  - (ii) despite repeated requests since, the Government has refused to provide that information,

- (iii) this information is required to properly assess and scrutinise the impact of the proposed mining tax on the economy, jobs and on individual states and territories and individual sectors of the resources industry,
  - (iv) furthermore, the Rudd and Gillard Governments made a commitment that funding from the mining tax related 'infrastructure fund' would be allocated to individual states and territories based on the level of mining tax revenue raised in those jurisdictions, and
  - (v) as such, information about where the revenue is expected to come from on a state-by-state and territory basis is necessary to properly scrutinise whether, and ensure that, individual jurisdictions would receive a fair share of funding from that fund; and
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table by 5 pm on Thursday, 30 September 2010:
- (i) government estimates of where the \$12 billion in revenue from the Resource Super Profits Tax was expected to come from by commodity and by state and territory, and
  - (ii) government estimates of where the \$10.5 billion in revenue from the Minerals Resource Rent Tax/expanded Petroleum Resource Rent Tax is expected to come from by commodity and by state and territory.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 30 September 2010; document tabled 30 September 2010.)*

**25 Taxation—Mining tax—Revenue estimates—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the Government has refused to provide information requested by the Senate about key assumptions it has used to estimate revenue from its original as well as its revised mining tax proposals,
  - (ii) specifically, the Government has refused to provide information about changes to commodity price, production volume and exchange rate assumptions and any other variables relevant to its mining tax revenue estimates,
  - (iii) in its response to the relevant order of the Senate, the Government justified its refusal to provide the information on the basis that, 'commodity price forecasts underpinning the terms of trade forecasts are based in part on information provided by companies that is commercial in confidence. Disclosure of these individual commodity price forecasts may therefore prejudice negotiations between private companies',
  - (iv) the information sought by the Senate is published by the Western Australian State Government in its budget papers as a matter of course, and
  - (v) information published by the Western Australian Government includes its commodity price assumptions developed after relevant information about commodity price expectations is obtained from relevant mining companies, which includes at least some of the companies involved in the mining tax negotiations with the Federal Government;

- (b) based on the Government's response does not accept that there are any legitimate public interest grounds for the Government to refuse to provide the requested information;
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by noon on Thursday, 28 October 2010:
  - (i) all the Government assumptions used to estimate the revenue from the Resource Super Profits Tax as contained in the 2010-11 budget, including, but not limited to, the assumptions on commodity prices, production volumes and exchange rates, and
  - (ii) all the Government assumptions used to estimate the revenue from and overall fiscal impact of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax/expanded Petroleum Resource Rent Tax arrangement announced on 2 July 2010, including all changes to assumptions used for the 2010-11 budget;
- (d) notes the agreements between the Government and other parties and independents to refer disputes about public interest disclosures to the Information Commissioner, who will arbitrate on the release of documents; and
- (e) orders that, if the Government does not produce the information required by this order within the specified timeframe, there be laid on the table by 15 November 2010, a report on the matter by the Information Commissioner, including a review of the adequacy of the grounds specified by the Government for its refusal to produce the information and, if applicable, his arbitration on the release of the information.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 26 October 2010; documents tabled 28 October 2010 and 15 November 2010; document certified 3 February 2011 and tabled 9 February 2011.)*

## 26 Taxation—Mining tax—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the Government has refused to provide any of the information requested by the Senate about its negotiations with BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Xstrata on the revised mining tax proposal,
  - (ii) in relation to some of the information only, the Government justified its refusal in its response to the relevant Senate order on the basis that, 'Data and other material provided to the Treasury as part of negotiations around the MRRT are considered to be commercial in confidence',
  - (iii) no justification was provided by the Government as to why release of any of the other information was not in the public interest, and
  - (iv) specifically, no reason was provided by the Government as to why the release of the signed heads-of-agreement between the Government and BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Xstrata would not be in the public interest;
- (b) considers release of all the information requested on the negotiations between the Government and BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Xstrata about the revised mining tax proposal to be in the public interest;
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by noon on Thursday, 28 October 2010:

- (i) any information held by the Government related to the negotiations and agreement about the new mining tax proposal announced on 2 July 2010, including, but not limited to, briefing notes, emails, data provided to the Government by BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Xstrata and any other information generated in the context of the negotiations about the new mining tax proposal, and
  - (ii) a copy of the signed heads-of-agreement on the new mining tax proposal between the Government and BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Xstrata;
- (d) notes the agreements between the Government and other parties and independents to refer disputes about public interest disclosures to the Information Commissioner, who will arbitrate on the release of documents; and
- (e) orders that, if the Government does not produce the information required by this order within the specified timeframe, there be laid on the table by 15 November 2010, a report on the matter by the Information Commissioner, including a review of the adequacy of the grounds specified by the Government for its refusal to produce the information and, if applicable, his arbitration on the release of the information.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 26 October 2010; documents tabled 28 October 2010 and 15 November 2010; document certified 3 February 2011 and tabled 9 February 2011.)*

**27 Taxation—Mining tax—Government estimates—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the Government has ignored a request by the Senate for information about where the \$10.5 billion in estimated revenue from the mining tax over the 2010-11 forward estimates is expected to come from, by commodity and on a state and territory basis, and
  - (ii) in what appears to be a consolidated response to three separate orders of the Senate for the production of documents the Government did not provide any of the information requested in the relevant order, nor did the Government provide any explanation as to why release of this information would not be in the public interest;
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table by noon on Thursday, 28 October 2010:
  - (i) the Government estimates of where the \$12 billion in revenue from the Resource Super Profits Tax was expected to come from, by commodity and by state and territory, and
  - (ii) the Government estimates of where the \$10.5 billion in revenue from the Minerals Resource Rent Tax/expanded Petroleum Resource Rent Tax is expected to come from, by commodity and by state and territory;
- (c) notes the agreements between the Government and other parties and independents to refer disputes about public interest disclosures to the Information Commissioner, who will arbitrate on the release of documents; and

- (d) orders that, if the Government does not produce the information required by this order within the specified timeframe, there be laid on the table by 15 November 2010, a report on the matter by the Information Commissioner, including a review of the adequacy of the grounds specified by the Government for its refusal to produce the information and, if applicable, his arbitration on the release of the information.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 26 October 2010; documents tabled 28 October 2010 and 15 November 2010; document certified 3 February 2011 and tabled 9 February 2011.)*

**28 Superannuation—Productivity Commission report—Order for production of document**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
- (i) the current process to select default superannuation funds under modern awards is not transparent, not objective or evidence based, not competitive and not subject to systematic review,
  - (ii) the top ten most commonly listed default funds under modern awards are all union based industry super funds, with these ten funds listed as default super funds in modern awards 330 times,
  - (iii) the Cooper Review into superannuation also confirmed that current default superannuation fund arrangements undermined competition as new employees typically become a member of a default fund, and
  - (iv) a competitive, transparent and efficient superannuation industry is critically important to maximise value for all superannuants;
- (b) endorses the Labor Party's commitment before the 2010 election to instruct the Productivity Commission to design a process for the selection and ongoing review of the superannuation funds to be included in modern awards or enterprise agreements as default funds; and
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table, no later than 31 May 2011, a report by the Productivity Commission on the design of a process for the selection and ongoing review of the superannuation funds to be included in modern awards or enterprise agreements as default funds, with the requirements that:
- (i) the process is to be based on objective criteria and evidence and be subject to systematic review, so that the selection and ongoing review of eligible default funds is transparent and competitive,
  - (ii) the process is to help maximise employees' retirement incomes by ensuring that only those superannuation funds that deliver – and continue to deliver – the best results to their members are able to be included as default fund options in modern awards and enterprise agreements, and
  - (iii) in designing the process the Productivity Commission make reference to the existing sophisticated system of superannuation fund ratings which has evolved over the past 20 years and is already used widely by employees, employers and financial planners in making decisions on fund selection.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 16 November 2010; documents tabled 9 February and 17 August 2011.)*

**29 Health—GST Agreement—Proposed variation—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the Government, as part of its changes to the health system, is proposing to fundamentally alter the *Intergovernmental Agreement on the Reform of Commonwealth-State Financial Relations* (1999 GST Agreement) with the clear opposition of at least one state – Western Australia, and
  - (ii) clause 44 of the 1999 GST Agreement states: ‘All questions arising in the Ministerial Council will be determined by unanimous agreement unless otherwise specified in this Agreement’; and
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table by 5 pm on Thursday 18 November 2010, any advice (including legal advice and advice from the Solicitor-General or the Australian Government Solicitor) to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet or the Department of the Treasury, or advice from these departments to their respective Ministers, concerning the need for unanimous agreement to vary the GST Agreement.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 17 November 2010; document tabled 18 November 2010; document presented 6 December 2010 and tabled 9 February 2011.)*

**30 Communications—National Broadband Network—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy), by 17 November 2010, the following documents relating to the National Broadband Network:

- (a) the National Broadband Network Business plan; and
- (b) the Government’s response to the McKinsey and Company and KPMG Implementation Study.

*(Motion of Senators Ludlam and Birmingham agreed to 17 November 2010.)*

**31 Education—Building the Education Revolution—Cost data—Order for production of documents**

That—

- (a) the Senate notes recommendation 1 of the interim report of the Building the Education Revolution (BER) Implementation Taskforce (the Orgill report), which reads as follows, ‘In the interest of transparency and public accountability, the Taskforce recommends that each education authority publish school specific project cost data related to BER P21 in a nationally common structure with consistent definitions’; and
- (b) in the interest of transparency and public accountability in relation to the BER program, there be laid on the table no later than Tuesday, 23 November 2010, school specific project cost data related to each BER P21 school project, in a nationally common structure with consistent definitions.

*(Motion of Senator Mason agreed to 18 November 2010; document tabled 23 November 2010.)*

**32 Communications—National Broadband Network—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy), by 22 November 2010, the following documents relating to the National Broadband Network:

- (a) the complete text of the departmental ‘Red Book’ advice provided to the incoming Government about the National Broadband Network (NBN), including text ‘blacked out’ in the version of the ‘Red Book’ publicly released on 16 November 2010 and, including in particular, text reflecting NBN Co’s view of any recommendations made in the McKinsey and Company and KPMG Implementation Study;
- (b) in respect of sites chosen for early roll-out of the NBN:
  - (i) the criteria (including engineering advice) used as the basis for choosing each of the stage 1 and seven stage 2 sites in Tasmania (to which the Minister referred to in Senate Estimates on 25 May 2010), and
  - (ii) the ‘commercial, construction and local authority acceptance criteria’ (to which reference is made on p. 12 of the NBN Co annual report for 2009-10, tabled in the Senate on 15 November 2010) used as the basis for choosing each of the first and second release sites around the rest of Australia; and
- (c) the agreed set of enterprise bargaining agreement principles ‘signed and agreed by the ACTU, coordinating right through with the CEPU and a range of other unions’ (to which the Minister referred to in Senate Question Time on 15 November 2010) and on which the Minister based his reassurance (also made during Senate Question Time on 15 November 2010) that ‘there is no suggestion at all that there would be a wages blow-out’ in rolling out the NBN.

*(Motion of Senator Fisher agreed to 18 November 2010; document tabled 23 November 2010.)*

**33 Health—GST Agreement—Proposed variation—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate:

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the Government has refused to provide the information requested by the Senate in relation to advice to Government about the requirement for unanimous agreement from all parties to change the GST arrangements,
  - (ii) the Government did not justify its refusal by pointing to a recognised public interest ground and by explaining any harm to the public interest from releasing that information,
  - (iii) both the 1999 *Intergovernmental Agreement on the Reform of Commonwealth-State Financial Relations* (GST Agreement) as well as the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations* in 2008 require unanimous agreement from all parties to make any changes to GST arrangements,
  - (iv) there is no unanimous agreement to change the GST arrangements, and

- (v) in its Incoming Government Brief, Treasury advised the Government that ‘Western Australia has indicated that it is not prepared to agree to proposed amendments to the IGA notwithstanding that they preserve the current arrangements for Western Australia’ and that ‘as changes can only be made to the IGA by unanimous agreement of all parties, alternative approaches may need to be considered to give effect to the financing arrangements for other jurisdictions’;
- (b) orders again that there be laid on the table by 5 pm on Thursday, 25 November 2010, any advice (including legal advice and advice from the Solicitor-General or the Australian Government Solicitor) to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet or the Department of the Treasury, or advice from these departments to their respective Ministers, concerning the need for unanimous agreement to vary GST arrangements;
- (c) notes the agreements between the Government and other parties and independents to refer disputes about public interest disclosures to the Information Commissioner, who will arbitrate on the release of documents; and
- (d) orders that, if the Government does not produce the information required by this order within the specified timeframe, there be laid on the table by 15 December 2010, a report on the matter by the Information Commissioner, including a review of the adequacy of the grounds specified by the Government for its refusal to produce the information and, if applicable his arbitration on the release of the information.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 23 November 2010; document tabled 6 December 2010; documents certified 23 December 2010 and 3 February 2011 and tabled 9 February 2011.)*

**34 Environment—Home Insulation Safety Program—Foil Insulation Safety Program—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table, no later than noon on Thursday, 25 November 2010:

- (a) the full rate of defects discovered under both the Home Insulation Safety Program and the Foil Insulation Safety Program, including:
  - (i) the number and percentage of roofs found to be unsafe,
  - (ii) the number and percentage of roofs found to be faulty or substandard,
  - (iii) the number and percentage of roofs found to be flawed, unsafe or substandard in any way,
  - (iv) the number and percentage of roofs rectified,
  - (v) the cost of repairing the faulty, substandard or unsafe insulation, and
  - (vi) the total amount of money paid by the Australian Government to insulation companies for faulty, substandard, flawed or unsafe insulation; and
- (b) information on the asbestos problem discovered under the Home Insulation Program, in particular:
  - (i) the number of roofs containing asbestos that received insulation,
  - (ii) any specific warnings of asbestos risk given to installers prior to fitting the insulation, and

- (iii) steps being taken to manage the asbestos risk for safety inspectors assessing roofs.

*(Motion of Senator Birmingham agreed to 24 November 2010; document presented 6 December 2010 and tabled 9 February 2011.)*

**35 Education—Building the Education Revolution—Bilateral agreements—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the Australian Government has entered into separate bilateral agreements with the states and territories and with Block Grant Authorities (BGAs) in relation to the expenditure of funding granted under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program,
  - (ii) the language in the agreements with the states and territories differs from the language in the agreements with the BGAs with respect to the Australian Government's ability to withhold, suspend or recover monies in the event that the funding is not expended for the purposes of the program and in accordance with the BER Guidelines, and
  - (iii) the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations indicated at a Senate estimates hearing in October 2010 that the Commonwealth has obtained legal advice that confirms that, notwithstanding the differences in language in the agreements, under each of the two types of agreements the Commonwealth has the power to withhold or recover monies; and
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 10 February 2011, a copy of the legal advice relied on by the Government to reach this conclusion.

*(Motion of the Chair of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee (Senator Back) agreed to 9 February 2011; document tabled 10 February 2011.)*

**36 Law and Justice—Water Act 2007—Legal interpretation—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
  - (i) the conflicting and confusing positions of the Labor Government in regards to the legal interpretation of the *Water Act 2007*,
  - (ii) that the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities tabled legal advice from the Australian Government Solicitor in the House of Representatives on 25 October 2010 stating that, 'The nature of the decision-making in relation to the Plan involves the application of broad concepts and there is therefore scope for the consideration of how economic, social and environmental outcomes should be optimised',
  - (iii) that the Chairman of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, Mr Mike Taylor, responded by stating that this advice disagrees with previous advice the Authority had received stating, '... clearly the advice we'd had to date had indicated that we were obliged to meet the requirements of adhering to international agreement, and ensuring that we met the environmental flows required to maintain and

restore key environmental assets and key ecosystems, and that it was not subject to social and economic impacts’, and

- (iv) that, in a statement on 26 October 2010, the Authority revealed that this advice had come from the Minister’s Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, in close consultation with the Australian Government Solicitor for legal interpretation; and
- (b) resolves that, to clear up the confusion on the legal interpretation, and the consequent effect that is having on the prospects for jobs and investment in Basin communities, there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, no later than Thursday, 10 February 2011, all the advice that the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, the Minister’s office and the Australian Government Solicitor have received or provided on this matter.

*(Motion of the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce) agreed to 9 February 2011; document tabled 10 February 2011.)*

**37 Superannuation—Productivity Commission report—Order for production of document**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
  - (i) the response by the Chairman of the Productivity Commission to an order of the Senate seeking a report by the Commission on the design of a process for the selection and ongoing review of the superannuation funds, which was agreed to by the Senate on 16 November 2010,
  - (ii) that in a letter to the Clerk of the Senate the Chairman of the Productivity Commission expressed the view that in his understanding ‘such a report would need to be commissioned by the Assistant Treasurer’,
  - (iii) that like the Australian Information Commissioner, the Chairman of the Productivity Commission appears to have confused a legitimate order of a House of the Australian Parliament for the production of a document, with a request to perform a specific function under his enabling statute, and
  - (iv) with increasing concern this recently emerging trend of statutory agencies established by the Parliament failing to understand valid orders of the Senate and thereby threatening to interfere with the free exercise by the Senate of its authority and functions;
- (b) advises the Productivity Commissioner as follows:
  - (i) that under section 49 of the Constitution the Senate has the undisputed power to order the production of documents necessary for its information, a power which encompasses documents already in existence and documents required to be created for the purpose of complying with the order,
  - (ii) this power may be modified only by express statutory declaration, as required by section 49 of the Constitution,

- (iii) nothing in the *Productivity Commission Act 1998* is expressed as a declaration for the purpose of section 49 that would have the effect of limiting the exercise of the power by the Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament in respect of the Productivity Commission,
  - (iv) multiple resolutions of the Senate affirm the principle that information may be withheld from it only following consideration by the Senate of a properly founded claim of public interest immunity, and
  - (v) the Senate has on numerous occasions exercised its power to require statutory agencies and officers to produce information in response to orders; and
- (c) again orders the Productivity Commission to provide the report requested by the Senate consistent with its order agreed to on 16 November 2010.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 10 February 2011; documents tabled 17 August 2011.)*

**38 Estimates hearings—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Questions on notice—Answers to questions to Education portfolio—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table no later than 18 May 2011, the answers to the 159 questions placed on notice that remain outstanding.

*(Motion of Senator Back agreed to 12 May 2011.)*

**39 Taxation—Mining tax—Fiscal impact—Order for production of documents**

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the Government has so far failed to answer questions on notice and during Senate estimates about the long-term fiscal impact of the Budget measures related to the proposed introduction of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax (MRRT) and the expanded Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT), and
  - (ii) the Government has released under freedom of information Treasury modelling of the expected MRRT revenue between 2012-13 and 2020-21; and
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table by noon on Wednesday, 22 June 2011, details of the fiscal impact for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2020-21 for each specific measure related to the imposition of the MRRT and expanded PRRT, including:
  - (i) the proposed increase in the Superannuation Guarantee levy from 9 per cent to 12 per cent,
  - (ii) the proposed Regional Infrastructure Fund,
  - (iii) the proposed reduction in the company tax rate,
  - (iv) the proposed new write-off measures for small business,
  - (v) the proposed standard income tax deduction, and
  - (vi) any other proposed Budget measures related to the MRRT/PRRT.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 21 June 2011; document tabled 23 June 2011.)*

**40 Trade—New Zealand—Import protocol for apples—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) orders that all documents associated with the development of the import protocol for apples from New Zealand be laid on the table by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry by 5 pm on Thursday, 30 June 2011, including:
- (i) all details of the Integrated Fruit Production System that forms the basis of on farm management of fireblight and other diseases in orchards producing apples for export to Australia, including a copy of the Integrated Fruit Production Manual,
  - (ii) documents referred to in the *Draft report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for apples from New Zealand* (May 2011) (the draft report), including:
    - (A) Biosecurity Services Group (2011) *Trip Report: Apple production practices in Hawkes Bay and Nelson, New Zealand*, March 6–11, Biosecurity Services Group, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Canberra,
    - (B) Japan Regulations (2007) *Plant Quarantine Enforcement: Detailed Regulation Concerning Fresh Apple Fruit Produced in New Zealand*, July 2007,
    - (C) Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry New Zealand (2011) *Correspondence sent from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to Plant Biosecurity*, 8 April 2011, and
    - (D) Rogers DJ (2008): *Correspondence sent from Dr DJ Rogers to the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry*, and
  - (iii) evidence of new science taken into account in preparing the draft report which was not referred to in the *Final Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand* (November 2006),
  - (iv) records of communications between Biosecurity Australia or the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry with:
    - (A) the Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs, or Minister for Trade about the draft report, or the review leading to the draft report, including all briefings provided to the Prime Minister concerning the review prior to her speech to the New Zealand Parliament on 16 February 2011 and all briefings provided to the Minister for Trade, Minister for Foreign Affairs or Prime Minister concerning the review prior to the Minister for Trade publishing the document ‘Gillard Government Trade Policy Statement: Trading our way to more jobs and prosperity’ in April 2011,
    - (B) the Director of Quarantine,
    - (C) the Government of New Zealand since the decision by the World Trade Organization in 2010, including ministers and New Zealand Government departments and agencies, and
    - (D) Pipfruit New Zealand Inc.,

- (v) all details of how ‘equivalence’ of other systems will be assessed and the process of consulting with Australian industry with regard to permission of other on farm systems,
- (vi) all details relating to the verification processes, including audit frequency, auditor qualifications/competency and registration, related to the Integrated Fruit Production System,
- (vii) all details of the historic efficacy of the Integrated Fruit Production System in containing, controlling and preventing the outbreak of fireblight and other diseases in apple orchards,
- (viii) all details of pack house management protocols for export of apples to Australia, including, but not limited to:
  - (A) details of testing and assessment of fruit maturity,
  - (B) maintenance of sanitary conditions in dump tank water,
  - (C) maintenance of high pressure water washing and brushing of fruit,
  - (D) good hygiene practices, and
  - (E) training of key personnel in the identification of fireblight and other diseases of concern to Australia,
- (ix) all details relating to the verification processes, including audit frequency, auditor qualifications/competency and registration, related to the pack house management protocols,
- (x) details of accreditation of auditors and certification bodies by independent bodies, such as JAS-ANZ [Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand],
- (xi) all details of inspection protocols at the border, including training, qualifications/competency and registration of inspectors, and
- (xii) mitigation measures for outbreaks of fireblight in export orchards; and
- (b) calls on the Government to extend to 4 August 2011 the period of public consultation by Biosecurity Australia on the draft report, to allow consideration of the documents referred to above.

*(Motion of Senator Colbeck agreed to 23 June 2011; documents presented 30 June 2011 and tabled 4 July 2011.)*

**41 Administration—Act of grace payments—Answer to question on notice—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the Government has refused to provide an answer to question on notice no. 671 regarding act of grace payments without properly raising a claim of public interest immunity; and
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table by noon on Tuesday, 23 August 2011, all information about:
  - (i) the number of act of grace payments approved by the Minister since 24 November 1996 where the department recommended against approval, and
  - (ii) the reason for approval, the date of approval and value of each of the above act of grace payments.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 22 August 2011; document tabled 23 August 2011.)*

**42 Taxation—Mineral Resource Rent Tax—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by noon on Tuesday, 8 November 2011:

- (a) for each of the following measures linked to the MRRT [Mineral Resource Rent Tax], the estimated budget expenditure and/or revenue foregone for each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2014-15 inclusive:
  - (i) superannuation guarantee increase (from 9 to 12 per cent),
  - (ii) superannuation tax rebate for low income earners,
  - (iii) 50 per cent discount on interest income,
  - (iv) increasing concessional contribution caps for over 50s,
  - (v) phasing down interest withholding on financial institutions,
  - (vi) early company tax cut for small business,
  - (vii) small business instant asset write-off,
  - (viii) standard deduction for work related expenses,
  - (ix) lowering company tax rate, and
  - (x) regional infrastructure fund;
- (b) for each of the measures listed above the methodology used for projecting these costs in 2013-14, 2014-15 and over the medium- to long-term, including (but not limited to) actual uplift/up rate factors for wages, prices and any other relevant factors;
- (c) the methodology used to project the cost of the proposed superannuation guarantee increase at \$3.6 billion in 2019-20, as cited in the 2010-11 Budget, Budget paper no. 2, p. 42; and
- (d) Treasury's assessment of the impact on estimated MRRT revenue for the period 2012-13 to 2014-15, and if available beyond, of state and territory government decisions taken since the release of the 2011-12 Budget to change royalty arrangements in relation to iron ore and coal.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 1 November 2011.)*

**43 Trade—Export of live cattle to Indonesia—Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by 5 pm on Thursday, 10 November 2011 by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig), all documents, including electronic communications, held by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, relating to the imposition, and subsequent extension, of the ban on the export of live cattle to Indonesia.

*(Motion of Senator Colbeck agreed to 3 November 2011; documents tabled 10 November 2011.)*

**44 Trade—Export of live cattle to Indonesia—Australian Government Solicitor—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by 5 pm on Thursday, 10 November 2011 by the Minister representing the Attorney-General (Senator Ludwig), all documents, including electronic communications, held by the Australian Government Solicitor, relating to the imposition, and subsequent extension, of the ban on the export of live cattle to Indonesia.

*(Motion of Senator Colbeck agreed to 3 November 2011; documents tabled 10 November 2011.)*

**45 Trade—Export of live cattle to Indonesia—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by 5 pm on Thursday, 10 November 2011 by the Minister representing the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Trade (Senator Conroy), all documents, including electronic communications, held by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, relating to the imposition, and subsequent extension, of the ban on the export of live cattle to Indonesia.

*(Motion of Senator Colbeck agreed to 3 November 2011; documents tabled 10 November 2011.)*

**46 Communications—Australia Network—Tender process—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, no later than noon on Thursday, 10 November 2011, all recommendations provided by the Australia Network tender assessment panel to the responsible minister or responsible departmental secretary since the commencement of the tender, the original advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding how the Australia Network contract should be awarded and the legal advice referred to by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy in question time on Tuesday, 8 November 2011.

*(Motion of Senators Birmingham and Ludlam agreed to 9 November 2011; statement by leave made 10 November 2011.)*

**Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments**

Date of order/mover	Subject	Addressed to	Action
15.05.08 Senator Minchin	Defence— Procurement projects	Minister representing the Minister for Defence	Document tabled 19.06.08
17.06.08 Senator Bernardi	Sport—Sports and recreation facilities— Grants		Document tabled 23.06.08
27.08.08 Senators Bernardi, Birmingham, Ferguson, Fisher and Minchin	Environment— Coorong and Lower Lakes		Statements by leave made 27.08.08 and 01.09.08
04.02.09 Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann)	Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme— Treasury modelling	Minister representing the Treasurer	Statements by leave made 05.02.09 and 11.02.09; document tabled 11.08.09
04.02.09 Senator Minchin	Communications— National Broadband Network	Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	
11.03.09 Senator Cormann	Health—Private health insurance— Reforms	Minister Representing the Minister for Health and Ageing	Documents tabled 16.03.09 and 12.05.09

Date of order/mover	Subject	Addressed to	Action
11.03.09 Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann)	Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme— Treasury modelling		Statement by leave made 17.03.09; document tabled 11.08.09
13.05.09 Senator Minchin	Communications— National Broadband Network  <b>Note:</b> paragraph (3) of the order lapsed at end of 42nd Parliament.		Documents tabled 26.10.09
18.06.09 Senator Fifield	Employment— Employment Services Contract 2009-12	Minister for Employment Participation	Documents tabled 22.06.09 and 11.08.09
25.06.09 Senator Xenophon	Economics— Productivity Commission— Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme		Documents tabled 11.08.09
18.08.09 Senator Cormann	Health— Chemotherapy treatment—Budget cuts	Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing	Statement by leave made 19.08.09; documents tabled 26.10.09
19.08.09 Senator Cormann	Health—Aged care providers—General Purpose Accounts	Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing	Documents tabled 20.08.09 and 26.10.09
27.10.09 Senator Birmingham	Environment— Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project	Minister for Climate Change and Water	
27.10.09 Senator Xenophon	Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme— Frontier Economics report	Minister representing the Treasurer	Document tabled 16.11.09
29.10.09 Senator Siewert	Environment— Montara oil spill	Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts	Documents tabled 16.11.09
17.11.09 Senator Cormann	Health—Aged care providers—General Purpose Accounts	Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing	Document tabled 18.11.09
17.11.09 Senator Cormann	Parliament—Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009—Legal advice	Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing	Documents tabled 18.11.09
17.11.09 Senator Milne	Environment— Geoscience Australia—Carbon dioxide storage sites		Document tabled 18.11.09

Date of order/mover	Subject	Addressed to	Action
18.11.09 Senator Fisher	Workplace Relations—Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009—Bilateral intergovernmental agreements	Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations	Documents tabled 19.11.09, 02.02.10, 04.02.10, and 11.05.10 Document presented 30.11.11 and tabled 07.02.12
23.11.09 Senator Cormann	Parliament—Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009—Legal advice	Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing	Document tabled 24.11.09
25.11.09 Senator Milne	Environment—Geoscience Australia—Carbon dioxide storage sites		Document tabled 26.11.09
26.11.09 Senators Cormann and Barnett	Health—National Preventative Health Taskforce report	Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing	Document tabled 02.02.10
02.02.10 Senator Fierravanti-Wells	Immigration—Asylum seekers— <i>Oceanic Viking</i>	Minister representing the Prime Minister	Documents tabled 03.02.10
03.02.10 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)	Foreign Affairs—Solomon Islands—Landholder agreements	Minister representing the Minister for Trade	Documents tabled 22.02.10
03.02.10 Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)	Taxation—Australia's Future Tax System Review Panel	Minister representing the Treasurer	Statement by leave made 04.02.10
23.02.10 Senator Cormann	Education—Education Services for Overseas Students Assurance Fund		Documents tabled 24.02.10 and 11.05.10
25.02.10 Senator Ludlam	Environment—Commonwealth radioactive waste dump	Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy	Documents tabled 11.03.10 and 15.03.10
11.03.10 Senator Ludlam	Communications—National Broadband Network Implementation Study	Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	Statement by leave made 17.03.10; document tabled 11.05.10
17.03.10 Senators Cormann and Birmingham	Economics—Home insulation program		
17.03.10 Senator Minchin	Communications—National Broadband Network Implementation Study	Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	

<b>Date of order/mover</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>	<b>Action</b>
11.05.10 Senator Fierravanti-Wells	Health—Therapeutic groups		Documents tabled 12.05.10, 16.06.10 and 17.06.10
12.05.10 Chair of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee (Senator Cash)	Education—Primary schools	Minister representing the Treasurer	Document tabled 13.05.10
12.05.10 Senator Birmingham	Environment—Green Loans program	Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water	Document tabled 13.05.10
12.05.10 Senator Birmingham	Environment—Home Insulation Program	Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts	Documents tabled 15.06.10
12.05.10 Senator Birmingham	Environment—Home Insulation Program	Minister representing the Prime Minister	Documents tabled 15.06.10
12.05.10 Senator Ludlam	Foreign Affairs—Papua New Guinea Liquefied Natural Gas Project	Minister representing the Minister for Trade	Document tabled 16.06.10
12.05.10 Senator Siewert	Environment—Mako shark and porbeagle shark	Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts	Document tabled 13.05.10
13.05.10 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)	Taxation—Australia's Future Tax System—Government's response	Minister representing the Treasurer	Documents tabled 15.06.10
16.06.10 Senator Milne	Finance—Fossil fuel subsidies		
22.06.10 Senator Ludlam	Environment—Packaging and beverage container waste management	Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts	Document tabled 24.06.10
22.06.10 Senator Ronaldson	Administration—Advertising campaign—Exemption from guidelines	Special Minister of State and Cabinet Secretary	Document tabled 23.06.10
22.06.10 Senator Birmingham	Environment—Energy Efficiency task force—Report	Minister representing the Prime Minister	Document tabled 23.06.10

## Parliament

### 47 Meeting of Parliament—‘Welcome to Country’ ceremony

That the Senate is of the view that the declaration of the opening of Parliament should be preceded by an Indigenous ‘Welcome to Country’ ceremony.

*(Agreed to 23 June 2010.)*

## Question time

### 48 Modified rules for question time—Temporary order

That the following modified rules for question time continue to operate as a temporary order, in conjunction with standing orders 72 and 73, until 30 June 2012:

- (a) primary questions shall be limited to one minute and answers to them to two minutes;
- (b) two supplementary questions shall be allowed to each questioner, each supplementary question shall be limited to thirty seconds and the answers to them to one minute each; and
- (c) answers shall be directly relevant to each question.

*(Agreed to 25 November 2009; continuation of temporary order agreed to 28 October 2010 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s third report of 2010, 1 March 2011, 24 March 2011 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2011, 12 May and 24 November 2011.)*

## Senate

### 49 Appropriations—Ordinary annual services of the Government

That, in accordance with the recommendation made in the 50th Report of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee, the Senate resolves:

- (1) To reaffirm its constitutional right to amend proposed laws appropriating revenue or moneys for expenditure on all matters not involving the ordinary annual services of the Government.
- (2) That appropriations for expenditure on:
  - (a) the construction of public works and buildings;
  - (b) the acquisition of sites and buildings;
  - (c) items of plant and equipment which are clearly definable as capital expenditure (but not including the acquisition of computers or the fitting out of buildings);
  - (d) grants to the states under section 96 of the Constitution;
  - (e) new policies not previously authorised by special legislation;
  - (f) items regarded as equity injections and loans; and
  - (g) existing asset replacement (which is to be regarded as depreciation),

are not appropriations for the ordinary annual services of the Government and that proposed laws for the appropriation of revenue or moneys for expenditure on the said matters shall be presented to the Senate in a separate appropriation bill subject to amendment by the Senate.

- (3) That, in respect of payments to international organisations:
  - (a) the initial payment in effect represents a new policy decision and therefore should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 2); and
  - (b) subsequent payments represent a continuing government activity of supporting the international organisation and therefore represent an ordinary annual service and should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 1).
- (4) That all appropriation items for continuing activities for which appropriations have been made in the past be regarded as part of ordinary annual services.

(Agreed to 22 June 2010.)

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## CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

### **Auditor-General's reports—Consideration**

- 1 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Senator Xenophon**

To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

### **Conduct of business**

- 2 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.
- 3 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Senator Xenophon**

To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

### Formal business

- 4 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

### Government documents

- 5 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Senator Xenophon**

To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

### Limitation of time

- Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Senator Xenophon**

- 6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.
- 7 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.
- 8 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

### Legislation

#### **Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2010**

- 9 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move (contingent on business being called on)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2010 having precedence over all government business until determined.

### Matters of urgency

- 10 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.
- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Senator Xenophon**  
 To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

### Order of business

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Senator Xenophon**  
 To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the *Notice Paper*.

### Questions without notice

- 13 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Senator Xenophon**  
 To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

### Statements

- 14 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Senator Xenophon**  
 To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

### **Tabling of documents**

- 15 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Senator Xenophon**

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

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## **TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

Senators Adams, Back, Bishop, Boyce, Cameron, Crossin, Fawcett, Fisher, Furner, Ludlam, Marshall, Moore, Pratt and Stephens

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## **CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES**

### **Standing Committees**

- **Legislative and General Purpose (including Legislation and References Committees)**
  - Community Affairs
  - Economics
  - Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
  - Environment and Communications
  - Finance and Public Administration
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
  - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
- **Legislative Scrutiny**
  - Regulations and Ordinances
  - Scrutiny of Bills
- **Standing (Domestic)**
  - Appropriations and Staffing
  - House
  - Library
  - Privileges
  - Procedure
  - Publications
  - Selection of Bills
  - Senators' Interests

**Select Committees**

- Agricultural and Related Industries (final report presented 23 August 2010 and tabled 28 September 2010)
- Australia's Food Processing Sector
- Fuel and Energy (final report presented 30 August 2010 and tabled 28 September 2010)
- Reform of the Australian Federation (report presented 30 June 2011 and tabled 4 July 2011)
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities (final report presented 24 September 2010 and tabled 28 September 2010)
- Scrutiny of New Taxes (final report tabled 1 November 2011)

**Joint Committees**▪ **Select**

- Australia's Clean Energy Future Legislation (report presented 7 October 2011 and tabled 11 October 2011)
- Australia's Immigration Detention Network
- Christmas Island tragedy of 15 December 2010 (report presented 29 June 2011 and tabled 4 July 2011)
- Cyber Safety
- Gambling Reform
- Parliamentary Budget Office (report tabled 23 March 2011)

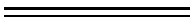
▪ **Standing**

- Electoral Matters
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
- Migration
- National Broadband Network
- National Capital and External Territories
- Parliamentary Library
- Treaties

▪ **Statutory**

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
- Australian Crime Commission (replaced by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement with the commencement of the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010* on 24 November 2010)
- Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings
- Corporations and Financial Services
- Intelligence and Security
- Law Enforcement (replaced the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission with the commencement of the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010* on 24 November 2010)
- Public Accounts and Audit
- Public Works

Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.



## COMMITTEES

### **Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/agric\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/agric_ctte/index.htm)

(final report presented 23 August 2010 and tabled 28 September 2010)

#### *Reports presented*

The incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia (presented to the President on 13 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010)

Food production in Australia—Final report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 23 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010)

### **Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP\\_CTTE/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP_CTTE/index.htm)

#### *Members*

The President (*Chairman*), the Leader of the Government in the Senate and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Faulkner, Lundy, Parry, Sherry, Williams and Xenophon

#### *Reports presented*

51st report—Annual report 2009-10 (tabled 27 October 2010)

52nd report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2011-12 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 24 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011)

Annual report 2010-11 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 23 December 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2012)

### **Australia's Clean Energy Future Legislation—Joint Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscacefl/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscacefl/index.htm)

(appointed 14 September 2011; report presented 7 October 2011 and tabled 11 October 2011)

#### *Members*

Ms AE Burke (*Chair*), Senator Milne (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Birmingham, Cormann, Pratt and Urquhart and Mr Bandt, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Christensen, Mrs Gash, Mr Husic, Mr Ripoll, Mr ADH Smith and Mr Windsor

#### *Report presented*

Advisory report on the Clean Energy Bills and the Steel Transformation Bill 2011 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Stephens, on 7 October 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 October 2011)

### **Australia's Food Processing Sector—Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/foodprocessing\\_ctte/foodprocessing/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/foodprocessing_ctte/foodprocessing/index.htm)

(appointed 24 March 2011; reporting date: 30 June 2012)

*Members*

Senator Colbeck (*Chair*), Senator Madigan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Edwards, Fisher, Ryan, Stephens, Sterle, Urquhart and Xenophon

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Cormann, Crossin, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Gallacher, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Scullion, Thistlethwaite and Williams

**Australia's Immigration Detention Network—Joint Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/immigration\\_detention\\_cte/immigration\\_detention/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/immigration_detention_cte/immigration_detention/index.htm)  
(appointed 16 June 2011; resolution of appointment varied 22 June 2011; final reporting date: 30 March 2012)

*Members*

Mr Melham (*Chair*), Senator Hanson-Young (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bernardi, Cash, Crossin and Sterle and Mr Bandt, Mr Keenan, Mr Morrison, Mr Oakeshott and Ms Vamvakinou

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bushby, Colbeck, Cormann, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Macdonald, Mason, McKenzie, Nash, Parry, Payne, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion and Williams and Mr Briggs, Mr Entsch and Mrs Griggs

*Report presented*

Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Stephens, on 7 October 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 October 2011)

**Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei\\_cte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei_cte/index.htm)

*Members*

Ms Parke (*Chair*), Senator Macdonald (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cameron, Parry, Singh and Wright and Mr Hayes, Mr Matheson, Mr Simpkins and Mr Zappia

*Current inquiry*

Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations (*adopted 6 December 2011*)

*Reports presented*

Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2009-10 (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Inquiry into the operation of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*—Final report (*tabled 7 July 2011*)

Integrity testing (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

**Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc_ctte/index.htm)

(replaced by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement with the commencement of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010 on 24 November 2010)

**Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcbpp/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcbpp/index.htm)

*Members*

The President and the Speaker, and Senators Carol Brown and Parry and Mr Coulton, Mr Hayes, Mr Murphy, Mr Roy and Ms Vamvakinou

**Christmas Island tragedy of 15 December 2010—Joint Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/christmas\\_island\\_ctte/christmas\\_island/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/christmas_island_ctte/christmas_island/index.htm)

(appointed 2 March 2011; report presented 29 June 2011 and tabled 4 July 2011)

*Members*

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), Mr Keenan (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cash, Crossin and Hanson-Young and Mr Champion, Mr Husic, Mrs Markus and Mr Perrett

*Report presented*

Report (presented to the President on 29 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 July 2011)

**Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Health and Ageing; Human Services

*Members*

Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Siewert (*Deputy Chair*) and Senators Adams, Carol Brown, Furner and McKenzie

*Substitute members*

Senator Boyce to replace Senator Adams from 7 February to 30 March 2012

*Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions], Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [Provisions]*—

Senator Crossin to replace Senator Carol Brown

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, Milne, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Waters, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

*Current inquiries*

Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 29 February 2012*)

Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions], Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 13 March 2012*)

*Reports presented*

National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 24 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009 (*presented to the President on 26 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 26 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009 (*presented to the President on 26 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2009 and Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009 (*presented to the President on 26 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010 (*presented to the President on 26 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 16 November 2010*)

Provisions of Schedules 2 and 3 of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010 (*tabled 22 November 2010*)

National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 22 November 2010*)

Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (*tabled 22 March 2011*)

Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 22 March 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011), dated March 2011 (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Consideration of time critical bills [pursuant to the order of the Senate of 12 May 2011 the Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions]]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

National Health Reform Amendment (National Health Performance Authority) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 9 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2010 (*tabled 16 June 2011*)

Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions] considered as a time critical bill pursuant to the order of the Senate of 12 May 2011 (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

Budget estimates 2011-12, dated July 2011 (*tabled 7 July 2011*)

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

Disability impairment tables: Provisions of Schedule 3 of the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 (*tabled 19 September 2011*)

### **Community Affairs References Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Senator Siewert (*Chair*), Senator Moore (*Deputy Chair*) and Senators Adams, Boyce, Carol Brown and McKenzie

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, Milne, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Waters, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

#### *Current inquiries*

Interactive and online gambling (*reference transferred to the Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform on 28 October 2010*)

Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies (*referred 15 November 2010; reporting date: 29 February 2012*)

Health services and medical professionals in rural areas (*referred 13 October 2011; reporting date: 30 April 2012*)

Palliative care in Australia (*referred 23 November 2011; reporting date: 12 September 2012*)

\* Approval and monitoring of Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) breast implants (*referred 8 February 2012; reporting date: 31 May 2012*)

#### *Reports presented*

Inquiry into gene patents (*presented to the President on 26 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Consumer access to pharmaceutical benefits (*presented to the President on 26 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Planning options and services for people ageing with a disability (*presented to the President on 2 September 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

The prevalence of interactive and online gambling in Australia (*presented to the President on 2 September 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (*tabled 30 September 2010*)

Consumer access to pharmaceutical benefits (*tabled 24 November 2010*)

Gene patents (*presented to the President on 26 November 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)

Social and economic impacts of rural wind farms—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 14 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*) and second interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Trood, on 30 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

Planning options and services for people ageing with a disability—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 14 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*) and second interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Trood, on 30 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

Social and economic impact of rural wind farms—Final report (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Disability and ageing: lifelong planning for a better future—Final report [Inquiry into planning options and services for people ageing with a disability] (*tabled 6 July 2011*)

The effectiveness of special arrangements for the supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines to remote area Aboriginal Health Services (*tabled 11 October 2011*)

Funding and administration of mental health services—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ludlam, on 20 October 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 31 October 2011*) and second interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Cameron, on 28 October 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 31 October 2011*)

Review of the Professional Services Review (PSR) Scheme (*presented to the Deputy President on 25 October 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 31 October 2011*)

Inquiry into Commonwealth funding and administration of mental health services—Final report (*tabled 1 November 2011*)

The regulatory standards for the approval of medical devices (*tabled 22 November 2011*)

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### **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), Senator Boyce (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cormann, Hanson-Young, Sherry and Thistlethwaite and Mr Fletcher, Mr Griffin, Mr ADH Smith and Ms Smyth

#### *Current inquiries*

Collapse of Trio Capital and any other related matters (*adopted 23 June 2011; interim report presented 7 February 2012*)

Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2011 (*referred pursuant to the House of Representatives Selection Committee report, 13 October 2011*)

Superannuation Legislation Amendment (MySuper Core Provisions) Bill 2011 (*referred pursuant to the House of Representatives Selection Committee report, 3 November 2011*)

Corporations Amendment (Further Future of Financial Advice Measures) Bill 2011 (*referred pursuant to the House of Representatives Selection Committee report, 24 November 2011*)

*Reports presented*

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 1 March 2011*)

Report on the 2009-10 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act (*tabled 1 March 2011*)

Access for small and medium business to finance (*tabled 16 June 2011*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 16 June 2011*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 12 September 2011*)

Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fawcett, on 2 December 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2012*)

Statutory oversight of Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 7 February 2012*)

Inquiry into the collapse of Trio Capital—Interim report (*tabled 7 February 2012*)

*Committee document presented*

Statement in relation to Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Early Release of Superannuation) Bill 2011 (*tabled 23 August 2011*)

**Cyber Safety—Joint Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscc/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscc/index.htm)

(*appointed 30 September 2010; resolution of appointment varied 17 November 2010 and 15 September 2011; final reporting date: 30 April 2013*)

*Members*

Senator Bilyk (*Chair*), Mr Hawke (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Ludlam, Parry and Pratt and Mr Husic, Ms Marino, Mr Perrett, Ms Rishworth and Mr Zappia

*Current inquiry*

Cyber-safety for senior Australians (*referred 23 November 2011*)

*Reports presented*

High-wire act: Cyber-safety and the young—Interim report (*tabled 20 June 2011*)

Review of the Cybercrime Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 (*tabled 18 August 2011*)

**Economics Legislation Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/economics\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/economics_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Industry and Innovation; Resources, Energy and Tourism; Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research; Treasury

*Members*

Senator Bishop (*Chair*), Senator Bushby (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cameron, Eggleston, Urquhart and Xenophon

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Waters, Williams and Wright

*Current inquiries*

Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*referred 3 November 2011; reporting date: 14 March 2012*)

Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 [Provisions], Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions], Tax Laws Amendment (Stronger, Fairer, Simpler and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [Provisions], Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions], Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [Provisions], Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011 [Provisions], Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011 [Provisions], Minerals Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011 [Provisions], Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—General) Bill 2011 [Provisions], Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*referred 10 November 2011; reporting date: 14 March 2012*)

Corporations Amendment (Further Future of Financial Advice Measures) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 14 March 2012*)

*Reports presented*

Tax Laws Amendment (Public Benefit Test) Bill 2010—Interim report (*presented to the President on 16 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services for the Community) Bill 2010 (*presented to the President on 16 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 16 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Public Benefit Test) Bill 2010—Final report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 7 September 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Corporations Amendment (No. 1) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 16 November 2010*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2010), dated November 2010 (*tabled 17 November 2010*)

Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 February 2011*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 and Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 (*tabled 21 March 2011*)

Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (*tabled 22 March 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011), dated March 2011 (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Benchmark interest rate for capital protected borrowings: Provisions of Schedule 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 5) Bill 2010 (*presented to the President on 25 March 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (National Regulator) Bill 2011 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Registration Fees) Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Royalty) Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions], Offshore Resources Legislation Amendment (Personal Property Securities) Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulatory Levies Legislation Amendment (2011 Measures No. 2) Bill 2011 [Provisions] considered as time critical bills pursuant to the order of the Senate of 12 May 2011 (*tabled 16 June 2011*)

Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 (*tabled 16 June 2011*)

Reform of the car fringe benefits tax rules: Provisions of Schedule 5 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011 (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping) Bill 2011 (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

Notice of payments of recompense for personal injuries: Provisions of Schedule 4 of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2011 (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

Budget estimates 2011-12, dated June 2011 (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Draft of the Business Names Registration Bill 2011 and related bills (*presented to the President on 15 August 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 August 2011*) and additional comments by Opposition senators (*tabled 22 August 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Fees) Bill 2011 (*tabled 14 September 2011*)

Bankruptcy Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package) Bill 2011 (*tabled 21 September 2011*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 8) Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Pay As You Go Withholding Non-compliance Tax Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 21 November 2011*)

Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011 [No. 2] (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 7 December 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2012*)

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### **Economics References Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/economics\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/economics_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Senator Bushby (*Chair*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cameron, Eggleston, Williams and Xenophon

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne,

Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Waters and Wright

*Current inquiries*

Review of the operation of the amendments made by Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011 (*referred 23 June 2011 with effect from 12 months after the commencement of Part 1; reporting date: no later than 12 months after commencement of the review*)

*Reports presented*

Access of small business to finance (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 30 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Role of liquidators and administrators—Interim report (*presented to the President on 16 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

The regulation, registration and remuneration of insolvency practitioners in Australia: the case for a new framework—Final report [Inquiry into the role of liquidators and administrators] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 14 September 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

The decision of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on the proposed acquisition of Franklins by Metcash Trading Limited—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 6 December 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)

Decision of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on the proposed acquisition of Franklins by Metcash Trading Limited (*tabled 28 February 2011*)

Augmented tax assessments [Inquiry into amendments proposed by Senator Cormann on sheet 7010 to the Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 4) Bill 2010]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 31 March 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*) and final report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 8 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

The impacts of supermarket price decisions on the dairy industry—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Competition within the Australian banking sector—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

State government insurance and the flood levy—Interim report [Inquiry into the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 and Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011, and related matters] (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Competition within the Australian banking sector—Final report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 6 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*) and corrections (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 6 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

The impacts of supermarket price decisions on the dairy industry—Second interim report (*presented to the President on 9 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

State government insurance and the flood levy [Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 and Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011, and related matters]—Second interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Boyce, on 30 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 July 2011*) and third interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Adams, on 29 July 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 August 2011*)

The asset insurance arrangements of Australian state governments—Final report [Inquiry into the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011 and Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011, and related matters] (*tabled 22 September 2011*)

The impacts of supermarket price decisions on the dairy industry—Final report (*tabled 3 November 2011*)

Investing for good: The development of a capital market for the not-for-profit sector in Australia (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

### **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Portfolios*

Education; Employment and Workplace Relations

#### *Members*

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), Senator Back (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bilyk, McKenzie, Rhiannon and Thistlethwaite

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Mason, McEwen, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Urquhart, Waters, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

#### *Current inquiries*

Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [Provisions], Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Tuition Protection Service) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*referred 13 October 2011; reporting date: 27 February 2012*)

Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*referred 10 November 2011; reporting date: 29 February 2012*)

Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2011 (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 27 February 2012*)

#### *Reports presented*

Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 27 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2010), dated November 2010 (*tabled 17 November 2010*)

Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 (*tabled 22 November 2010*)

Social Security Amendment (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010 (*tabled 9 February 2011*)

National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Bill 2010 [2011], National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2010 [2011] and National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011 (*tabled 21 March 2011*)

Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (*tabled 22 March 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011), dated March 2011 (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Bill 2011 and Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 (*tabled 10 May 2011*)

Consideration of time critical bills [pursuant to the order of the Senate of 12 May 2011 the Social Security Amendment (Parenting Payment Transitional Arrangement) Bill 2011 [Provisions] has no substantive matters which require examination] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 3 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

Budget estimates 2011-12, dated June 2011 (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

Work Health and Safety Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Pratt, on 26 August 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 September 2011*)

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 September 2011*)

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### **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Senator Back (*Chair*) Senator Marshall (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Gallacher, McKenzie and Rhiannon

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Mason, McEwen, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Waters, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

#### *Current inquiries*

Higher education and skills training for agriculture and agribusiness (*referred 19 September 2011; reporting date: 1 March 2012*)

Infrastructure delivery and engineering skills shortages (*referred 7 November 2011; reporting date: 30 June 2012*)

#### *Reports presented*

Administration and reporting of NAPLAN testing—Interim report (*presented to the President on 27 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Industry Skills Councils—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 13 September 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)  
 Matters not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (*tabled 30 September 2010*)  
 Administration and reporting of NAPLAN testing (*presented to the President on 26 November 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)  
 Industry Skills Councils—Final report (*tabled 23 March 2011*)  
 Primary Schools for the Twenty First Century Program (*presented to the President on 25 March 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)  
 The administration and purchasing of disability employment services in Australia (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

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### **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/index.htm)

(*appointed 30 September 2010*)

#### *Members*

Mr Melham (*Chair*), Mr Somlyay (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Carol Brown, Polley, Rhiannon and Ryan and Mrs BK Bishop, Mr Griffin and Ms Rishworth

#### *Current inquiry*

Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Maintaining Address) Bill 2011 (*referred pursuant to the House of Representatives Selection Committee report, 24 November 2011*)

#### *Reports presented*

The 2010 Federal Election: Report on the conduct of the election and related matters (*tabled 7 July 2011*)

Report on the funding of political parties and election campaigns (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fawcett, on 9 December 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2012*)

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### **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ec\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ec_ctte/index.htm)

(*formerly Environment, Communications and the Arts; name amended 29 September 2010*)

#### *Portfolios*

Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy; Climate Change and Energy Efficiency; Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

#### *Members*

Senator Cameron (*Chair*), Senator Fisher (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bilyk, McKenzie, Singh and Waters

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

*Current inquiries*

Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Bill 2011 [Provisions], Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Service Reform) Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*referred 3 November 2011; reporting date: 27 February 2012*)

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Emergency Listings) Bill 2011 (*referred 10 November 2011; reporting date: 1 March 2012*)

*Reports presented*

Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009 (*presented to the President on 6 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010 (*presented to the President on 6 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2010), dated November 2010 (*tabled 17 November 2010*)

Radiocommunications Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 17 November 2010*)

National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 17 November 2010*)

Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010 (*tabled 18 November 2010*)

National Broadband Network Companies Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures—Access Arrangements) Bill 2011 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 16 March 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 21 March 2011*) and final report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 17 March 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 21 March 2011*)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Dividend and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 22 March 2011*) and correction (*presented to the President on 25 March 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (*tabled 22 March 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011), dated March 2011 (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010 (*presented to the President on 25 March 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Product Stewardship Bill 2011—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 14 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*) and final report (*presented to the President on 9 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011 [Provisions], Carbon Credits (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Australian National Registry of Emissions Units Bill 2011 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 20 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*) and final report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Pratt, on 27 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Pratt, on 27 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*) and final report (*tabled 15 June 2011*)

Budget estimates 2011-12, dated June 2011 (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

Australian Renewable Energy Agency Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 7 November 2011*)

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### **Environment and Communications References Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ec\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ec_ctte/index.htm)

(formerly *Environment, Communications and the Arts*; name amended 29 September 2010)

#### *Members*

Senator Fisher (*Chair*), Senator Cameron (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bilyk, Boswell, McKenzie and Waters

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnstone, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

#### *Reports presented*

Energy Efficient Homes Package (ceiling insulation)—Interim reports (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 30 June 2010, and the Deputy President on 9 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Energy Efficient Homes Package (ceiling insulation)—Final report (*presented to the President on 15 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 30 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program—Interim report (*presented to the President on 6 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (*tabled 30 September 2010*)

Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources (*presented to the President on 7 October 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 25 October 2010*)

Green loans program (*tabled 27 October 2010*)

The adequacy of protections for the privacy of Australians online (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Pratt, on 7 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

The status, health and sustainability of the koala population—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Pratt, on 13 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

The koala – saving our national icon—Final report [The status, health and sustainability of the koala population] (*tabled 22 September 2011*)

Recent ABC programming decisions (*tabled 13 October 2011*)

The capacity of communication networks and emergency warning systems to deal with emergencies and natural disasters (*tabled 23 November 2011*)

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### **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Portfolios*

Finance and Deregulation; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet

#### *Members*

Senator Polley (*Chair*), Senator Ryan (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Di Natale, Edwards, Faulkner and Stephens

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Waters, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

#### *Current inquiry*

Performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services (*referred 23 June 2011; reporting date: 28 June 2012*)

#### *Reports presented*

Parliamentary Budget Office Bill 2010—Interim report (*presented to the President on 17 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (*tabled 30 September 2010*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2010), dated November 2010 (*tabled 17 November 2010*)

Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (*tabled 22 March 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011), dated March 2011 (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2010 and related matters (*tabled 10 May 2011*)

Exposure drafts of Australian privacy amendment legislation: Part 1 – Australian privacy principles (*tabled 15 June 2011*)

Remuneration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 (*presented to the President on 17 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 June 2011*)

Budget estimates 2011-12, dated June 2011 (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (*tabled 17 August 2011*)

Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011 (*tabled 18 August 2011*)

National Health Reform Amendment (Independent Hospital Pricing Authority) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 September 2011*)

Government Advertising (Accountability) Bill 2011 (*tabled 21 September 2011*)

Exposure drafts of Australian privacy amendment legislation: Part 2 – Credit reporting (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fawcett, on 6 October 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 October 2011*)

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**Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

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*Members*

Senator Ryan (*Chair*), Senator Polley (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Di Natale, Edwards, McEwen and Williams

*Substitute member*

*Operation of the Lobbying Code of Conduct and the Lobbyist Register*—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Di Natale

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McKenzie, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Waters, Wright and Xenophon

*Current inquiry*

*Operation of the Lobbying Code of Conduct and the Lobbyist Register (referred 24 November 2011; reporting date: 1 March 2012)*

*Reports presented*

The funding arrangements for tax reform advertising (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 30 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Reform of Australian Government administration—Interim report (*presented to the President on 17 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Matter not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (*tabled 24 November 2010*)

The administration of health practitioner registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 3 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

Superannuation claims of former and current Commonwealth Public Service employees (*presented to the President on 30 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 July 2011*)

The Government's administration of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (*tabled 17 August 2011*)

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfad/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfad/index.htm)

(*appointed 30 September 2010*)

*Members*

Mr Danby (*Chair*), Mrs Gash, (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bishop, Fawcett, Furner, Hanson-Young, Johnston, Ludlam, Macdonald, McEwen, Moore, Parry, Payne and Stephens and Mr Adams, Ms J Bishop, Ms Brodtmann, Mr Byrne, Mr Champion, Mr LDT Ferguson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Griffin, Mr Jenkins, Dr Jensen, Mrs Mirabella, Mr Murphy, Mr O'Dowd, Ms Parke, Mr Robert, Mr Ruddock, Ms Saffin, Mr Scott, Dr Stone and Ms Vamvakinou

*Current inquiries*

Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea (*adopted 25 May 2011*)

Australia's human rights dialogues with China and Vietnam (*adopted 6 July 2011*)

Australia's overseas representation (*adopted 12 October 2011*)

Review of Defence annual report 2010-11 (*adopted 11 October 2011*)

*Reports presented*

Review of the Defence annual report 2008-09 (*report of the committee of the 42nd Parliament presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 2 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Inquiry into Australia's relationship with the countries of Africa (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Review of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade annual report 2009-10 (*presented to the Deputy President on 21 July 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 August 2011*)

Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America (*tabled 23 August 2011*)

*Committee document presented*

Statement in relation to Customs Amendment (Military End-Use) Bill 2011 and Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011 (*tabled 22 November 2011*)

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT\\_CTTE/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Defence, including Veterans' Affairs; Foreign Affairs and Trade

*Members*

Senator Stephens (*Chair*), Senator Eggleston (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bishop, Fawcett, Ludlam and McEwen

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Faulkner, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McKenzie, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Waters, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

*Current inquiry*

Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*referred 10 November 2011; reporting date: 12 April 2012*)

*Reports presented*

Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hutchins, on 20 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Autonomous Sanctions Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hutchins, on 20 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hutchins, on 20 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)  
 Annual reports (No. 2 of 2010), dated November 2010 (*tabled 17 November 2010*)  
 Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 17 November 2010*)  
 Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 2 March 2011*)  
 Autonomous Sanctions Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 3 March 2011*)  
 Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (*tabled 22 March 2011*)  
 Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011), dated March 2011 (*tabled 23 March 2011*)  
 Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 25 March 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)  
 Budget estimates 2011-12, dated June 2011 (*tabled 23 June 2011*)  
 Veterans' Entitlements Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 18 August 2011*)  
 Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

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### **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT\\_CTTE/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Senator Eggleston (*Chair*), Senator Stephens (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bishop, Fawcett, Kroger and Ludlam

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Faulkner, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Waters, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

#### *Current inquiries*

Procurement procedures for defence capital projects (*referred 9 February 2011; terms of reference varied 5 July 2011; interim and preliminary reports presented 30 November and 15 December 2011 respectively and tabled 7 February 2012; final reporting date: 28 June 2012*)

Australia and the countries of the Indian Ocean rim (*referred 24 November 2011; reporting date: 1 November 2012*)

#### *Reports presented*

Australia's administration and management of the Torres Strait—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hutchins, on 20 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Equity and diversity health checks in the Royal Australian Navy—HMAS *Success*—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hutchins, on 20 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (*tabled 30 September 2010*)

The Torres Strait: Bridge and border (*presented to the President on 26 November 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)

Department of Defence's requests for tender for aviation contracts—Interim report [Inquiry into Requests for Tender for aviation contracts] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 27 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Incidents onboard HMAS *Success* between March and May 2009 and subsequent events: Part I (*tabled 12 May 2011*)

Defence's request for tender for aviation contracts—Final report (*tabled 25 August 2011*)

Incidents onboard HMAS *Success* between March and May 2009 and subsequent events: Part II (*tabled 22 September 2011*)

Held hostage: Government's response to kidnapping of Australian citizens overseas (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

Procurement procedures for Defence capital projects—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Furner, on 30 November 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2012*) and preliminary report (*presented to the Deputy President on 15 December 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2012*)

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### **Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fuelenergy\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fuelenergy_ctte/index.htm)

(*final report presented 30 August 2010 and tabled 28 September 2010*)

#### *Reports presented*

The mining tax: Still bad for the economy—Still bad for jobs—Second interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 30 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Final report (*presented to the President on 30 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

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### **Gambling Reform—Joint Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/gamblingreform\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/gamblingreform_ctte/index.htm)

(*appointed 30 September 2010; reporting date: 30 June 2013*)

#### *Members*

Mr Wilkie (*Chair*), Mr Champion (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Back, Bilyk, Crossin, and Xenophon and Mr Ciobo, Mr Frydenberg, Mr SP Jones and Mr Neumann

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Edwards, Eggleston, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Macdonald, Mason, McKenzie, Nash, Parry, Payne, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion and Williams

#### *Reports presented*

The design and implementation of a mandatory pre-commitment system for electronic gaming machines—First report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 6 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 [2010] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 30 August 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 September 2011*)

Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2010 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 30 August 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 September 2011*)

Interactive and online gambling and gambling advertising and Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011—Second report (*presented to the Deputy President on 8 December 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2012*)

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### **House—Standing Committee**

#### *Members*

The President (*Chair*) and the Deputy President, and Senators Heffernan, McEwen and Sterle

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### **Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcis/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcis/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Senators Bishop, Brandis, Faulkner, Johnston and Stephens and Mr Byrne, Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mr Melham, Mr Ruddock and Mr Wilkie

#### *Current inquiries*

Review of administration and expenditure no. 9 (2009-10) – Australian intelligence community (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of administration and expenditure no. 10 (2010-11) – Australian intelligence community (*statutory responsibility*)

#### *Reports presented*

Annual report of committee activities 2009-10 (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Review of the listing of AQAP and the re-listing of six terrorist organisations (*tabled 23 August 2011*)

Annual report of committee activities 2010-11 (*tabled 22 November 2011*)

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### **Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc_ctte/index.htm)

(*replaced the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission with the commencement of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010 on 24 November 2010*)

#### *Members*

Mr Hayes (*Chair*), Senator Mason (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Furner, Parry, Polley and Wright and Ms Grierson, Mr Keenan, Mr Matheson and Ms Vamvakinou

#### *Current inquiry*

Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements (*adopted 13 July 2011*)

#### *Reports presented*

Inquiry into the adequacy of aviation and maritime security measures to combat serious and organised crime (*tabled 16 June 2011*)

Examination of the annual report of the Australian Federal Police 2009-10 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

Examination of the annual report of the Australian Crime Commission 2009-10 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

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### **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Portfolios*

Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

#### *Members*

Senator Crossin (*Chair*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Furner, Pratt and Wright

#### *Substitute members*

*Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Online Games) Bill 2011 [Provisions]*—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Wright

*Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011*—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Wright

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Di Natale, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Waters, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

#### *Current inquiries*

*Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Online Games) Bill 2011 [Provisions]* (*referred 3 November 2011; reporting date: 14 March 2012*)

*Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions]* (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 22 March 2012*)

*Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011* (*referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 22 March 2012*)

\* *Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010* (*referred 8 February 2012; reporting date: 25 May 2012*)

#### *Reports presented*

*Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2010* (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 30 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

*Access to Justice (Family Court Restructure and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions]* (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 23 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

*Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]* (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 23 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

*Civil Dispute Resolution Bill 2010 [Provisions]* (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 23 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Corporations Amendment (Sons of Gwalia) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 23 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 23 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 23 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Military Court of Australia Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 23 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 23 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 26 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Report of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Indonesia and Singapore, July 2010 (*tabled 25 October 2010*)

Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 (*tabled 16 November 2010*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2010), dated November 2010 (*tabled 17 November 2010*)

Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 (*tabled 17 November 2010*)

Corporations Amendment (Sons of Gwalia) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 18 November 2010*)

Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 and Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 (No. 2) (*tabled 23 November 2010*)

Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 26 November 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)

Civil Dispute Resolution Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 2 December 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)

Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2010 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 7 December 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*) and final report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kroger on 28 January 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)

Provisions of Schedule 4 of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010 (*tabled 9 February 2011*)

Sex and Age Discrimination Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 1 March 2011*)

Combating the Financing of People Smuggling and Other Measures Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 21 March 2011*)

Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (*tabled 22 March 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011), dated March 2011 (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010, together with the amendments on sheet no. 7031 circulated by the Australian Greens (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hurley, on 4 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011 (*tabled 10 May 2011*) and correction (*tabled 11 May 2011*)

Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010 (*tabled 12 May 2011*)

Child Support (Registration and Collection) Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fisher, on 19 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Bill 2011 [Provisions], Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Collection) Bill 2011 [Provisions] and Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 20 June 2011*)

Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

Budget estimates 2011-12, dated June 2011 (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test and Other Provisions) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 29 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 July 2011*)

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 7 July 2011*)

Migration Amendment (Detention Reform and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2010 (*tabled 18 August 2011*)

Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 22 August 2011*)

Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011 (*tabled 23 August 2011*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

Trade Marks Amendment (Tobacco Plain Packaging) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 19 September 2011*)

Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010 (*tabled 21 September 2011*)

Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011 (*tabled 9 November 2011*)

Deterring People Smuggling Bill 2011 (*tabled 21 November 2011*)

Personal Property Securities Amendment (Registration Commencement) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (*tabled 21 November 2011*)

Northern Land Council's evidence to the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

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### **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Senator Wright (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Cash, Furner and Humphries

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Cormann, Di Natale, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Milne, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart, Waters, Williams and Xenophon

*Current inquiry*

Prospective marriage visas (*referred 24 November 2011; reporting date: 3 May 2012*)

*Reports presented*

Review of government discretionary payments in special circumstances—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 23 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (*tabled 30 September 2010*)

Review of government compensation payments (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 6 December 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)

Donor conception practices in Australia (*tabled 10 February 2011*)

Australian Law Reform Commission—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 31 March 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*) and final report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 8 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Provisions of the *Water Act 2007*—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Boyce, on 6 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

A balancing Act: provisions of the *Water Act 2007*—Final report (*presented to the Deputy President on 10 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011*)

Review of the National Classification Scheme: achieving the right balance (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Australia's arrangement with Malaysia in relation to asylum seekers (*tabled 11 October 2011*)

International parental child abduction to and from Australia (*tabled 31 October 2011*)

Unauthorised disclosure of proceedings relating to the committee's inquiry into Australia's arrangement with Malaysia on asylum seekers (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

**Library—Standing Committee***Members*

The President (*Chair*), and Senators Bilyk, Humphries, Madigan, Marshall, McKenzie and Singh

**Migration—Joint Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm)

(*appointed 30 September 2010*)

*Members*

Ms Vamvakinou (*Chair*), Mrs Markus (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cash, Gallacher, Hanson-Young and Singh and Ms Gambaro, Mr Georganas, Mr Ramsey and Mr Zappia

*Current inquiry*

Multiculturalism in Australia (*adopted 9 February 2011*)

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**National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcnbn/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcnbn/index.htm)

(*appointed 3 March 2011; reporting date: every 6 months, commencing 31 August 2011, until the NBN is complete and operational*)

*Members*

Mr Oakeshott (*Chair*), Mrs D'Ath (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Carol Brown, Cameron, Fisher, Ludlam, Macdonald and Stephens and Mr Fletcher, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Husic, Ms Ley, Ms Rowland, Mr Symon and Mr Turnbull

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Furner, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sterle, Williams and Xenophon and Mr Neville and Mr Scott

*Reports presented*

Advisory report on the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2011 (*tabled 5 July 2011*)

Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network—First report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fawcett, on 31 August 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 September 2011*)

Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network—Second report (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

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**National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm)

(*appointed 30 September 2010*)

*Members*

Senator Pratt (*Chair*), Mr Simpkins (*Deputy Chair*), and the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Adams, Crossin and Humphries and Mr Adams, Ms Brodtmann, Dr Leigh and Mr Secker

*Report presented*

Etched in stone? Inquiry into the administration of the *National Memorials Ordinance 1928* (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

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**Parliamentary Budget Office—Joint Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscpbo/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscpbo/index.htm)

(appointed 22 November 2010; report tabled 23 March 2011)

*Members*

Senator Faulkner (*Chair*), Mr Pyne (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cameron, Joyce and Milne and Ms AE Burke, Mr Champion, Mrs D’Ath, Mr Oakeshott and Ms O’Dwyer

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**Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscpl/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscpl/index.htm)

(appointed 30 September 2010; resolution of appointment varied 17 November 2010)

*Members*

Senators Bilyk, Humphries, Madigan, Marshall, McKenzie and Singh and Mr Adams, Mr Broadbent, Mr Champion, Mr Christensen, Mr Melham and Mr CR Thomson

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**Privileges—Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/priv\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/priv_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Faulkner (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Brandis, Gallacher, Ludlam, Payne, Sherry and Urquhart

*Current inquiries*

The adequacy and appropriateness of current guidance and advice available to officers giving evidence to Senate committees and when providing information to the Senate and to senators, including:

- (a) the adequacy and applicability of government guidelines and instructions;
- (b) the procedural and legal protections afforded to those officers;
- (c) the awareness among agencies and officers of the extent of the Senate’s power to require the production of information and documents; and
- (d) the awareness among agencies and officers of the nature of relevant advice and protections (*referred 21 March 2011*)

Having regard to the material submitted to the President by the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee, whether a witness was threatened with, or subjected to, any penalty or injury on account of his evidence to the committee, whether there was any attempt improperly to interfere with a witness before the committee, and whether any contempt of the Senate was committed in those regards (*referred 17 August 2011*)

Having regard to matters raised by Senator Kroger relating to political donations made by Mr Graeme Wood, arrangements surrounding the sale of the Triabunna woodchip mill by Gunns Ltd and questions without notice asked by Senator Bob Brown and Senator Milne:

- (a) whether any person, by the offer or promise of an inducement or benefit, or by other improper means, attempted to influence a senator in the senator’s conduct as a senator, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard; and

- (b) whether Senator Bob Brown received any benefit for himself or another person on the understanding that he would be influenced in the discharge of his duties as a senator, or whether he entered into any contract, understanding or arrangement having the effect, or possibly having the effect, of controlling or limiting his independence or freedom of action as a senator or pursuant to which he or any other senator acted as the representative of an outside body in the discharge of their duties as senators, and whether any contempt was committed in those regards (*referred 24 November 2011*)

*Reports presented*

Inquiry into the adequacy of advice contained in the *Government Guidelines for Official Witnesses before Parliamentary Committees* and related matters for officials considering participating in a parliamentary committee whether in a personal capacity or otherwise (*presented to the President on 2 September 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

147th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Reverend Monsignor Ian Dempsey) (*tabled 22 September 2011*)

148th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Mr Ian Lazar) (*tabled 13 October 2011*)

149th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Mr Henry Ergas) (*tabled 7 November 2011*)

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**Procedure—Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

The Deputy President (*Chair*), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Arbib, Faulkner, Fifield, McEwen and Siewert

*Reports presented*

Third report of 2010—Question time – temporary order; Correction of divisions after misadventure; Procedure for consideration of private senators' bills (*tabled 27 October 2010*)

Fourth report of 2010—Consideration of private senators' bills (*tabled 18 November 2010*)

First report of 2011—Question time – temporary order (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Second report of 2011—Operation of standing order 55(2) to (5); Consideration of private senators' bills; Procedures for dealing with formal motions; Use of general business time on Thursdays; Consideration of government documents (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

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**Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/index.htm)

*Members*

Mr Oakeshott (*Chair*), Mrs D'Ath (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bishop, Kroger, Sherry and Thistlethwaite and Mr Adams, Mr Briggs, Ms Brodtmann, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Frydenberg, Ms O'Neill, Ms Smyth and Mr Somlyay

*Current inquiry*

Review of Auditor-General's reports (*statutory responsibility—ongoing*)

*Reports presented*

Report 418—Review of Auditor-General's reports nos 4 to 38 (2009-10) (*tabled 9 February 2011*)

Report 419—Inquiry into the *Auditor-General Act 1997* (*tabled 9 February 2011*)

Report 420—Annual report 2009-10 (*tabled 28 February 2011*)

Report 421—The role of the Auditor-General in scrutinising government advertising (*tabled 3 March 2011*)

Report 422—Review of the 2009-10 Defence Materiel Organisation major projects report (*tabled 11 May 2011*)

Report 423—Review of Auditor-General's reports nos 39 (2009-10) to 15 (2010-11) (*tabled 5 July 2011*)

Report 424—Eighth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation (*tabled 5 July 2011*)

Report 425—Annual report 2010-11 (*tabled 13 October 2011*)

Report 426—Ninth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

Report 427—Inquiry into national funding agreements (*tabled 7 February 2012*)

Report 428—Review of Auditor-General's reports nos 16 to 46 (2010-11) (*tabled 7 February 2012*)

*Committee document presented*

Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2011-12 (*tabled 11 May 2011*)

**Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/index.htm)

*Members*

Ms Saffin (*Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Gallacher and Urquhart and Mrs KL Andrews, Mr Forrest, Mr Georganas, Mr Ripoll and Mr Secker

*Reports presented*

Extension of scope to the Australian SKA Pathfinder Telescope and the Pawsey High Performance Computing Centre for SKA Science (Third report of 2010) (*presented to the Deputy President on 12 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Referrals made in October 2010: HMAS *Penguin* and Pittwater Annexe Redevelopment, Mosman and Clareville, New South Wales; Development and construction of housing for Defence at Largs North (Bayriver), Port Adelaide, South Australia; Integrated fitout of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at 12-26 Franklin Street, Adelaide, South Australia (Fourth report of 2010) (*tabled 24 November 2010*)

Referrals made in October and November 2010: Proposed fitout of new leased premises for the Attorney-General's Department at 4 National Circuit, Barton, ACT; Proposed fitout of new leased premises for divisions of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research at Buildings 2 and 3, Riverside Corporate Park, North Ryde, NSW (First report of 2011) (*presented to the President on 22 February 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 February 2011*)

Seventy-fourth annual report (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Referrals made in November 2010: Facilities for the introduction into service of Land 121 vehicles at RAAF Base Amberley and Damascus Barracks, Meeandah, Queensland and at Gaza Ridge Barracks, Victoria; Proposed integrated fitout of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office in Albury, New South Wales (Second report of 2011) (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Referrals made February to March 2011: Proposed development and construction of housing for the Department of Defence at Muirhead, Darwin, NT; Proposed Robertson Barracks electrical reticulation system upgrade, Darwin, NT; Proposed redevelopment of the Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory; Larrakeyah housing project budget update (Third report of 2011) (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

Referrals made May to June 2011: Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Human Services Portfolio at Greenway, Australian Capital Territory; Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as 55 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, Queensland; Proposed contamination remediation works, former fire training area, RAAF Base Williams, Point Cook, Victoria; Proposed specific nutritional capability project for Defence Science and Technology Organisation at Scottsdale, Tasmania (Fourth report of 2011) (*tabled 23 August 2011*)  
Public works on Christmas Island (*tabled 31 October 2011*)

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#### **Publications—Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/publ/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/publ/index.htm)

##### *Members*

Senator Carol Brown (*Chair*), Senator Bernardi (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Furner, Marshall, Mason, Parry and Sterle

##### *Reports presented*

- 1st report (*tabled 28 October 2010*)
- 2nd report (*tabled 9 February 2011*)
- 3rd report (*tabled 10 February 2011*)
- 4th report (*tabled 3 March 2011*)
- 5th report (*tabled 10 May 2011*)
- 6th report (*tabled 12 May 2011*)
- 7th report (*tabled 7 July 2011*)
- 8th report (*tabled 25 August 2011*)
- 9th report (*tabled 22 September 2011*)
- 10th report (*tabled 13 October 2011*)
- 11th report (*tabled 3 November 2011*)
- 12th report (*tabled 25 November 2011*)

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#### **Reform of the Australian Federation—Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/reffed\\_ctte/reffed/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/reffed_ctte/reffed/index.htm)

(*appointed 29 September 2010; resolution of appointment varied 17 November 2010, 23 March and 20 June 2011; report presented 30 June 2011 and tabled 4 July 2011*)

##### *Members*

Senator Furner (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Back, Ludlam, Moore and Ryan

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Gallacher, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Scullion, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Thistlethwaite, Urquhart and Williams

*Report presented*

Australia's Federation: an agenda for reform (*presented to the President on 30 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 July 2011*)

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**Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indig\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indig_ctte/index.htm)

(*final report presented 24 September 2010 and tabled 28 September 2010*)

*Report presented*

Final report 2010 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Trood, on 24 September 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

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**Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/regord\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/regord_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Senator Furner (*Chairman*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Cash, Marshall, Moore and Ryan

*Documents presented*

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, November 2009 to June 2010 (*tabled 28 October 2010*)

Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2010, dated February 2011 (*tabled 10 February 2011*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, July 2010 to December 2010 (*tabled 3 March 2011*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, January 2011 to March 2011 (*tabled 12 May 2011*)

Correspondence relating to scrutiny of delegated legislation, January to July 2011 (*tabled 15 September 2011*)

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**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat_ctte/index.htm)

(*name amended 29 September 2010 to Rural Affairs and Transport; further amended 8 February 2012*)

*Portfolios*

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Infrastructure and Transport; Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, including the Arts and Sport

*Members*

Senator Sterle (*Chair*), Senator Heffernan (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Gallacher, Nash, Siewert and Urquhart

*Substitute members**Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011—*

Senator Edwards to replace Senator Heffernan

Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Siewert

*Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 [Provisions]—*Senator Colbeck to replace Senator Heffernan*Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011—*Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Siewert*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Milne, Moore, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Stephens, Thistlethwaite, Waters, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

*Current inquiries**Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011 (referred 18 August 2011; reporting date: 29 February 2012)**Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011 (referred 15 September 2011; reporting date: 29 February 2012)**Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Australia's Water Resources) Bill 2011 (referred 10 November 2011; reporting date: 27 February 2012)**Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 [Provisions] (referred 25 November 2011; reporting date: 27 February 2012)**Reports presented by the Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**Airports Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (presented to the President on 24 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010)**Annual reports (No. 2 of 2010), dated November 2010 (tabled 17 November 2010)**Airports Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 18 November 2010)**Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (tabled 22 March 2011)**Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011), dated March 2011 (tabled 23 March 2011)**Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011—Interim report (presented to the President on 25 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011)**Budget estimates 2011-12, dated June 2011 (tabled 23 June 2011)**Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011—Final report (tabled 23 June 2011)**Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (tabled 24 August 2011)**Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011 (tabled 2 November 2011)***Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**[www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat_ctte/index.htm)*(name amended 29 September 2010 to Rural Affairs and Transport; further amended 8 February 2012)*

*Members*

Senator Heffernan (*Chair*), Senator Sterle (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Edwards, Milne, Nash and Urquhart

*Substitute member*

*Operational issues in export grain networks*—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Milne

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Moore, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sherry, Siewert, Singh, Stephens, Thistlethwaite, Waters, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

*Current inquiries*

Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements (*referred 23 June 2010; re-referred 30 September 2010; interim report presented 12 December 2011 and tabled 7 February 2012; final reporting date: 21 March 2012*)

Management of the Murray-Darling Basin (*referred 28 October 2010; interim report presented 30 November 2011 and tabled 7 February 2012; final reporting date: 29 June 2012*)

Operational issues in export grain networks (*referred 23 March 2011; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2012*)

Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test (*referred 6 July 2011; reporting date: 14 March 2012*)

*Reports presented by the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee*

The effectiveness of Airservices Australia's management of aircraft noise (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ryan, on 2 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Biosecurity for Chinese apples and the Australia – US cherry trade—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 30 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Inquiry into the Australian horse industry and an emergency animal disease response agreement (*presented to the President on 30 August 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (*tabled 30 September 2010*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (*tabled 25 October 2010*)

Australian horse industry and an emergency animal disease response agreement (*presented to the President on 26 November 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)

Science underpinning the inability to eradicate the Asian honey bee—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Boyce, on 7 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Sale of timber assets by the South Australian Government—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 15 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*) and final report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fisher, on 29 April 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Pilot safety, including consideration of the Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ludlam, on 4 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Science underpinning the inability to eradicate the Asian honey bee—Final report (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Pilot training and airline safety; and consideration of the Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010—Final report (*tabled 23 June 2011*)

Animal welfare standards in Australia's live export markets, Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] (*tabled 23 November 2011*)

Management of the Murray Darling Basin—Interim report: the impact of mining coal seam gas on the management of the Murray Darling Basin (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Furner, on 30 November 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2012*)

Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements—Interim report: the management of the removal of the fee rebate for AQIS export certification functions (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 12 December 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2012*)

### **Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/scrutiny/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/scrutiny/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Senator Fifield (*Chairman*), Senator Carol Brown (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Bishop, Edwards, Marshall and Siewert

#### *Current inquiry*

Future direction and role of the committee (*referred 3 March 2010; interim report tabled 23 November 2011; final reporting date: 30 April 2012*)

#### *Alert Digests presented*

No. 8 of 2010 (*tabled 27 October 2010*)

No. 9 of 2010 (*tabled 17 November 2010*)

No. 10 of 2010 (*tabled 24 November 2010*)

No. 1 of 2011 (*tabled 9 February 2011*)

No. 2 of 2011 (*tabled 2 March 2011*)

No. 3 of 2011 (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

No. 4 of 2011 (*tabled 11 May 2011*)

No. 5 of 2011 (*tabled 15 June 2011*)

No. 6 of 2011 (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

No. 7 of 2011 (*tabled 6 July 2011*)

No. 8 of 2011 (*tabled 17 August 2011*)

No. 9 of 2011 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

No. 10 of 2011 (*tabled 14 September 2011*)

No. 11 of 2011 (*tabled 21 September 2011*)

No. 12 of 2011 (*tabled 13 October 2011*)

No. 13 of 2011 (*tabled 2 November 2011*)

No. 14 of 2011 (*tabled 23 November 2011*)

\* No. 1 of 2012 (*tabled 8 February 2012*)

*Reports presented*

Eighth report of 2010 (*tabled 27 October 2010*)

Ninth report of 2010 (*tabled 17 November 2010*)

Tenth report of 2010 (*tabled 24 November 2010*)

First report of 2011 (*tabled 9 February 2011*)

Second report of 2011 (*tabled 2 March 2011*)

Third report of 2011 (*tabled 23 March 2011*)

Fourth report of 2011 (*tabled 11 May 2011*)

Fifth report of 2011 (*tabled 15 June 2011*)

Sixth report of 2011 (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

Seventh report of 2011 (*tabled 6 July 2011*)

Eighth report of 2011 (*tabled 17 August 2011*)

Ninth report of 2011 (*tabled 24 August 2011*)

Tenth report of 2011 (*tabled 14 September 2011*)

Eleventh report of 2011 (*tabled 21 September 2011*)

Twelfth report of 2011 (*tabled 13 October 2011*)

Thirteenth report of 2011 (*tabled 2 November 2011*)

Fourteenth report of 2011 (*tabled 23 November 2011*)

Future role and direction of the Senate Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Interim report (*tabled 23 November 2011*)

\* First report of 2012 (*tabled 8 February 2012*)

**Scrutiny of New Taxes—Select Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/scrutinynewtaxes\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/scrutinynewtaxes_ctte/index.htm)

(*appointed 30 September 2010; final report tabled 1 November 2011*)

*Members*

Senator Cormann (*Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Cameron, Fifield, Madigan, Thistlethwaite and Williams

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Cash, Colbeck, Crossin, Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fisher, Furner, Gallacher, Heffernan, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie, Moore, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Singh, Stephens, Sterle, Urquhart and Xenophon

*Reports presented*

The student amenities fee – another tax by another name (*tabled 28 February 2011*)

New taxes monitoring database—Interim report (*tabled 21 March 2011*)

The mining tax: A bad tax out of a flawed process (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kroger, on 29 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 July 2011*)

The carbon tax: Economic pain for no environmental gain—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Stephens, on 7 October 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 October 2011*)

The carbon tax: Secrecy and spin cannot hide carbon tax flaws—Final report (*tabled 1 November 2011*)

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### **Selection of Bills—Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/selectionbills\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/selectionbills_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, The Nationals Whip and the Australian Greens Whip, and Senators Adams, Arbib, Carol Brown and Fifield

#### *Reports presented*

Report no. 11 of 2010 (*presented 30 September 2010*)

Report no. 12 of 2010 (*presented 27 October 2010*)

Report no. 13 of 2010 (*presented 28 October 2010*)

Report no. 14 of 2010 (*presented 18 November 2010*)

Report no. 15 of 2010 (*presented 26 November 2010*)

Report no. 1 of 2011 (*presented 10 February 2011*)

Report no. 2 of 2011 (*presented 3 March 2011*)

Report no. 3 of 2011 (*presented 24 March 2011*)

Report no. 4 of 2011 (*presented 25 March 2011*)

Report no. 5 of 2011 (*presented 12 May 2011*)

Report no. 6 of 2011 (*presented 12 May 2011*)

Report no. 7 of 2011 (*presented 15 June 2011*)

Report no. 8 of 2011 (*presented 23 June 2011*)

Report no. 9 of 2011 (*presented 7 July 2011*)

Report no. 10 of 2011 (*presented 18 August 2011*)

Report no. 11 of 2011 (*presented 25 August 2011*)

Report no. 12 of 2011 (*presented 15 September 2011*)

Report no. 13 of 2011 (*presented 22 September 2011*)

Report no. 14 of 2011 (*presented 13 October 2011*)

Report no. 15 of 2011 (*presented 3 November 2011*)

Report no. 16 of 2011 (*presented 10 November 2011*)

Report no. 17 of 2011 (*presented 25 November 2011*)

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### **Senators' Interests—Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/interests\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/interests_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Senator Bernardi (*Chair*), Senator Marshall (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Bilyk, Humphries, Johnston, Stephens and Waters

#### *Current inquiry*

Development of a draft code of conduct for senators (*referred 2 March 2011; reporting date: 10 May 2012*)

*Notifications of alterations of interests*

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 22 June 2010 and 13 December 2010 (*presented to the President on 15 December 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 14 December 2010 and 30 June 2011 (*tabled 4 July 2011*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 1 July and 5 August 2011 (*tabled 17 August 2011*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests of senators lodged by 5 August 2011—Volume 1: A–F and Volume 2: G–Z (*tabled 17 August 2011*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 6 August and 30 November 2011 (*presented to the Deputy President on 9 December 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2012*)

*Reports presented*

Report 1/2011: Annual report 2010 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 30 March 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011*)

Report 2/2011: Arrangements for online publication of the Register of Senators' Interests (*tabled 22 June 2011*)

**Treaties—Joint Standing Committee**

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/index.htm)

(*appointed 30 September 2010*)

*Members*

Mr KJ Thomson (*Chair*), Senator Birmingham (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Fawcett, Ludlam, Singh, Thistlethwaite and Urquhart and Ms Bird, Mr Briggs, Mr Forrest, Ms Grierson, Mr Jenkins, Ms Livermore, Ms Parke and Dr Stone

*Reports presented*

Report 113—Treaty tabled on 12 May 2010 (*report of the committee of the 42nd Parliament tabled 28 September 2010*)

Report 114—Treaties referred on 16 November 2010 (part 1) (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 3 December 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 February 2011*)

Report 115—Treaties tabled on 28 October and 24 November 2010; Treaties referred on 16 November 2010 (part 2) (*tabled 21 March 2011*)

Report 116—Treaties tabled on 24 and 25 November 2010, 9 February and 1 March 2011; Treaties referred on 16 November 2010 (part 3) (*tabled 11 May 2011*)

Report 117—Treaties tabled on 9 and 10 February, and 1 March 2011 (*tabled 15 June 2011*)

Report 118—Treaties tabled on 23 March and 11 May 2011 (*tabled 17 August 2011*)

Report 119—Treaty tabled on 5 July 2011 (*tabled 15 September 2011*)

Report 120—Treaties tabled on 5 July and 16 August 2011 (*tabled 13 October 2011*)  
Report 121—Treaty tabled on 16 August 2011 (*tabled 1 November 2011*)  
Report 122—Treaties tabled on 23 August, 13 and 20 September and 13 October 2011  
(*tabled 22 November 2011*)

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## SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

### **Advisory Council on Australian Archives**

Senator Faulkner (*appointed 30 September 2010, for a period of 3 years*).

### **Council of the National Library of Australia**

Senator Humphries (*appointed 23 June 2011; with effect on and from 1 July 2011, for a period of 3 years*).

### **Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust**

Senators Macdonald and Marshall (*appointed 23 June 2011; with effect on and from 1 July 2011, and 7 July 2011, respectively*).

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**ROSEMARY LAING**  
Clerk of the Senate

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## MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Ministers	Representing
<b>Senator the Honourable Christopher Evans (<u>Chris</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Disability Reform Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth Minister for Housing Minister for Homelessness Minister for Resources and Energy Minister for Tourism Minister for Social Inclusion Minister for Human Services Minister for Early Childhood and Childcare Minister for the Public Service and Integrity Minister for Community Services
<b>Senator the Honourable Stephen Conroy</b> <i>Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Digital Productivity</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities Minister for Trade
<b>Senator the Honourable Penelope Wong (<u>Penny</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Finance and Deregulation</i>	Treasurer Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Special Minister of State Minister for the Status of Women
<b>Senator the Honourable Joseph Ludwig (<u>Joe</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i> <i>Minister Assisting on Queensland Floods Recovery</i>	Minister for Immigration and Citizenship Attorney-General Minister for Emergency Management Minister for Health Minister for Mental Health and Ageing Minister for Indigenous Health Minister for Home Affairs Minister for Justice
<b>Senator the Honourable Kim Carr</b> <i>Minister for Manufacturing</i> <i>Minister for Defence Materiel</i>	Minister for Defence Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Minister for Industry and Innovation Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Science and Personnel
<b>Senator the Honourable Mark Arbib</b> <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> <i>Minister for Small Business</i> <i>Minister for Sport</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Minister for the Arts Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Employment Participation Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development
Parliamentary Secretaries	
<b>Senator the Honourable Jan McLucas</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers</i> <b>Senator the Honourable Jacinta Collins</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations</i> <b>Senator the Honourable Donald Farrell (<u>Don</u>)</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water</i>	<b>Senator the Honourable David Feeney</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Defence</i> <b>Senator the Honourable Kate Lundy</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs</i>

*In those instances where senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is underlined.*

## GUIDE TO THE *NOTICE PAPER*

A *Notice Paper* is issued each sitting day containing details of current business before the Senate. It works in conjunction with the Senate Order of Business (otherwise known as the Red) which sets out the daily routine of business to be followed as per standing order 57.

Standing orders are the rules or procedures set down by the Senate to govern the Senate and its committees. The current version of *The Senate: Standing Orders and other orders of the Senate* is available on the Senate website at: [www.aph.gov.au/Senate/pubs/standing\\_orders/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/pubs/standing_orders/index.htm).

The publication of the *Notice Paper* is authorised by standing order 43(2).

### Placement of business on the *Notice Paper*

The way business is placed on the *Notice Paper* is set down according to standing orders and is listed under one of the following four categories:

**Matters of privilege** which take precedence over all other business and are listed at the beginning of the *Notice Paper* when they arise. They consist of notices of motion which the President has determined warrant such precedence and any orders relating to adjourned debates on such motions.

**Business of the Senate** which has precedence over government and general business for the day on which it is listed. It includes disallowance motions, orders of the day for the presentation of committee reports, motions to refer matters to standing committees, motions for leave of absence for a senator and motions concerning the qualification of a senator.

**Government business** which is business initiated by a minister including the consideration of government legislation. It takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours each week set aside on Thursdays for general business.

**General business** which is all other business initiated by senators who are not ministers. It takes precedence over government business only as described above. (*See below for a breakdown of this section.*)

Within each of the above categories you may find notices of motions and/or orders of the day:

**Notices of motion** are statements indicating that senators intend to move particular motions on the days indicated. They are entered on the *Notice Paper* in the order given and may be given jointly by two or more senators. Notices of motion are usually considered before orders of the day.

**Orders of the day** are items of business which the Senate has ordered to be considered on particular days, usually arising from adjourned debates on matters, including legislation, or requirements to present committee reports.

On days other than Thursdays, the *Notice Paper* records all business of the Senate and government business items, but includes only new items of general business from the previous sitting day. On Thursdays, to take account of General Business at 4.30 pm, a full listing of business relating to the consideration of government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports and Auditor-General's reports is also published.

## Sections of the *Notice Paper*

Other than the sections: Matters of Privilege, Business of the Senate and Government Business, the *Notice Paper*, may also contain the following:

### **Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses and Auditor-General's Reports**

Adjourned debates on motions to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business. New items appear on the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

This section can be found residing between Government Business and General Business on the *Notice Paper*.

### **General Business**

**Orders of the Day**—Adjourned debates on motions initiated by private senators to take note of business other than a government document or a private senator's bill as these have their own sections.

**Orders of the day relating to Government Documents**—Adjourned debates on motions to take note of government documents. Such orders arise from consideration of the government documents presented on a particular day and include consideration of any documents not reached on the day. They are also listed for consideration for up to one hour on Thursdays during the consideration of general business. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

**Orders of the day relating to Private Senators' Bills**—Adjourned debates on motions to consider bills introduced by senators in a personal capacity. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*.

They can also be listed for consideration for up to 2 hours and 20 minutes on Thursday mornings (temporary order agreed to on 2 November 2010 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee's 4th report of 2010).

### **Business for Future Consideration**

Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered on a specific day in the future, for example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, or a notice of motion given for a day other than the next day of sitting.

Business, is listed under the date it is to dealt with in the chamber, starting with the next day of sitting. Any business to which a date cannot be allocated, for example, the tabling date may be a result of some other event occurring, will be placed at the end of the section.

### **Bills Referred to Committees**

Lists all bills or provisions of bills currently being considered by Senate or joint committees, including details of: who referred, to which committee, when referred, variations to the reporting date, any interim reports presented and final reporting date.

### **Questions on Notice**

Includes the text of new questions on notice, preceded by a listing of numbers of unanswered questions which have already appeared in full on the *Notice Paper* and a number range of unanswered questions which remain unanswered for more than 30 days.

**Answers to Estimates Questions on Notice**

Lists the dates set by standing committees for the answering of questions taken on notice during estimates hearings.

**Orders of the Senate**

An order of the Senate is a resolution agreed to by the Senate which is regarded as continuing in effect unless its terms indicate that it has a limited life, or is spent by the effluxion of time or the circumstances to which it applied no longer exist.

This section can include resolutions such as: new or amendments of standing orders which have not yet appeared in a current reprint, temporary orders of the Senate, the authorisation of committees to meet during the sitting of the Senate, and orders for production of documents.

**Contingent Notices of Motion**

These are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

**Temporary Chairs of Committees**

A daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

**Categories of Committees**

Details in list form, categorised by type, all Senate and joint committees. Specific details of each committee appear in the section Committees.

**Committees**

An alphabetical listing of all Senate and joint committees, including their membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day i.e. presented out of sitting.

**Senate Appointments to Statutory Authorities**

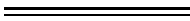
A listing of the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

**Ministerial Representation**

A listing of Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

**The ‘full’ Notice Paper**

On the first day of the autumn and spring sittings a full *Notice Paper* is printed listing all outstanding business before the Senate, including the full text of all unresolved notices of motion and unanswered questions on notice. This edition is a complete reference to unresolved business from earlier in the session and is useful to keep. All business before the Senate is published daily in the full online version of the *Notice Paper*, available on ParlInfo Search and at: [www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm).



Inquiries concerning the *Notice Paper* or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.