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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2012

1 Senator Boswell: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 9 June 2012:

The effect of the implementation of the marine park protected areas and marine bio-regional plans on recreational and commercial fishing trawling, and associated industries, including:

(a) the scientific basis on which the marine bio-regions have been developed, including the location of closures, and the development of a management policy for these parks;

(b) the policy underpinning the restrictions on fishing trawlers in the green, multiple-use, general purpose and special purpose zones, and the subsequent impact on fishing licences;

(c) the cost of buying out existing fishing licences, as a result of the Marine Bio-regional Parks policy, and the development of a compensation framework for fishermen, allied seafood businesses (such as processors, wholesalers and retailers) and tourism operators who have been adversely affected by the Marine Bio-regional Parks policy; and

(d) any other related matter.

Notice of motion altered on 21 March 2012 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 22 March 2012

2 Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Procedure Committee for inquiry and report:

The routine of business and the precedence granted to the motions to refer matters of privilege to the Committee of Privileges when the President gives precedence to such matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012 and the provisions of the Social Security Amendment (Supporting Australian Victims of Terrorism Overseas) Bill 2011. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
3 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2]. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Judges and Governors-General Legislation Amendment (Family Law) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

6 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Skills Australia Amendment (Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

7 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

8 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

9 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Health Reform Amendment (Administrator and National Health Funding Body) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

10 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Charges) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

11 Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee
Final report to be presented on the future direction and role of the committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Disability Support Pension Participation Reforms) Bill 2012—(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (29 February 2012).
Notices of Motion

Notice given 8 May 2012

*1 Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins): To move—That, on Thursday, 10 May 2012:

(a) the routine of business from not later than 12.30 pm to 1.50 pm shall be consideration of the government business order of the day relating to the Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (Schoolkids Bonus Budget Measures) Bill 2012;

(b) the bill listed in paragraph (a) be considered under a limitation of time, and that the time allotted for all remaining stages be as follows: commencing at 12.30 pm until 1.50 pm; and

(c) paragraph (b) of this order operate as a limitation of debate under standing order 142.

*2 Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins): To move—That, subject to introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (Schoolkids Bonus Budget Measures) Bill 2012, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Orders of the Day—continued

2 Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support and Other Measures) Bill 2012—(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (29 February 2012).

3 Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012—
(Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 March 2012).

4 Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012—
(Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator Farrell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 March 2012).

5 Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2012
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011—(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Moore, in continuation, 21 March 2012).
Notices of Motion—continued

*3 Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins): To move—That—

(1) To ensure appropriate consideration of time critical bills by Senate committees, the provisions of all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 10 May 2012 and up to and including 31 May 2012 that contain substantive provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2012 (together with the provisions of any related bill), are referred to committees for inquiry and report by 18 June 2012.

(2) The committee to which each bill is referred shall be determined in accordance with the order of 29 September 2010, as amended on 8 February 2012, allocating departments and agencies to standing committees.

(3) A committee to which a bill has been referred may determine, by unanimous decision, that there are no substantive matters that require examination and report that fact to the Senate.

(4) This order does not apply in relation to bills which contain:
   (a) no provisions other than provisions appropriating revenue or moneys (appropriation bills); and
   (b) commencement clauses providing only for the legislation to commence on Royal Assent.

*4 Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins): To move—That consideration of the business before the Senate on Monday, 18 June 2012 be interrupted at approximately 5.30 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Smith to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

Orders of the Day—continued

6 National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—(Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 November 2010).

7 Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Amendment Bill 2011—(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

8 Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012—(Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Ludwig)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (20 March 2012).

9 National Water Commission Amendment Bill 2012—(Senate bill)—(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 March 2012).
Corporations Legislation Amendment (Audit Enhancement) Bill 2012—
(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 March 2012).

Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-siphoning) Bill 2012—(Senate bill)—
(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 March 2012).

Judges and Governors-General Legislation Amendment (Family Law) Bill 2012—
(Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator Farrell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 March 2012).

Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Maintaining Address) Bill 2011
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Protecting Elector Participation) Bill 2012—
(Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator Farrell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 March 2012).

Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011
Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011—
(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Collins, 29 February 2012).

Cybercrime Legislation Amendment Bill 2011—
(Minister for Human Services, Senator Kim Carr)

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment
(Online Games) Bill 2011—
(Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 November 2011).

Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2011—
(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Collins, 29 February 2012).

Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010—
(Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator Farrell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2010).

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).
20 Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011—(Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 27 February 2012).

21 Criteria for independent youth allowance—Proposed resolution
Consideration of message no. 38 from the House of Representatives (28 October 2010).

22 Mental health—Proposed resolution
Consideration of message no. 80 from the House of Representatives (9 February 2011).

23 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, Minister for Sport (Senator Lundy), 12 May 2011).

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 Privileges—Standing Committee—151st report—Possible imposition of a penalty on, or interference with, a witness before the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Faulkner—that the Senate endorse the findings at paragraph 1.73 of the report and the conclusion, at paragraph 1.74, that a contempt should not be found in regard to the matter referred (Senator Faulkner, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—that the Senate take note of the report (Senator Fisher, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Visit to the Middle East Area of Operations: Report of the delegation to the MEAO, 14 May to 18 May 2012
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Furner—that the Senate take note of the report (Senator Furner, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—that the Senate take note of the report (Senator Ryan, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

6 Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2010-11
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the report (adjourned, Senator Kroger, 22 March 2012).

7 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 Fierravanti-Wells, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 28 September 2010

27 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 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 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 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 of 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.

Notice given 21 September 2011

458 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 8 November 2011

544 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 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


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.
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.

Senator Ludlam:

To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the publication of evidence that a sealed grand jury indictment against Australian citizen Mr Julian Assange has been in existence for more than a year; and
(b) calls on the Government to obtain confirmation of its existence from the Government of the United States of America and report to the Senate.

Notice given 20 March 2012

716 Senator Bob Brown: To move—That the Senate endorse the payment of the legal expenses of Senator Bob Brown and Senator Milne in the matter of the referral by Senator Kroger to the Committee of Privileges after receipt of and accreditation of those expenses by the President.

722 Senator Ludlam: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Attorney-General, no later than noon on Thursday, 22 March 2012, information relating to the most recent meeting convened by the Secretary of the Attorney-General’s Department, Mr Roger Wilkins, with Internet service providers and representatives of the film, television and music industries, including but not limited to:
   (a) a list of invitees;
   (b) a list of attendees;
   (c) notes arising from the meeting;
   (d) minutes arising from the meeting;
   (e) any documentation issued to attendees;
   (f) any internal departmental correspondence regarding the meeting; and
   (g) any documents relating to future meetings.

Notice given 21 March 2012

739 Senator Xenophon: To move—That the Senate notes that South Australia has substantially adhered to River Murray extraction caps since 1968, whereas other states in the Murray Darling Basin have increased extractions by at least 3 000 gigalitres.

740 Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce) and Senator Birmingham: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) has modelled the average annual inflows into the Murray Darling Basin (MDB) at 31 599 gigalitres,
      (ii) the modelling of these inflows covers a 114 year period from 1895 to 2009,
      (iii) the MDBA has not used the past 2 years of data on inflows in calculating the average inflows into the MDB as listed in the draft basin plan,
      (iv) the past 2 years have seen record rainfall in the Murray Darling,
      (v) the MDBA has acknowledged that including the 2010-12 river inflow data would change inflow calculations by 0.13 per cent or 32 gigalitres of water, and
      (vi) the MDBA has stated that ‘long term average inflows do not simply translate into estimates of sustainable diversion limits’;
   (b) calls on the Government to ensure that the final basin plan is based on the most up to date data and the best available science consistent with the requirements of the Water Act 2007; and
(c) orders that there be laid on the table by 17 May 2012:
   (i) annual data on the modelled inflows into the Murray Darling from 1895 to 2011,
   (ii) any MDBA advice and assessments about how this data is used to calculate sustainable diversion limits,
   (iii) any MDBA advice about how historical usage in different regions has been used to calculate sustainable diversion limits, and
   (iv) any other information held by the Government which explains the methodology used in formulating modelled inflows.

Notice of motion altered on 8 May 2012 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 22 March 2012

743 Senators Di Natale and Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) on 1 November 2010, $120.5 million was made available through Medicare for eligible midwives to work in private practice, and
   (ii) this funding has not been effectively implemented, with only one midwifery group practice able to claim all funding available, 17 months after its implementation; and

(b) calls on the Minister for Health (Ms Plibersek) to:
   (i) work, as a matter of priority and within a defined timeframe, with the Council of Australian Governments and Australian health ministers to agree on a nationwide approach, that will allow Medicare eligible privately practicing midwives to gain access to public hospitals and the Medicare funding available,
   (ii) ensure women are able to continue to access care for birth at home from registered private practice midwives after 1 July 2013 by ensuring an insurance product is made available to private practice midwives for birth at home, and
   (iii) make Commonwealth funding available for mentoring programs so that midwives receive support as they transition into private practice and access funds available under Medicare.

Notice given 8 May 2012

*744 Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Heffernan): To move—That the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 9 May 2012, from 5 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test.

*745 Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement (Senator Nash): To move—That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), including a private briefing, during the sitting of the Senate on 9 May 2012, from 5.30 pm to 7 pm.
Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert): To move—That the Community Affairs References Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 9 May 2012, from 5 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the approval and monitoring of Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) breast implants.

Senator Bob Brown: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) the national significance of celebrating the foundation of the centenary of Australia’s capital city,
(ii) the opportunity for tourists and local residents to experience historic, cultural, sports and entertainment events and exhibitions throughout the 2013 calendar year, and
(iii) the funding commitments made by both the Federal and Australian Capital Territory Governments for programs planned for the centenary celebrations in 2013; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to ensure adequate funding to the Australian Capital Territory Government and the National Capital Authority to support the programs planned for the centenary celebrations.

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move—That the Senate—
(a) reaffirms its commitment to increase overseas development assistance (ODA) to at least 0.5 per cent of gross national income (GNI) by 2015; and
(b) calls on the Government to implement a timetable for raising ODA to 0.7 per cent of GNI, the international aid target called for by the United Nations.

Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—
(a) the Senate calls on the Government to direct the Productivity Commission to inquire into Commonwealth funding of early childhood education and care, including the effectiveness and eligibility of the Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefit, and the potential productivity gains of Commonwealth funded childcare options that are affordable, flexible and accessible and of high-quality; and
(b) the inquiry should cover all Commonwealth funding options and models for various types of care, including long-day care, in-home care, occasional care, family day care, outside school hours care and care for children with special needs.

Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) Burma’s National League for Democracy (NLD) won 43 of the 45 seats contested in the April 2012 by-election,
(ii) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her NLD colleagues took their seats in the parliament on 2 May 2012,
(iii) that out of a total of 664 seats in the Burmese Parliament, the NLD holds 7 per cent, the military 25 per cent and the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party more than 50 per cent,
(iv) despite ballot irregularities and intimidations revealing the election not being entirely free and fair, sanctions on Burma were eased by the Australian Government as an incentive for further reform,
(v) the emphasis placed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) on their reversibility of relaxed sanctions should reforms not progress,

(vi) up to 1 000 political prisoners remain in Burmese jails,

(vii) oil and gas revenues constitute the largest source of income for the regime, amounting to US$3 billion in the 2011-12 fiscal year, and

(viii) Australia’s total two-way trade with Burma amounted to $93 million in 2010-11; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) ensure any normalisation of Australian trade and investment in Burma is reversible, and

(ii) adopt the United States of America model of normalising trade in sectors that will create jobs, build skills and have positive benefits for ordinary Burmese while maintaining sanctions on the mining and resource sectors that simply exploit Burma’s unique natural resources, cause systematic human rights violations, loss of livelihoods and force people from their homes.

*752 Chair of the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests (Senator Bernardi):

To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests on the development of a draft code of conduct for senators be extended to 27 November 2012.

Orders of the Day

1 Green Loans Program—Ministerial statement and documents

Consideration (28 September 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).

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 backflips, 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).

70 Parliament—Reflections on members of Parliament
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cash—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. And on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)—At the end of the motion, add “but considers the call from the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Abbott) to debate Australia’s economy, and his proposals which would lead to a $70 billion deficit and extensive job losses, as a more appropriate matter for debate in the Opposition’s private senators’ time” (Senator Ryan, in continuation, 9 February 2012).

71 Economics—Economic and fiscal policy—Government’s mismanagement
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cormann—That the Senate notes the mismanagement of economic and fiscal policy by the current Government (Senator Polley, in continuation, 1 March 2012).
Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

[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 Back, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

2 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 Bushby, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

3 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 Bushby, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

4 Tourism Australia—Report for 2010-11
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 22 March 2012).

5 Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2010-11
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

6 Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2010-11
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

7 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2010-11
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Cameron, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

8 Australian Customs and Border Protection Service—Report for 2010-11—Correction
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (adjourned, Senator Bushby, 22 March 2012).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cash—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McKenzie—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Cameron, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

11 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifier 667/11, 669/11 to 671/11, 672/12, 673/12, 687/12 to 689/12, 703/12 and 706/12—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman
Consideration (14 March 2012).
12 *Migration Act 1958*—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 667/11, 669/11 to 671/11, 672/12, 673/12, 687/12 to 689/12, 703/12 and 706/12—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 13 March 2012
Consideration (14 March 2012).

Consideration (20 March 2012).

14 Independent National Security Legislation Monitor—Report for the period 21 April to 30 June 2011
Consideration (20 March 2012).

Consideration (20 March 2012).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Back—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Back, in continuation, 22 March 2012*).

17 Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Statement of corporate intent 2011-12 to 2013-14
Consideration (20 March 2012).

18 Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Equity and diversity program—Report for 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011
Consideration (20 March 2012).

19 Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Fifth Agreement to Extend the 1987 Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology, done at Bali on 15 April 2011
Consideration (20 March 2012).

Consideration (21 March 2012).

**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).

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)—(Senators Siewert and 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)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, 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)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Milne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Milne, in continuation, 29 September 2010).

12 Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—
(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)—(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 (Senator Waters, in continuation, 1 March 2012).

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).

   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 30 September 2010).

26 National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(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)—(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)—(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)—(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)—(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)—(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).

51 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Colbeck)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Mason, in continuation, 9 February 2012).

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)—(Senator Bob Brown)
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).

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).

60 Carbon Tax Plebiscite Bill 2011 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator Abetz)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Leader of the Australian Greens (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)
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).

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).

66 Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Coal Seam Gas) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Waters)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Waters, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

67 Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon and Bob Brown)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 25 August 2011).

68 Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 10 November 2011).
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).

Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bob Brown)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 September 2011).

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).

Public Accounts and Audit Committee Amendment (Ombudsman) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bob Brown)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 1 November 2011).

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).

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (International Broadcasting Services) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 10 November 2011).

Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting and Telecommunications Amendment) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senators Bob Brown and Di Natale)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 21 November 2011).

Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 23 November 2011).

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).

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).
80 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Monitoring of Whaling) Bill 2012—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bob Brown)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 9 February 2012).

81 Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Natural Program Breaks and Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2012—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 27 February 2012).

82 Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill (No. 1) 2012—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 29 February 2012).

83 Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 1 March 2012).

84 Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brandis)
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Senator Brandis—That this bill be now read a second time.

And on the amendment moved by Senator Wright—At the end of the motion, add “and the bill be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2012” (Senator Fisher, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

86 Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bushby)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bushby, in continuation, 21 March 2012).

87 Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2012—(Senate bill)—(Senator Rhiannon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Rhiannon, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (10 May 2012)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 May 2012

*1 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 28 June 2012:
(a) whether any Indonesian minors are currently being held in Australian prisons, remand centres or detention centres where adults are also held, and the appropriateness of that detention;
(b) what information the Australian authorities possessed or had knowledge of when it was determined that a suspect or convicted person was a minor;
(c) whether there have been cases where information that a person is a minor was not put before the court;
(d) what checks and procedures exist to ensure that evidence given to an Australian authority or department about the age of a defendant/suspect is followed up appropriately;
(e) the relevant procedures across agencies relating to cases where there is a suggestion that a minor has been imprisoned in an adult facility; and
(f) options for reparation and repatriation for any minor who has been charged (contrary to current government policy) and convicted.

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 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 Prothése (PIP) breast implants.

On 6 June 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 7 June 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 8 June 2012

Business of the Senate—Order 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.

On 18 June 2012

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Complaints) Bill 2012 and the Judicial Misbehaviour and Incapacity (Parliamentary Commissions) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Student Visas) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Wheat Export Marketing Amendment Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 19 June 2012

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Bill 2012, the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2012, the Shipping Registration Amendment (Australian International Shipping Register) Bill 2012, the Shipping Reform (Tax Incentives) Bill 2012 and the Tax Laws Amendment (Shipping Reform) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 8 May 2012*

*749 Senator Hanson-Young:* To move—that there be laid on the table no later than 28 June 2012 by the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the following:
(a) any draft or final legal advice regarding the Murray Darling Basin Draft Plan obtained by the department;
(b) any legal advice regarding the Murray Darling Basin Draft Plan obtained by another party and provided to the department;
(c) any draft or final legal advice that comments on whether the Murray Darling Basin Draft Plan is consistent with the Water Act 2007;
(d) any draft or final legal advice that comments on the constitutionality of the Murray Darling Basin Draft Plan; and
(e) any draft or final legal advice that comments on the prospects of a legal challenge of the Murray Darling Basin Draft Plan by an Australian state or territory.

Four sitting days after today (20 June 2012)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 29 February 2012


Five sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 20 June 2012

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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 27 June 2012

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on the Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test.

2 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on health services and medical professionals in rural areas.
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 15 August 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 31 August 2012

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee
   Third report to be presented.
On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2012 (12 September 2012)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2012.

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 31 October 2012

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the effects of the global financial crisis on the Australian banking sector.

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

88 Poker Machine Harm Reduction (S1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012—(Senate bill)—(Senators Di Natale, Madigan and Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 22 March 2012).
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.)

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 18 June 2012).

Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012‡
Social Security Amendment (Supporting Australian Victims of Terrorism Overseas) Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 8 May 2012).

Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 1 March 2012; reporting date: 9 May 2012).

Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Shipping Registration Amendment (Australian International Shipping Register) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Shipping Reform (Tax Incentives) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Tax Laws Amendment (Shipping Reform) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 19 June 2012).

Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 8 May 2012).

Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Complaints) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Judicial Misbehaviour and Incapacity (Parliamentary Commissions) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 18 June 2012).
Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (referred 10 November 2011; reporting date varied 22 March 2012; reporting date: 15 August 2012).

Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 20 June 2012).

Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (referred 1 March 2012; reporting date: 8 May 2012).

Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2]‡
Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 8 May 2012).

Judges and Governors-General Legislation Amendment (Family Law) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 8 May 2012).

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 8 February 2012; reporting date varied 28 February 2012; reporting date: 6 June 2012).

Migration Legislation Amendment (Student Visas) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 8 May 2012).

National Health Reform Amendment (Administrator and National Health Funding Body) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 9 May 2012).

National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Charges) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 9 May 2012).

Poker Machine Harm Reduction ($1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012
Referred to the Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform (referred 22 March 2012).

Skills Australia Amendment (Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 8 May 2012).

Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2012; reporting date: 9 May 2012).
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 18 June 2012).

Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Senate Bills List.
‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

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.

Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010—(Senate bill)
Second reading negatived, 1 March 2012.

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—(originated as a message from the House of Representatives on 28 February 2012)
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.

Solar Hot Water Rebate Bill 2012—(Senate bill)
Second reading negatived, 22 March 2012.
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 5 to 1802 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 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 Malukas 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 for Foreign Affairs

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
1146 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation

(transfered to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 14 September 2011)

Notice given 20 September 2011

1230 Senator Rhiannon: To ask 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

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

(transfered to the Minister representing the Minister for School Education, Early
Childhood and Youth on 13 March 2012)
1239 Minister representing the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 March 2012; further transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth on 13 March 2012)

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.

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.

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.

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 disputation.

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.

1329 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Notice given 10 November 2011

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 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 advise, need to complete forms etc);
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(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.

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


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 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

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.

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).

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 2 February 2012

1529 Senator Bob Brown: To ask 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 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 8 February 2012

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

Notice given 10 February 2012

1549 Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation on 22 March 2012)——With reference to superannuation contributions in excess of the concessional and non-concessional caps:

(1) For the 2009-10 and 2010-11 financial years, listed separately:
   (a) how many individuals made contributions above the concessional and non-concessional contribution caps respectively;
   (b) what was the average amount paid above the concessional and non-concessional contribution caps respectively;
   (c) what was the total amount of taxation collected as a result of contributions above the concessional and non-concessional contribution caps respectively;
   (d) what was the average amount of tax paid per individual on contributions above the concessional and non-concessional contribution caps respectively;
   (e) what was the average amount of excess concessional contributions that counted towards the individual’s non-concessional contribution caps for the same period;
   (f) what was the average amount of excess concessional contributions that counted towards the individual’s non-concessional contribution caps that created excess non-concessional contributions for the same period; and
   (g) how many people does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) expect to make contributions above the concessional and non-concessional contribution caps and how much taxation is this estimated to raise.

(2) For the 2010-11 financial year, how many individuals exceeded the concessional contributions caps, listed by the marginal income tax rate brackets.

(3) How much has it cost the ATO to administer the concessional and non-concessional contribution caps for the:
   (a) 2009-10; and
   (b) 2010-11 financial years.

(4) For the 2011-12 financial year, how much does the ATO estimate it will spend administering the concessional and non-concessional contribution caps respectively.
Notice given 15 February 2012

1550 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—For each illegal boat arrival since 1 January 2010:

(1) At what time was the boat: (a) first spotted; and (b) intercepted.
(2) When was the Minister’s office informed.
(3) At what time did the Minister issue a media release.

Senator Birmingham: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1553-1555)—

(1) Can details be provided of all resources committed by the department, as well as known contributions from other agencies, towards the return to Australia of three protesters who boarded the Japanese vessel Shonan Maru No. 2 in January 2012.
(2) What was the department’s total expenditure on this exercise.

1554 Minister for Foreign Affairs

Notice given 17 February 2012

1558 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to comments made by the Minister on the Fairfax Radio Network on 13 February 2012 in relation to a meeting with Qantas:

(1) When was the Minister briefed by Qantas.
(2) Was the Minister aware that items discussed in the meeting may be commercial-in-confidence.
(3) Why did the Minister choose to release the information.
(4) Did the Minister seek the permission of Qantas prior to publically speaking on the matter.
(5) If permission was not obtained, is the Minister concerned about the message this may send to the business community concerning the Minister’s management of market sensitive information.

Notice given 27 February 2012

1563 Senator Boswell: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Marine Bioregional Planning Program:

(1) On what scientific basis have the lines defining the bioregions of the South-west, North, North-west, Coral Sea and the Temperate East Marine Regions been determined.
(2) Can the scientific analysis that underpins the location of the closures be provided, including details of what specifically needs protection and what it is being protected from.
(3) What peer reviewed scientific analysis has been used to ban trawling in each of the marine regions.
(4) How did the Minister formulate the policy that marine parks are the best way to conserve biodiversity.
(5) Has the Government assessed the number of boats that trawl in the highly protected (green zones), multiple-use, general purpose and special purpose zones.

(6) (a) What amount of fishing effort will have to be reduced and how many licences will have to be removed to allow the remaining boats to fish in areas that are not zoned; and (b) how were these figures determined.

(7) Has the Government estimated the cost of buying out the licences and the boats that will be required to reduce the effort; if so, which government body will assess the compensation to fishermen.

(8) Can the Minister advise whether the Government will compensate allied seafood businesses, such as processors, wholesalers and retailers who will be severely impacted by the closures, many of which are located in regional towns that rely on industry jobs therefore forming an important part of the community.

(9) Can the Minister advise why a management plan was not prepared prior to the declaration of the bioregions.

(10) In regard to Australia’s international obligations to establish marine reserves: (a) what is Australia’s commitment; and (b) under which particular agreements is Australia bound.

(11) What is the total, quantifiable commitment made to international bodies and to which international bodies has Australia made a commitment.

1565 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) In regard to the sale of uranium to India:
   (a) has the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office (ASNO) provided advice to the Government regarding uranium sales to India; if so, what advice and to whom;
   (b) what is the process and timeline proposed for advancing this policy shift; and
   (c) what is the role of ASNO in this process.

(2) What is the current status of Australia’s involvement in the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP) initiative.

(3) Which ASNO officers are involved in the GNEP initiative and what form does this involvement take.

(4) Has ASNO provided advice to assist in Australia’s preparations for the upcoming Non-Proliferation Treaty conference in Vienna; if so, to whom.

(5) Which ASNO officers will attend the upcoming Non-Proliferation Treaty conference in Vienna.

(6) Has ASNO had input or provided advice to the Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group proposal to link AusAID funding to Australian resource projects; if so, to whom and when was the advice provided.

(7) Has ASNO reviewed the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, Inquiry into Australia’s relationship with the countries of Africa; if so:
   (a) what is ASNO’s assessment of this report; and
   (b) to whom has advice been provided regarding the possible future steps to be taken.
(8) What advice or assessments have ASNO officers provided to the Government or its agencies (detailing which) regarding the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

(9) Has ASNO been involved in any assessments or responses to papers, reports or processes of the United Nations, or other international organisations, regarding the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

(10) Has there been any material change in the legal, regulatory or operational framework of the uranium sector in Australia since the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

(11) Does ASNO consider the Government’s approval of the proposed expansion of Olympic Dam as a ‘clear signal’ or is BHP Billiton board approval required.

(12) Can the Minister outline the expected new treaty or amended treaty process with China and the schedule of events required at the intergovernmental level to explore this further, including what model ASNO proposes to use to determine the required accounting arrangements and security measures.

(13) Which facilities in China have been approved by the Australian Government to process Australian uranium oxide.

(14) Does ASNO recognise the potential for commercial mining interests in the Olympic Dam project to influence and drive Australia’s bilateral uranium sales agreements.

Senator Waters: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the ‘State Party Report on the state of conservation of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area (Australia)’:

(1) Given that the Australian Government’s report, presented to the World Heritage Committee on 1 February 2012, stated that Queensland’s State Coastal Plan ‘prevents new development footprints in coastal areas of high ecological significance’ (p. iv), can details be provided outlining exactly how the State Coastal Plan achieves this.

(2) Is the department’s definition of ‘prevent’ different from the commonly accepted understanding, that prevent means stopping something from happening.

(3) What is meant by ‘new development footprints’.

(4) In coastal areas of high ecological significance, how does the Queensland State Coastal Plan prevent:
   (a) residential or tourism developments;
   (b) port developments; and
   (c) industrial and infrastructure developments.

(5) Is it more accurate to state that the Queensland State Coastal Plan does not prevent any development, but rather that the plan needs merely to be considered by an assessment manager (usually the local council) when applications for particular types of development are under assessment.

(6) Given that the report states that the Queensland Government’s Wetlands State Planning Policy protects high value wetlands, can details be provided outlining exactly how this policy delivers genuine protection of high value wetlands from the impacts of residential, commercial, industrial, port and infrastructure developments.
(7) Can a list be provided detailing which wetlands in Queensland are not of 'high value' and therefore are not afforded protection by the Wetlands State Planning Policy.

(8) Does the Wetlands State Planning Policy have to be complied with by decision-makers; do decisions have to be consistent with the policy or does the policy only have to be considered by decision-makers.

(9) Is it more accurate to state that the Queensland Wetlands State Planning Policy gives guidance on wetlands protection and only needs to be considered (but not adhered to) by decision-makers in regard to high value wetlands.

(10) In regard to the ‘Disclaimer’ at the beginning of the report, whose views and opinions are expressed in the publication if not those of the Australian Government.

(11) Who is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of a State Party Report compiled in fulfilment of Australia’s obligations to the World Heritage Committee.

Notice given 5 March 2012

1574 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

(1) For the period 1 January to 31 December 2011, how many: (a) uniformed staff; and (b) civilian staff, resigned from each of the service areas (i.e. army, navy and air force).

(2) For the period 1 January to 31 December 2011, how many: (a) uniformed staff; and (b) civilian staff, were made redundant or accepted severance packages in each of the service areas.

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1609-1611)—

(1) For the period 1 July to 31 December 2011: (a) what was the hospitality spend for each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) for each hospitality event, can the following details be provided: (i) the date, (ii) the location, (iii) the purpose, (iv) the cost, and (v) the number of attendees.

(2) For the period 1 July to 31 December 2011, can details be provided of the total hospitality spend for the office of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary.

1609 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
1610 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel
1611 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel

1621 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—As at 31 December 2011:

(1) With reference to the acquisition of the first 2 F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) aircraft: (a) what is the expected expenditure on the acquisition; and (b) what is to be supplied as equipment, supporting systems, weapons, services or infrastructure to the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

(2) With reference to the acquisition of a further 12 F-35 JSF aircraft: (a) what is the expected expenditure on the acquisition; and (b) what is to be supplied as equipment, supporting systems, weapons, services or infrastructure to the ADF.
(3) When will these first 14 F-35 JSF aircraft: (a) be delivered; (b) become fully operational; and (c) what is the estimated through-life support and operating costs for these aircraft over an expected 30 year period of operation.

(4) When will the remaining 86 F-35 JSF be purchased (as referenced in the Defence White Paper 2009, p. 78, paragraph 9.60, ‘The Government has decided that it will acquire around 100 F-35 JSF, along with supporting systems and weapons. The first stage of this acquisition will acquire three operational squadrons comprising not fewer than 72 aircraft’).

(5) With reference to the acquisition of the remaining 86 F-35 JSF aircraft: (a) what is the expected expenditure on the acquisition; (b) what will be supplied as equipment, supporting systems, weapons, services or infrastructure to the ADF; (c) when will the aircraft be delivered; (d) when will they become fully operational; (e) where will the JSF squadrons be based, and when; and (e) what is the estimated through-life support and operating costs over an expected 30 year period of operation.

(6) What savings would be made by cancelling the purchase of 24 F-35 JSF aircraft and purchasing 24 Super Hornets.

1623 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Government commissioned report, 2008 Audit of the Defence Budget which identified that ‘a real growth rate of 3.5% in capital expenditure on SME [Specialised Military Equipment] is required] just to replace today’s equipment. To deliver the capabilities proposed in the recommended Force Structure Option requires a growth rate of 4.2%’: As at 31 December 2011, what will be the amount required to fund, in nominal dollars, the major capital equipment program each year from 2010-11 to 2029-30, so as to fund the White Paper ‘Force 2030’ initiatives.

1631 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—As at 31 December 2011:

(1) From which areas of expenditure will the enhanced force protection measures be made.

(2) What specific programs will be cut or deferred to meet this cost.

(3) Why did the Government cease disclosing deferrals in expenditure in the 2008-09 Budget which has continued through to the 2011-12 Budget.

(4) (a) What are the specific deferrals in expenditure since 2008-09; and (b) why have these deferrals been made.

(5) What percentage increase, if any, will be made to enable future capital equipment initiatives over the forward estimates period.

(6) As it is not clear in the 2011-12 Budget, what specific projects are planned for approval in 2011-12.

(7) (a) What programs in 2011-12 will now have to be resourced through absorbed costs; and (b) what programs have been cancelled or deferred to enable these costs to be absorbed.

(8) Of the $20.6 billion worth of savings under the Strategic Reform Program (SRP) it would appear that $4.6 billion of this involves the re-allocation of funds and is not a savings item at all – how can this claim of savings be made when it is in fact a reallocation of funds.
(9) Under the SRP: (a) why has the number of civilian employees to be cut been reduced from the forecast 3 125; and (b) what is the new figure.

1634 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Tactical Information Exchange Domain JP 2089, can the following details be provided:
   (a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
   (b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
   (c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
   (d) the date of first pass approval;
   (e) the date of second pass approval;
   (f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
   (g) the amount spent to date on this project;
   (h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
   (i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
   (j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
   (k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1635 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Active Missile Decoy (AMD) SEA 1229 Phase 1, 2 and 3, can the following details be provided:
   (a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
   (b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
   (c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
   (d) the date of first pass approval;
   (e) the date of second pass approval;
   (f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
   (g) the amount spent to date on this project;
   (h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
   (i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
   (j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
   (k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1636 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Anzac Ships SEA 1348 Phase 2, can the following details be provided:
   (a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1637 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Anzac Ship Project – Underwater and Surface War Fighting Upgrade Pgm SEA 1348 Phase 3, can the following details be provided:
(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1638 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Guided Missile Frigate Upgrade Implementation SEA 1390 Phase 2.1, can the following details be provided:
(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1639 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Standard Missile Replacement SEA 1390 Phase 4, can the following details be provided:
(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1640 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project NULKA SEA 1397, can the following details be provided:
(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1641 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project FLIR and ESM for S-70B-2 Helicopters SEA 1405, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;

(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;

(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;

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(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;

(g) the amount spent to date on this project;

(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;

(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;

(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and

(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1642 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Evolved SEASPARROW SEA 1428, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;

(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;

(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;

(d) the date of first pass approval;

(e) the date of second pass approval;

(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;

(g) the amount spent to date on this project;

(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;

(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;

(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and

(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1643 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Replacement Heavyweight Torpedo SEA 1429, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;

(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;

(d) the date of first pass approval;

(e) the date of second pass approval;

(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;

(g) the amount spent to date on this project;

(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;

(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;

(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and

(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1644 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project COLLINS Class Replacement Combat System SEA 1439 Phase 4A, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;

(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;

(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;

(d) the date of first pass approval;

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(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;

(g) the amount spent to date on this project;

(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;

(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;

(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and

(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1645 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Maritime Communications Modernisation SEA 1442, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;

(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;

(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;

(d) the date of first pass approval;

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(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1646 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Armidale Class Patrol Boat Project SEA 1444, can the following details be provided:
(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1647 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project ANZAC Anti-Ship Missile Defence SEA 1448, can the following details be provided:
(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.
1648 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Replacement of Afloat Support Capability SEA 1654, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;

(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;

(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;

(d) the date of first pass approval;

(e) the date of second pass approval;

(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;

(g) the amount spent to date on this project;

(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;

(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;

(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and

(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1649 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Air Warfare Destroyer SEA 4000, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;

(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;

(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;

(d) the date of first pass approval;

(e) the date of second pass approval;

(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;

(g) the amount spent to date on this project;

(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;

(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;

(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and

(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1650 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft AIR 5077, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;

(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;

(d) the date of first pass approval;

(e) the date of second pass approval;

(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;

(g) the amount spent to date on this project;

(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;

(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;

(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and

(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project New Air Defence Command and Control Systems for Control Units 2 and 3 AIR 5333, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;

(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;

(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;

(d) the date of first pass approval;

(e) the date of second pass approval;

(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;

(g) the amount spent to date on this project;

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(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;

(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and

(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Bridging Air Combat Capability AIR 5349 Phase 2, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;

(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;

(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Bridging Air Combat Capability AIR 5349 Phase 1, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project F/A-18 Hornet Upgrade AIR 5376, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1655 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Air to Air Refuelling Capability AIR 5402, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1656 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Project Echidna Electronic Warfare Self Protection for ADF Aircraft AIR 5416, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1657 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Follow-on Standoff Weapon AIR 5418, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft AIR 6000, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project AIR 7000: Phase 1B and 2B AIR 7000, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1660 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project C-17 Globemaster III AIR 8000, can the following details be provided:
(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

1661 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter AIR 87, can the following details be provided:
(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.
Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project Multi Role Helicopter AIR 9000 Phase 2, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel—With reference to the major project MH-60R Seahawk Romeo AIR 9000 Phase 8, can the following details be provided:

(a) the date that the project was first proposed to Government as a major capital equipment initiative;
(b) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for first pass approval, as per the Defence Capability Plan (DCP), or when it was first proposed to Government;
(c) the date of the first estimated date, time period, for second pass approval, as per the DCP, or when it was first proposed to Government;
(d) the date of first pass approval;
(e) the date of second pass approval;
(f) the estimated acquisition cost when first proposed to Government;
(g) the amount spent to date on this project;
(h) the current estimated acquisition cost;
(i) the date of estimated initial operational capability when first proposed to Government;
(j) the current date of estimated initial operational capability; and
(k) the reason(s) for the delay in this project, if applicable.

Notice given 8 March 2012

Senator Kroger: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to Schedule 8 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 7) Act 2012, which amends the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, the Taxation Administration Act 1953 and the A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) Act 1999 to improve the integrity of public ancillary funds, and given that item 8.7 of Chapter 8 of the explanatory memorandum describes the nature of a public
ancillary fund as follows: ‘A fund is a public ancillary fund where: it is the intention of the promoters or founders that the public will be invited to contribute to the fund; the public, or a significant part of it, does in fact contribute to the fund; and the public participates in the administration of the fund (see Bray v FC of T 78 ATC 4179 (1978) 8 ATR 569). These requirements are intended to ensure that moneys and property donated to the fund, and which attract a taxation concession, are used for the purpose for which the fund has been granted DGR [Deductible Gift Recipient] status’:

(1) Should a perpetual public ancillary fund that has a substantial corpus comprised almost entirely of testamentary gifts surrender its DGR endorsement and be permitted to continue to pursue its public charitable purposes.

(2) If a public ancillary fund has received some small donations from the public in the years of its existence and has made distributions far in excess of the funds so donated, on surrendering DGR endorsement, will the fund have no additional obligations to satisfy the Government that moneys received by way of tax deductible gifts from the public have been distributed appropriately.

1688 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1521 (Senate Hansard, proof p. 164), with whom has the department or Serco entered into a contract for the supply of 22 combination television/DVD units located at the Pontville Immigration Detention Centre.

Notice given 9 March 2012

1691 Senator Bushby: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—In regard to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) and provisions relating to the superannuation industry:

(1) What is the status of the requirement for superannuation funds to take less than 30 days to roll money over to a different fund or to a member following the member’s request.

(2) What is the extent of non-compliance, listed by industry segment, in regard to this provision.

(3) What rollover release times appear to be:
   (a) best practice; and
   (b) less than best practice.

(4) Does the industry fund sector generally take significantly longer than the retail fund sector in arranging and administering rollovers; if so:
   (a) can APRA provide the relevant data relating to this trend; and
   (b) what are the reasons for this difference according to APRA.

Notice given 13 March 2012

1695 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Can a breakdown be provided detailing all expenditure on or at the Pontville Immigration Detention Centre.

1698 Senator Scullion: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the National Indigenous Reform Agreement on the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council website:
(1) Given that the seven National Partnerships associated with the National Indigenous Reform Agreement are: the National Partnership on Indigenous Economic Participation; the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Public Internet Access; the National Partnership on Remote Service Delivery; the National Partnership on Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory; the National Partnership on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes; the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing; and the National Partnership on Indigenous Early Childhood Development, can details be provided of the:
   (a) total funds committed to date for each National Partnership; and
   (b) total funds expended for each National Partnership, including a breakdown by state and territory where applicable.

(2) Given that the six targets of the National Indigenous Reform Agreement are to: ‘close the life expectancy gap within a generation’; ‘halve the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under five within a decade’; ‘ensure all Indigenous four year olds in remote communities have access to early childhood education within five years’; ‘halve the gap for Indigenous students in reading, writing, numeracy within a decade’; ‘halve the gap for Indigenous students in Year 12 attainment or equivalent attainment rates by 2020’; and ‘halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade’, which National Partnerships relate to the following targets:
   (a) ‘halve the gap for Indigenous students in reading, writing, numeracy within a decade’; and
   (b) ‘halve the gap for Indigenous students in Year 12 attainment or equivalent attainment rates by 2020’.

1703 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to question no. 55 taken on notice during the 2011-12 Supplementary Budget estimates hearing of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee:
   (1) Why are Licensed Post Offices still experiencing lengthy delays in the supply of stock.
   (2) Why is Australia Post unable to provide delivery invoices with stock.
   (3) Is Australia Post up to date with the processing of credits owed to licensees.

1704 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to Australia Post and the carriage of parcels by street mail contractors:
   (1) Given that Australia Post claims that, due to declining letter volumes, street mail contractors have the capacity to deliver small parcels, how can Australia Post expect a street mail contractor, who tendered for the mail contract on the basis that he or she would be delivering letters, to be expected to carry parcels.
   (2) Does Australia Post compensate parcel contractors for income lost as a result of parcels being allocated to street mail contractors.

1705 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the partnership between Rural Bank and Australia Post announced in 2011:
   (1) How is this business partnership progressing.
(2) What are the benefits to: (a) Licensed Post Office operators; and (b) Rural Bank customers.

1706 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to Australia Post and cheque payment fees:

1. What is the current cost of processing a cheque.
2. Why has Australia Post failed to advise all not-for-profit bodies that they are eligible for a waiver of the $100 cheque payment fee.
3. Have not-for-profit bodies been charged the $100 fee on their most recent Australia Post account without indication that they are eligible for the fee to be waived.

1707 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to Australia Post and the delivery of parcels:

1. Given that, in the 2010-11 annual report, Australia Post reported a 5.3 per cent increase in revenue through the parcel delivery business, has there been any corresponding growth in the number of parcel contractors delivering for Australia Post.
2. How does Australia Post determine when a delivery area will receive a dedicated parcel delivery service, where previously there may have been only a general street mail delivery service.
3. How is Australia Post progressing in the delivery of overweight or oversized parcels, with particular regard to how these parcels are being handled in a manner that minimises the handling risks to licensees and contractors.
4. Why does Australia Post accept large items, such as clothes dryers, washing machines or fridges, for delivery through the postal delivery network.

1708 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to Messenger Post Couriers:

1. What provision is there in the standard Messenger Post contract for variations due to increased fuel prices.
2. How does Australia Post determine the labour rate paid to Messenger Post contractors.

1709 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Can details be provided relating to how Australia Post recruits its Product Managers, including:

   a) whether positions are advertised;
   b) whether appointments are handled by an external recruitment agency; and
   c) how position descriptions are developed.

1710 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to Australia Post and the engagement of external consultants:

1. How much did Australia Post spend on consultants in the 2010-11 financial year, broken down by consulting firm.
2. Why does Australia Post engage external consulting firms.
1711 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the engagement of legal services by Australia Post:

(1) How much did Australia Post spend on legal services from external law firms in the 2010-11 financial year, broken down by firm.

(2) Has Australia Post reduced staff numbers in its internal legal division; if so, can details be provided as to which staff members were cut, such as whether they were administrative staff or solicitors.

1712 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Has Australia Post reduced its corporate security personnel numbers; if so, why.

1713 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to Messenger Post Couriers:

(1) Given that Messenger Post has previously advised its customers that it will raise rates due to fuel costs, has any such increase ever been passed on to Messenger Post’s contractors in the form of an increase in their contract fee.

(2) What is the standard length of contract offered to Messenger Post contractors.

(3) Has the Western Australia division of Messenger Post been without a Regional Manager for the past 12 months; if so: (a) has anyone been appointed to this position on a temporary basis; and (b) why has this position been vacant for so long.

(4) What scope does a new contractor have to negotiate the terms of their contract when in preliminary discussions with Messenger Post.

(5) How does Messenger Post allocate ‘ad hoc’ work to its contractors.

(6) What undertakings does Messenger Post give to incoming contractors based on anticipated workloads, and are any written estimates of work given to contractors.

(7) Has Messenger Post received any complaints from its contractors that the amount of available work has been misrepresented.

(8) What provision is there in a standard Messenger Post contract to allow for increases in operating costs (other than fuel costs).

(9) What is the cause of the recently high turnover of contractors observed in the Western Australia division of Messenger Post.

1714 Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—Will the 5 000 United States of America military personnel to be rotated through the bases in northern Australia be subject to Australian laws; if not, from which laws will the personnel be exempted.

1716 Senator Milne: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—With reference to a media release available on the department’s website, dated 10 December 2010, which states ‘To date, Australia has allocated A$473 million of its A$599 million fast-start commitment, including new funding allocations announced in Cancun. These include:

- A$15 million to the Adaptation Fund
• A$169 million in additional adaptation allocations under our International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative, with up to A$80 million to the Pacific and East Timor, up to A$25 million to Africa, up to A$44 million to Southeast Asia, and up to A$20 million to South Asia
• A$32 million under Australia’s International Forest Carbon Initiative for additional REDD+ activities in Indonesia and globally
• A$10 million to the Partnership for Market Readiness
• A$10 million to the Climate Investment Fund’s Program on Scaling-up Renewable Energy in Low Income Countries’.

1) For each of the five funds or programs listed above, as well as any more recent climate finance related funds or programs, can a breakdown be provided detailing:
   (a) the total expenditure, both to date and projected, by financial year; and
   (b) what these funds have been or will be spent on.

2) What evidence is there that this expenditure has not and will not displace overseas development assistance funding.

1717 Senator Milne: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—Given that the Government’s ‘Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership’ fact sheet states ‘Initial work will aim to avoid deforestation of 50,000 hectares of peat swamp forest and rehabilitate an additional 50,000 hectares of degraded peatland to create a buffer around the existing forest and reduce further degradation. These activities may be extended as other funding becomes available. The location and types of activities under the KFCP have been endorsed by Indonesia and Australia. Based on the original funding target of $100 million, the KFCP aims to preserve up to 70,000 hectares of Kalimantan’s peat swamp forests and to re-flood, rehabilitate and reforest 200,000 hectares of degraded peatland’:

   (1) When was the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership (KFCP) agreed to.
   (2) How much money has been spent on the KFCP, and how much does the Government still expect to spend, listed per year over the forward estimates.
   (3) How many hectares of deforestation have been: (a) avoided; and (b) rehabilitated.
   (4) Does the Government still aim to achieve the goals described in the KFCP factsheet.
   (5) Can an update be provided outlining the progress with the Sumatra Forest Carbon Partnership (SFCP) announced in March 2010.
   (6) How much money has been spent on the SFCP, and how much does the Government still expect to spend, listed per year over the forward estimates.

1719 Senator Milne: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—

   (1) Can details be provided of the budget allocations to the National Reserve System (NRS) for the financial years 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12, and any forward estimates commitments for the coming financial years.
(2) In the design of the operational detail of the Biodiversity Fund, how was the strategic program for the NRS factored in, for example, will priority be given to Biodiversity Fund project proposals that help create habitat corridors or buffer existing or proposed National Reserves.

(3) When are Natural Resource Management regions expected to have completed revisions to their regional strategic plans to reflect potential landscape carbon projects.

(4) How will the revised plans inform the first two rounds of funding under the Biodiversity Fund.

Notice given 16 March 2012

Senator Siewert: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1724-1726)—

(1) Has the department or Minister’s office been approached by, or provided funding and other support to, any of the following organisations since March 2011:

- Azure Funds Management Pty Ltd;
- Azure Capital Pty Ltd;
- Point Torment Supply Base Pty Ltd;
- Indigenous Investment Management Pty Ltd;
- KRED Enterprises Pty Ltd (ACN 147677156);
- Kimberley Regional Economic Development Corporation Pty Ltd (ACN 147677147); and
- the Western Australian Government;

if so, for each organisation:

(a) can details be provided of the nature of the contact or funding and support; and

(b) did the contact or funding and support relate to proposals to develop a port at Point Torment, Western Australia.

(2) Has the department been approached by any organisation (other than those listed above) in regard to a proposal to develop a port at Point Torment since March 2011.

1724 Minister representing the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

1726 Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

(Amended 20 March 2012.)

Notice given 20 March 2012

1729 Senator Siewert: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—With reference to the wrecking of the MV Tycoon at Christmas Island:

(1) Can the Minister confirm that up to 70 per cent of the ship has been washed away; if so:

(a) what percentage is estimated to have been washed away; and

(b) where are the pieces of wreck located.
(2) Given that reports by Christmas Island residents and the media state that oil has continued to leak from the vessel, contradicting evidence provided by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) at estimates, on what basis did AMSA make the assessment that all the oil had already leaked from the vessel.

(3) Why did AMSA fail to make use of calm weather between 7 February and 29 February 2012, to further assess the vessel or pump out the remaining oil.

(4) Is the Minister aware that local residents are still being affected by fumes produced by the leaking oil; if so, what action is the Government taking to address these concerns.

(5) Are clean-up actions still being undertaken on the island; if so, can details be provided of these actions and the timeline to completion.

(6) In regard to the clean-up process:
   (a) where was the contaminated sand and rock disposed of following the clean-up;
   (b) how much material was disposed of;
   (c) was Isabel Beach cleaned; if so, in what manner; and
   (d) how much has ASMA spent on the clean-up.

(7) Can the Minister confirm whether phosphate bags are still covering the reef around the wreck site; if so:
   (a) why have the bags not been removed; and
   (b) is their impact being monitored.

(8) Has the issue of responsibility for the wreck been resolved; if so, who is responsible; if not, why not.

(9) When will the remaining wreck be removed.

Notice given 22 March 2012

1733 Senator Siewert: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport on 30 March 2012)—With reference to the wrecking of the MV Tycoon at Christmas Island, can the Minister confirm whether phosphate bags are still covering the reef around the wreck site; if so:
   (a) why have the bags not been removed; and
   (b) is their impact being monitored.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1736-1783)—

(1) Can a list be provided of all office locations for each department or agency within the Minister’s portfolio, detailing:
   (a) the department or agency;
   (b) the location;
   (c) the size;
   (d) the number of staff at each location and their classification;
   (e) if the office location is rented, the amount and breakdown of rent paid per square metre;
(f) if the location is owned by the department or agency, the:
   (i) value, and
   (ii) depreciation, of the building; and
   (g) the type of functions and work undertaken.

(2) For each department and agency within the Minister’s portfolio, can details be provided of all public relations, communications and media staff, listed by department or agency, including:

   (a) the number of ongoing staff, specifying:
       (i) their classification,
       (ii) the type of work they undertake, and
       (iii) their location;
   (b) the number of non-ongoing staff, specifying:
       (i) their classification,
       (ii) the type of work they undertake, and
       (iii) their location; and
   (c) the number of contracted staff, specifying:
       (i) their classification,
       (ii) the type of work they undertake, and
       (iii) their location.

1737 Minister representing the Treasurer
1738 Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research
1739 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
1740 Minister representing the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government
1741 Minister representing the Minister for the Arts
1742 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
1743 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
1744 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
1745 Minister representing the Attorney-General
1746 Minister representing the Minister for Emergency Management
1747 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
1748 Minister representing the Minister for Disability Reform
1749 Minister for Foreign Affairs
1750 Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
1751 Minister for Finance and Deregulation
1752 Minister representing the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth
1753 Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Competitiveness
1754 Minister representing the Minister for Industry and Innovation
1755 Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency
1756 Minister representing the Minister for Health
1757 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation

(transfered to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 2 April 2012)
Senator Bushby: To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

(1) At what stage of the four phase implementation schedule is the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC).

(2) How many positions on the organisational chart have been filled to date, including details of which positions have been filled.

(3) Is the implementation schedule still on target for the proposed 1 July 2012 start date; if not, when is the organisation expected to commence operation in its capacity as regulator.

(4) Is the legislation to create the ACNC being subjected to the full Regulatory Impact Assessment process; if not, to what extent is it being exempted.

Senator Waters: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to section 136 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, requiring that the Minister consider economic and social matters as part of the EPBC approval process, and the proposed Connors River Dam project (EPBC 2008/4429):

(1) Has the department undertaken or sourced externally any analysis of the social and economic impacts of this project.
(2) Has the analysis considered the social and/or economic impacts of the project’s significant downstream effects, given that the proposed dam would further enable numerous resource projects.

(3) Can details be provided of any internal or outsourced analysis of the potential positive and negative impacts of the project, including downstream effects, on the local, regional and national economy and employment, including impacts on:
   (a) local and regional jobs within the mining, manufacturing, agriculture and tourism sectors;
   (b) workforce skills, including:
      (i) where the workforce for downstream projects will be sourced,
      (ii) the impacts of this on skills availability to other sectors, and
      (iii) the likely need for overseas and interstate employees;
   (c) the value of the Australian dollar, and thereby the competitiveness of other export markets; and
   (d) the corporate ownership and flow of profits from downstream projects.

(4) Can details be provided of any internal or outsourced analysis of the potential positive and negative impacts of the project, including downstream effects, on the local, state and federal governments’ budgets, including impacts on:
   (a) royalties;
   (b) corporate tax;
   (c) subsidies through fuel subsidies for mining;
   (d) infrastructure contributions; and
   (e) the Queensland Government’s fiscal condition, including the robustness of cost recovery plans for this publicly funded infrastructure, and the risk of stranded assets where the infrastructure outlives the resources boom.

(5) Can details be provided of any internal or outsourced analysis of the potential positive and negative impacts of the project, including downstream effects, on the local communities, including impacts on:
   (a) the level of community support for the project;
   (b) local community services;
   (c) local infrastructure;
   (d) housing affordability; and
   (e) the impacts associated with a significant fly-in, fly-out workforce.

1791 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—How many jobs will be created as a result of the Carbon Tax.

1792 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the Treasurer’s Economic Note dated 25 March 2012, how many jobs will be created as a result of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax.

Notice given 2 April 2012

1793 Senator Siewert: To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
   (1) Can details be provided of the trials for the evaluation of methyl iodide products used by strawberry runner growers.
(2) What are the terms of the permits enabling the trials.
(3) With particular reference to pregnant women or those trying to become pregnant, what steps have been taken to reduce the exposure of the following groups to methyl iodide:
   (a) strawberry runner growers and their employees; and
   (b) individuals living, working or otherwise spending time at or near the trial site/s.

1794 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Act 1992 and related legislation, as amended in 2011:
   (1) What is the current coverage of this legislation.
   (2) Has the passage of the 2011 amendments led to more claims for coverage than initially indicated.
   (3) How much back pay has been requested since the passage of the 2011 amendments.

1796 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the media release issued by the General Manager of Fair Work Australia (FWA) on 14 March 2012, relating to the Health Services Union Victoria No. 1 Branch investigation:
   (1) For which of the stated twenty-five contraventions will FWA be seeking Federal Court penalties.
   (2) Which two contraventions of civil penalty provisions identified by the delegate were not made out according to the General Manager.

1797 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the answer to Question no. 142, taken on notice during the 2011-12 Additional Estimates hearing of Senate Community Affairs Committee, and noting that the question was premised on ‘the technical advice that the 2014 timeframe was not possible’:
   (1) Was this or similar advice received by the department; if so, when was that advice received.
   (2) Was the advice shared at the Interdepartmental Committee meeting held on 8 July 2011.
   (3) Which departments were represented at the Interdepartmental Committee.
   (4) What were the alleged risks associated with meeting the implementation timeline of 2014 discussed at the Interdepartmental Committee.

1798 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to Clause 22 of the formal agreements made between Australia Post and Licensed Post Offices (LPO):
   (1) When Clause 22 is invoked in order to terminate an LPO agreement:
      (a) is it the intention of Australia Post that compensation paid is ‘fair and reasonable”; if not, what are the intentions of Australia Post; and
      (b) is the market value of an LPO considered when determining the rate of compensation where market value is in excess of three times business revenue; if not, why not.
(2) Can details be provided of the formal policy of Australia Post in regard to the use of Clause 22, including:
   (a) in what circumstances termination without cause can be implemented;
   (b) what is the compensation policy in circumstances where termination without cause is implemented, including whether full compensation is required to be paid, and if it is not paid, why not; and
   (c) does Australia Post have a policy with regard to the use of Clause 22; if so, can a copy be provided; if not, why not and on what basis is the clause exercised.

(3) Can details be provided of the policy work undertaken by Mr Gary Ward in relation to the use of Clause 22 by Australia Post, including whether that work is available; if so, can a copy be provided.

(4) Does Australia Post intend to invoke Clause 22 as a bargaining tool against licensees who request fair payment under their LPO agreement.

(5) Does Australia Post acknowledge that it would be fair and reasonable that any decision to terminate an LPO agreement under Clause 22 be required to pass through an independent public review, thereby enabling licensee representation prior to termination; if not, why not.

(6) In regard to the Vaucluse LPO and Campbell Town LPO, detailed separately:
   (a) which Australia Post official was responsible for invoking Clause 22;
   (b) who is responsible for determining the licensee compensation payments;
   (c) what were the market values of each LPO at the time of termination;
   (d) was the market value greater than three times the business revenue; and
   (e) has an offer of three times business revenue been made to the licensees by way of compensation; if not, why not.

Notice given 4 April 2012

1800 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—Does the Productivity Commission have a practical knowledge and appreciation of contemporary workplace relations issues and practices.

1801 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, can a breakdown be provided detailing the annual cost of: (a) promotional items; and (b) free give-aways, including DVDs, books and other merchandise.

Notice given 5 April 2012

1802 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Can a detailed description be provided of the nature of the content or stories aired on the Australia Network during the 4 pm news segment that was broadcast to Vietnam on Wednesday, 4 April 2012.
1803 **Senator Waters:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the time taken to list threatened species and ecological communities under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, what is the average time taken from the:

(a) submission of a nomination to the finalisation of the Finalised Priority Assessment List; and

(b) provision of advice to the Minister by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee to publication of the decision.

1804 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

(1) For the 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years, listed separately, what approvals have been granted for the provision of assistance to ministers to defend legal proceedings, where such proceedings have arisen out of the performance of their ministerial duties or their position as minister, including details of the: (a) minister; (b) cost; and (c) case name.

(2) Which of the approvals provided in response to part (1) have been tabled in accordance with the Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations.

1805 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation—Can individual customers being assisted by Job Network request from their service provider a copy of all positions applied for on their behalf, if not, why not.

1806 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the answer provided to question no. 328, taken on notice during the 2011-12 Additional Estimates hearing of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, relating to charter flights to the Pontville Immigration Detention Centre, can a list be provided detailing the cost of charter flights to and from Hobart, indicating:

(a) how many detainees were on each flight; and

(b) if the flights were multiple sector flights, at which airports did they land and for what purpose.

1807 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the answer provided to question no. HS 7, taken on notice during the 2011-12 Additional Estimates hearing of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, relating to the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme:

(1) On what legislative or regulatory authority does the department claim the ability to waive the totality of a debt but not part of a debt.

(2) Does the Minister agree that injustice may occur as a result of the above approach.
Notice given 18 April 2012

1808 Senator Rhiannon: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the violence in Homs, Syria:

(1) Does the Minister agree with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross that the use of explosive weapons in densely populated areas causes severe harm to civilians.

(2) Will the Government use the Security Council debate in June 2012 on the protection of civilians in armed conflict to highlight this concern.

Notice given 19 April 2012

1809 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to Part 6 of the Administrative Arrangements Order, relating to workplace relations policy development, advocacy and implementation:

(1) Can all materials be provided that have been produced by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) since 2007 that promote: (a) flexible workplace relations policies and practices; and (b) workplace productivity, including in each case details of: (i) the distribution of these materials, and (ii) how many of each has been produced and distributed.

(2) Can details be provided of what labour market research is coordinated by the department, including a breakdown of the: (a) number of staff involved in the research; and (b) total cost of preparing each item of research.

(3) How many briefs have been prepared for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet that relate to DEEWR Outcome 5.

1810 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to question on notice no. 1696:

(1) What was the total amount spent on catering Cabinet and Cabinet committee meetings for each the following financial years: (a) 2008-09; (b) 2009-10; and (c) 2010-11.

(2) What is the current balance of the Cabinet Trust Fund.

(3) What contribution is each minister expected to make to the fund.

(4) Apart from catering Cabinet and Cabinet committee meetings, for what other purposes is the Cabinet Trust Fund used.

1811 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—What marketing has been undertaken in relation to ‘workforce communications’.

1812 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Has the department undertaken an evaluation of successful Jobs Fund projects; if so, which projects were: (a) evaluated as being successful; and (b) not evaluated as being successful.

1813 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Who sits on the Homeworkers Code of Practice Committee.
1814 **Senator Abetz**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

(1) Who prepares the ministerial press clippings for each minister.

(2) What is the cost of providing press clippings to each minister.

(3) How many people receive each set of press clippings in: (a) the department; (b) the Minister’s office; and (c) any other area.

1815 **Senator Abetz**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—What are the labour market and migration issues associated with the offshoring and outsourcing of jobs by Australian companies.

1816 **Senator Abetz**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Can a breakdown be provided of the cost of the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme Conference 2011.

1817 **Senator Abetz**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

(1) Who sits on the High Level Officials Group in relation to workplace relations.

(2) Who is the chair.

(3) How many meetings have taken place.

1818 **Senator Abetz**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

(1) Who sits on the Workplace Relations Reform Steering Committee.

(2) Who is the chair.

(3) Can a list be provided detailing the dates and times of meetings of the committee to date.

1819 **Senator Cash**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—

With reference to the documents released under freedom of information laws to journalist Natalie O’Brien of *The Sun-Herald*:

(1) What are the ‘back pocket briefs’ regarding missing boats, as requested in an email from Australian Federal Police Agent Erica Merrin from the People Smuggling Operations Coordination Team to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.

(2) Does the notation ‘O/H Calls to Xmas Island from VSL’, contained in the document note written on Rescue Coordination Centre note-paper from CJW to John Young of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, dated 3 October 2009, mean ‘overheard calls’; if not, what is the meaning of the notation.

(3) What does the reference to ‘new vessel’ in distress mean in the emergency response note from PWG to BASARNAS dated 3 October 2009.

1820 **Senator Sinodinos**: To ask the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 23 April 2012)—Given that, according to data from the Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM), the total value of currently issued Commonwealth Government Securities (CGS) as of March 2012 was $237.4 billion, and noting that the *Guarantee of State and Territory Borrowing Appropriation Act 2009* does not provide the AOFM with the power to compel security holders, custodians and nominees to provide the AOFM with information on the beneficial ownership of
securities, can the following information be provided detailed in both gross and percentage terms:

(1) On what proportion of the $237.4 billion issued CGS does information exist regarding beneficial ownership.

(2) Of the $237.4 billion issued CGS, where information has been provided to the AOFM regarding beneficial ownership as of 31 March 2012:
   (a) how much issued CGS is held by governments, central bank authorities, companies, trusts and other private organisations and individuals;
   (b) which countries are those enjoying beneficial ownership officially registered in, detailing the amount of issued CGS per country;
   (c) do any governments (either national or provincial) have beneficial ownership of issued CGS; if so: (i) which governments and how much issued CGS do they have beneficial ownership over, and (ii) what is the average length of time of ownership of issued CGS;
   (d) for those private organisations that enjoy beneficial ownership of issued CGS, which industries do these organisations belong to, including a breakdown by: (i) industry, (ii) country, and (iii) both industry and country, indicating in each case the amount of issued CGS;
   (e) for those individuals who enjoy beneficial ownership of issued CGS, which countries do these individuals reside in, indicating the amount of issued CGS per country;
   (f) does the Reserve Bank of Australia or any foreign central bank own any issued CGS; if so: (i) how much, indicated per central bank institution; and (ii) what is the average length of time of ownership of issued CGS; and
   (g) does the Future Fund own any issued CGS; if so, how much.

Notice given 20 April 2012

1821 Senator Birmingham: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—
   (1) Has the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and/or the department examined the Secure Kids Chat platform; if so, what views have been formed of the platform.
   (2) Has the ACMA and/or department met with the developers of this platform.
   (3) Is the ACMA and/or department aware of a request by Secure Kids Chat for funding assistance; if so, what response has been given.
   (4) What other funding programs or sources could Secure Kids Chat potentially access.

Notice given 23 April 2012

1822 Senator Bushby: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) and overseas travel:
   (1) What is the approval process for: (a) authority members; (b) the Chair; and (c) staff.
   (2) What records are kept.
   (3) Are reports completed following each overseas travel event.
(4) How many overseas travel applications were approved over the past 3 years.

(5) Can details be provided in tabulated form, by officer name, date, approving delegate, destination, purpose and cost, for each approved travel application over the past 3 years.

1823 Senator Bushby: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA):

(1) Under the risk rating scheme for superannuation funds, the Probability and Impact Rating System (PAIRS), does a fund not operating daily unit pricing and valuation for all assets automatically attract a lower rating factor; if so, why; if not, why not.

(2) Does APRA have procedures requiring superannuation funds to communicate changes in PAIRS ratings to other funds and members.

(3) Under APRA compliance and enforcement procedures, what are the requirements for superannuation funds to advise the regulator of any material changes in investment strategy.

(4) Does APRA require superannuation funds to report decisions to move funds offshore or from a daily listed and unit priced environment to an unlisted and offshore location.

(5) What requirements does APRA have for superannuation funds to communicate these material changes to members.

(6) Under APRA procedures, what are the requirements for funds to communicate to members any changes in governance and head entity ownership arrangements.

1824 Senator Bushby: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the Australian Taxation Office Annual Report 2010-11, which states that ‘during 2010-11, 3,466 formal notices were issued across all markets to obtain relevant information and documents’:

(1) What is the comparable figure for the 2011-12 financial year, for the period ending 31 March 2012.

(2) Have any trends become evident; if so, can an explanation be provided.

(3) Can a breakdown be provided detailing the exercise of these functions by heads of powers, as per the presentation in the 2010-11 annual report.

(4) Has there been any judicial comment in relation to the exercise of these powers during the 2011-12 financial year; if so, can details be provided.

Notice given 3 May 2012

*1825 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) Is an Australian business delegation to Burma being organised by the department or by the Australian ambassador to Burma; if so:
   (a) which Australian companies are invited to participate on the delegation;
   (b) with whom will the delegation meet;
   (c) on what dates will the delegation travel to Burma and to which locales within the country; and
   (d) what amount has the Government budgeted to facilitate the delegation.
(2) What measures will be in place to ensure that:
   (a) deals undertaken by Australian businesses are reversible to be consistent with the Government’s position, that sanctions will return if democratic reforms do not progress; and
   (b) Australian companies are not engaging in industries or projects in Burma that are linked to human rights abuses.

(3) Why is the Government normalising business relationships with Burma given the highly undemocratic nature of the constitution, ongoing military offensives against ethnic minorities in the north and east of the country and the large number of political prisoners who remain incarcerated.

Notice given 4 May 2012

*1826 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the answer to question no. 1160, taken on notice during the 2011-12 Additional Budget estimates hearing of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee: Can a breakdown be provided of the 13 ‘tweets’ between employer, community and government organisations, stating in each case the name of the organisation.

*1827 Senator Cash: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

1. What is the current median processing time for the Dependent Child Visa (Subclass 445).

2. Is this category of visa subject to an annual cap; if so: (a) what is it; and (b) what is the policy rationale behind this.

3. How many requests for Subclass 445 visas were received in the 2010-11 and the 2011-12 (to date) financial years, including how many were: (a) onshore requests; (b) offshore requests; (c) from low risk countries; and (d) from high risk countries.

4. How many requests from low risk countries were: (a) granted; and (b) refused.

5. On what grounds were the applications refused.

6. How many requests from high risk countries were: (a) granted; and (b) refused.

7. On what grounds were the applications refused.

8. How many Subclass 445 visa applications have been withdrawn.

9. Given that the department’s website states that processing times for Subclass 445 visas lodged in Australia are 7 months for low risk countries and 8 months for high risk countries and, for applications lodged outside of Australia, 3 months for low risk countries and 14 months for high risk countries: (a) why is there such a discrepancy between onshore and offshore low risk application processing times; and (b) why does it take 14 months to process an application offshore from a high risk country.
Notice given 7 May 2012

*1828 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Minister’s statement on 7.30, on 26 April 2012, that he had received advice not to support publication of the report by Fair Work Australia on the National Office of the Health Services Union prior to the resolution of civil or criminal charges:

(1) On what date and in what form did the Minister receive this advice.
(2) From whom did the Minister receive the advice.
(3) Can the full details of the advice be provided, including any precedents cited.

Notice given 8 May 2012

*1829 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the increase to the Commonwealth Aged and Disability Support Pension, of approximately $10 and $32 per week for couples and singles, in the 2009-10 Federal Budget and with particular regard to recipients of the pension who are state housing tenants:

(1) Is the Treasurer aware that tenants in Victorian public housing received notice in January 2012 (effective 12 February 2012) from the Victorian Government that their pension increase would be included in rent calculations and classed as assessable income for the calculation of public housing rents.
(2) Can the Treasurer confirm the impact this will have on a single aged pensioner in terms of the net increase in rent paid per week.
(3) What is the estimated increase in revenue to the Victorian State Government as a result of this measure.
(4) Is the Treasurer aware that the Western Australian Government recently indicated publicly that it was planning on a similar measure, before withdrawing the announcement due to public outcry.
(5) Have any other states taken similar action.
(6) Does the Treasurer support such action by the states.
(7) Is the Australian Government considering any action to prevent states from including current or future increases to Commonwealth benefits being treated as income by the states, such as paying pensioners rent assistance or introducing legislation.

*1830 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

(1) How many irregular maritime arrivals have there been since 1 January 2008.
(2) How many: (a) family reunion; and (b) humanitarian visas have been issued to their dependents or other relatives who subsequently arrived (either by air or by sea.)
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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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
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.

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

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications .................................. Friday, 30 March 2012
- Finance and Public Administration .................................. Friday, 30 March 2012
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs .................................. Friday, 30 March 2012
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport .................................. Friday, 30 March 2012

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs .................................. Thursday, 29 March 2012
- Economics .................................. Thursday, 29 March 2012
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations .................................. Thursday, 29 March 2012
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade .................................. Thursday, 29 March 2012

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

That the resolution of the Senate of 29 September 2010 be amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1):

Omit: “Rural Affairs and Transport”
Substitute: “Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport”.

[Standing order 25(1) was amended in previous resolution to omit: “Environment, Communications and the Arts”, and substitute: “Environment and Communications”.]

(2) Omit paragraph (2), substitute:

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, Local Government, Arts and Sport.

(Agreed to 29 September 2010; amended 8 February 2012.)

3 Cyber Safety—Joint Select Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Joint Select Committee on Cyber Safety be authorised to hold a public
meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 9 May 2012, from
4.15 pm.

(Agreed to 20 March 2012.)

4 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.)

5 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, 9 May 2012, from
10.30 am.

(Agreed to 20 March 2012.)

6 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.)
7 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.)

8 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.)

Estimates

9 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
(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.)

10 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.)

11 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

12 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:

(i) General business orders of the day for consideration of bills only for up to 2 hours 20 minutes
(ii) Petitions
(iii) Notices of motion
(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.)

Meeting of Senate

13 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 Friday, 16 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; amended 14 March 2012.)

Orders for production of documents

14 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.)
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 Minerals 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
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.)

16 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.)
17 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.)

18 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,
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.)

19 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.)

20 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.)

21 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.)

22 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.)

23 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.)

24 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.)

25 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.)
26 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.)
27 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.)

28 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.)

29 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.)
30 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.)
 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.)

 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.)

 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.)

34 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.)

35 Taxation—Minerals 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 [Minerals 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; documents tabled 9 February 2012.)

36  **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.)

37  **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.)

38  **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.)

39  **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.)

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Parliament

40 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

41 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.


Senate

42 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.)
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 Milne)
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 Milne)
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 Milne): 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 Milne)
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 Milne)
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 Milne): 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 Milne)
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 Milne)
   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 Milne)
   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 Milne)
   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 Milne)
   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.

TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

Senators Back, Bishop, Boyce, Cameron, Crossin, Fawcett, Fisher, Furner, Ludlam, Marshall, Moore, Pratt and Stephens
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 (report presented 30 March 2012)
  - 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
  - Human Rights
  - 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.

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**COMMITTEES**

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

**Members**
- The President (*Chairman*), the Leader of the Government in the Senate and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Collins, Faulkner, 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
(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
(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

Australia’s Immigration Detention Network—Joint Select Committee
(appointed 16 June 2011; resolution of appointment varied 22 June 2011; final report presented 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, 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

Reports 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)
Final report (presented to the Deputy President on 30 March 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7))

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
Ms Parke (Chair), and Senator Cash (Deputy Chair), Senators Cameron, Parry and Singh 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)
Inquiry into integrity testing (tabled 25 November 2011)
Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2010-11 (tabled 1 March 2012)

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee
(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
Members
The President and the Speaker, and Senators Carol Brown and Parry and Mr Coulton, Mr Hayes, Mr Murphy, Mr Roy and Ms Vamvakianou
Christmas Island tragedy of 15 December 2010—Joint Select Committee
(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
Portfolios
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Health and Ageing; Human Services
Members
Senator Moore (Chair), Senator Siewert (Deputy Chair) and Senators Carol Brown, Furner and McKenzie
Participating members
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)
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)
Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (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)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2012), dated March 2012 (tabled 15 March 2012)
Additional estimates 2011-12, dated March 2012 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Back, on 29 March 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7))

Community Affairs References Committee

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

Participating members
Current inquiries
Health services and medical professionals in rural areas (referred 13 October 2011; reporting date: 27 June 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)
Former forced adoption policies and practices (tabled 29 February 2012)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Ms O’Neill (Chair), Senator Boyce (Deputy Chair), and Senators Cormann, Sherry and Thistlethwaite and Mr Fletcher, Mr Griffin, Mr ADH Smith and Ms Smyth

Current inquiry
Collapse of Trio Capital and any other related matters (adopted 23 June 2011; interim report presented 7 February 2012)

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)
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (tabled 13 March 2012)
Report on the 2010-11 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act (tabled 13 March 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
(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

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

Current inquiries
Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012 (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 8 May 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)


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)


Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 (tabled 16 June 2011)


Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping) Bill 2011 (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)


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)


Annual reports (No. 1 of 2012), dated March 2012 (tabled 15 March 2012)

Additional estimates 2011-12, dated March 2012 (tabled 20 March 2012)

Economics References Committee

Members

Senator Bushby (Chair), Senator Bishop (Deputy Chair), and Senators Cameron, Eggleston, Williams and Xenophon

Participating members


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)

Effects of the global financial crisis on the Australian banking sector (referred 14 March 2012; reporting date: 31 October 2012)

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 McGauran, on 6 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 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 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

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, 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


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)
Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (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 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)
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (tabled 15 September 2011)
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] (tabled 27 February 2012)
Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2011 (tabled 27 February 2012)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2012), dated March 2012 (tabled 15 March 2012)
Additional estimates 2011-12, dated March 2012 (tabled 20 March 2012)

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee
Members
Senator Back (Chair) Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boyce, Gallacher, McKenzie and Rhiannon
Participating members
Current inquiries
Higher education and skills training for agriculture and agribusiness (referred 19 September 2011; reporting date: 8 June 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)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
(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
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)

Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Maintaining Address) Bill 2011 (tabled 13 March 2012)

Advisory report on the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Protecting Elector Participation) Bill 2012 (tabled 19 March 2012)

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
(formerly Environment, Communications and the Arts; name amended 29 September 2010 and 8 February 2012)

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


Current inquiries

Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011 (referred 9 February 2012; reporting date: 9 May 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)


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)


Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Emergency Listings) Bill 2011 (tabled 1 March 2012)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2012), dated March 2012 (tabled 15 March 2012)

Additional estimates 2011-12, dated March 2012 (tabled 20 March 2012)

National Water Commission Amendment Bill 2012 (presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7))

* Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-siphoning) Bill 2012 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fawcett, on 4 May 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7))
Environment and Communications References Committee
(formerly Environment, Communications and the Arts; name amended 29 September 2010 and 8 February 2012)

Members
Senator Fisher (Chair), Senator Cameron (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Boswell, McKenzie and Waters

Participating members

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)
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Finance and Deregulation; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet

Members
Senator Polley (Chair), Senator Ryan (Deputy Chair), and Senators Di Natale, Faulkner, Sinodinos and Stephens

Substitute member
Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2]—Senator Fierravanti-Wells to replace Senator Ryan
National Health Reform Amendment (Administrator and National Health Funding Body) Bill 2012 [Provisions]—Senator Fierravanti-Wells to replace Senator Ryan

Participating members

Current inquiries
Performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services (referred 23 June 2011; reporting date: 28 June 2012)
Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2] (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 8 May 2012)
National Health Reform Amendment (Administrator and National Health Funding Body) Bill 2012 [Provisions] (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 9 May 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)
Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 (tabled 27 February 2012)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2012), dated March 2012 (tabled 15 March 2012)
Additional estimates 2011-12, dated March 2012 (tabled 20 March 2012)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Members
Senator Ryan (Chair), Senator Polley (Deputy Chair), and Senators Di Natale, McEwen, Sinodinos and Williams

Participating members

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)
The operation of the Lobbying Code of Conduct and the Lobbyist Register (tabled 1 March 2012)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee
(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 Champion, Mr LDT Ferguson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Griffin, Mr Jenkins, Dr Jensen,
Mr McClelland, 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)
Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 (referred pursuant to the House of Representatives Selection Committee report, 22 March 2012)

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)

Review of the Defence annual report 2009-10 (tabled 27 February 2012)

Visit to the Middle East Area of Operations: Report of the delegation to the MEAO, 14 May to 18 May 2012 (tabled 19 March 2012)

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

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


Current inquiry

Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011 [Provisions] (referred 10 November 2011; reporting date: 15 August 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)
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)
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (tabled 24 August 2011)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2012), dated March 2012 (tabled 15 March 2012)
Additional estimates 2011-12, dated March 2012 (tabled 20 March 2012)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members
Senator Eggleston (Chair), Senator Stephens (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bishop, Fawcett, Kroger and Ludlam

Participating members

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); tabled 28 September 2010)
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)

Fuel and Energy—Select Committee
(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)

Gambling Reform—Joint Select Committee
(appointed 30 September 2010; reporting date: 30 June 2013)
Members
Mr Wilkie (Chair), Ms Brodtmann (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Crossin, Sherry and Xenophon and Mr Ciobo, Mr Frydenberg, Mr SP Jones and Mr Neumann
Participating members

Current inquiries
Prevention and treatment of problem gambling (referred 9 February 2012)
Poker Machine Harm Reduction ($1 Bets and Other Measures) Bill 2012 (referred 22 March 2012)

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)

House—Standing Committee
Members
The President (Chair) and the Deputy President, and Senators Heffernan, McEwen and Sterle

Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
Mr Jenkins (Chair), Mr Wyatt (Deputy Chair), Senators Edwards, Humphries, Stephens, Thistlethwaite and Wright and Ms Parke, Mr Tehan and Mr KJ Thomson

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee
Members
Senators Bishop, Brandis, Faulkner, Johnston and Stephens and Mr Byrne, Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mr Rudd, 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)
Review of the re-listing of four terrorist organisations (adopted 15 March 2012)
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)

Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee
(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), and Senator Nash (Deputy Chair), 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)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Portfolios
Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship
Members
Senator Crossin (Chair), Senator Humphries (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boyce, Furner, Pratt and Wright
Substitute member
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Wright
Migration Legislation Amendment (Student Visas) Bill 2012 [Provisions]—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Wright
Participating members
Current inquiries
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010 (referred 8 February 2012; reporting date: 6 June 2012)
Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012 and Social Security Amendment (Supporting Australian Victims of Terrorism Overseas) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 8 May 2012)


Migration Legislation Amendment (Student Visas) Bill 2012 [Provisions] (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 18 June 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)


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)


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)


Combatting 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)


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)

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)

Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010 (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)


Annual reports (No. 1 of 2012), dated March 2012 (tabled 15 March 2012)

Additional estimates 2011-12, dated March 2012 (tabled 20 March 2012)


Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Back, on 29 March 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7))

Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fawcett, on 4 April 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7))

Migration Amendment (Removal of Mandatory Minimum Penalties) Bill 2012 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fawcett, on 4 April 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7))

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Members
Senator Wright (Chair), Senator Crossin (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boyce, Cash, Furner and Humphries

Participating members

Current inquiry
Prospective marriage visas (referred 24 November 2011; reporting date: 7 June 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
(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)

National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 3 March 2011; reporting date: every 6 months, commencing 31 August 2011, until the NBN is complete and operational)

Members
Mr Oakeshott (Chair), and Mr Mitchell (Deputy Chair), Senators Birmingham, Carol Brown, Cameron, Fisher, Gallacher, Ludlam and Macdonald and Mr Fletcher, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Husic, Ms Ley, Ms Rowland, Mr Symon and Mr Turnbull
Participating members
Senators Abetz, 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, Stephens, Sterle, Williams and Xenophon and Mrs D’Ath, 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)

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee
(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 Crossin and Humphries and Mr Adams, Ms Brodtmann, Dr Leigh and Mr Secker
Current inquiry
Annual report of the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government (adopted 21 March 2012)
Report presented
Etched in stone? Inquiry into the administration of the National Memorials Ordinance 1928 (tabled 25 November 2011)

Parliamentary Budget Office—Joint Select Committee
(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

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee
(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
Privileges—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Humphries (Chair), Senator Faulkner (Deputy Chair), and Senators Brandis, Gallacher, Ludlam, Payne, Sherry and Urquhart

Current inquiry

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)

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)

150th report—Whether there was any improper influence in relation to political donations made by Mr Graeme Wood and questions without notice asked by Senator Bob Brown and Senator Milne (tabled 19 March 2012)

151st report—Possible imposition of a penalty on, or interference with, a witness before the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee (tabled 22 March 2012)

Procedure—Standing Committee

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 Collins, 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)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Mr Oakeshott (Chair), Mrs D’Ath (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bishop, Kroger, Sherry and Thistletwaite 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 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 424—Eighth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation (tabled 5 July 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

Members
Ms Saffin (Chair), and Senators Boyce, Gallacher and Urquhart and Mrs KL Andrews, Mr Forrest, Mr Georganas, Ms Hall 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)

Referrals made September to October 2011: Proposed construction of a new Australian Embassy complex including Chancery and Head of Mission residence in Bangkok, Thailand; Proposed HMAS Albatross redevelopment, Nowra, NSW; Proposed Royal Australian Air Force Base East Sale redevelopment, Sale, Victoria; LAND 17 Phase 1A Infrastructure project (First report of 2012) (tabled 27 February 2012)

Seventy-fifth annual report (tabled 20 March 2012)


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Publications—Standing Committee

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)
13th report (tabled 9 February 2012)
14th report (tabled 1 March 2012)
15th report (tabled 22 March 2012)

Reform of the Australian Federation—Select Committee
(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
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)

Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee
(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)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee
Members
Senator Furner (Chairman), Senator Colbeck (Deputy Chair), 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)
Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2011, dated February 2012 (tabled 9 February 2012)
Correspondence relating to scrutiny of delegated legislation, August to December 2011 (tabled 22 March 2012)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
(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, Local Government, Arts and Sport

Members
Senator Sterle (Chair), Senator Heffernan (Deputy Chair), and Senators Gallacher, Nash, Siewert and Urquhart

Substitute member
Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012 [Provisions]—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Siewert

Participating members

Current inquiries
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 [Provisions] (referred 22 March 2012; reporting date: 18 June 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)
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (tabled 24 August 2011)
Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011 (tabled 2 November 2011)
Reports presented by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Australia's Water Resources) Bill 2011 (tabled 27 February 2012)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2012), dated March 2012 (tabled 15 March 2012)
Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011 and Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011 (tabled 22 March 2012)
Additional estimates 2011-12, dated March 2012 (tabled 22 March 2012)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
(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
Participating members
Current inquiries
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)
Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test (referred 6 July 2011; reporting date: 27 June 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)


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)

Reports presented by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements—Interim reports (presented to the Temporary Chairs of Committees, Senator Fawcett, on 4 April 2012, and Senator Stephens, on 5 April 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7))

Australia’s biosecurity and quarantine arrangements—Final report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 10 April 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7))

Operational issues in export grain networks—Interim report (presented to the President on 12 April 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7)) and final report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Pratt, on 16 April 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7))
Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

Members
Senator Macdonald (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: 9 May 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)
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No. 1 of 2012 (tabled 8 February 2012)
No. 2 of 2012 (tabled 29 February 2012)
No. 3 of 2012 (tabled 14 March 2012)
No. 4 of 2012 (tabled 22 March 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)
Second report of 2012 (tabled 29 February 2012)
Third report of 2012 (tabled 14 March 2012)
Fourth report of 2012 (tabled 22 March 2012)

Scrutiny of New Taxes—Select Committee
(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
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)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee
Members
The Government Whip (Chair), the Opposition Whip, The Nationals Whip and the Australian Greens Whip, and Senators Carol Brown, Collins 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)
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Report no. 16 of 2011 (presented 10 November 2011)
Report no. 17 of 2011 (presented 25 November 2011)
Report no. 1 of 2012 (presented 9 February 2012)
Report no. 2 of 2012 (presented 1 March 2012)
Report no. 3 of 2012 (presented 15 March 2012)
Report no. 4 of 2012 (presented 22 March 2012)

Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee

Members
Senator Bernardi (Chair), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators 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

(appointed 30 September 2010)

Members

Mr KJ Thomson (Chair), Senator Birmingham (Deputy Chair), and Senators Fawcett, Ludlam, Singh, Thistlethwaite and Urquhart and Mr Briggs, Mr LDT Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Ms Grierson, Mr Jenkins, Ms Livermore, Ms Parke and Dr Stone

Current inquiry

Treaties Ratification Bill 2012 (referred pursuant to the House of Representatives Selection Committee report, 1 March 2012)

Reports presented


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 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)

Report 123—Treaties tabled on 13 October, 2, 22 and 24 November 2011 (tabled 14 March 2012)
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).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate
## MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

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Leader of the Government in the Senate | Prime Minister  
Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs  
Minister for Disability Reform  
Minister for Resources and Energy  
Minister for Tourism  
Minister for Social Inclusion  
Minister for Housing  
Minister for Homelessness  
Minister for the Public Service and Integrity  
Minister for Community Services |
| Senator the Honourable Stephen Conroy  
Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Digital Productivity  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate | Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government  
Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities |
| Senator the Honourable Robert Carr (Bob)  
Minister for Foreign Affairs | Minister for Defence  
Minister for Trade and Competitiveness  
Minister for Veterans’ Affairs  
Minister for Defence Science and Personnel  
Minister for Defence Materiel |
| Senator the Honourable Penelope Wong (Pen)  
Minister for Finance and Deregulation | Treasurer  
Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency  
Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation  
Special Minister of State  
Minister for the Status of Women  
Assistant Treasurer |
| Senator the Honourable Joseph Ludwig (Joe)  
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Minister Assisting on Queensland Floods Recovery | Attorney-General  
Minister for Emergency Management  
Minister for Health  
Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations  
Minister for Mental Health and Ageing  
Minister for Employment Participation  
Minister for Indigenous Health  
Minister for Home Affairs  
Minister for Justice  
Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development |
| Senator the Honourable Kim Carr  
Minister for Human Services | Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth  
Minister for Early Childhood and Childcare |
| Senator the Honourable Kate Lundy  
Minister for Sport  
Minister for Multicultural Affairs  
Minister Assisting for Industry and Innovation | Minister for the Arts  
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Minister for Industry and Innovation  
Minister for Small Business |

**Parliamentary Secretaries**

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Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water |
| Senator the Honourable Jacinta Collins  
Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate | Senator the Honourable David Feeney  
Parliamentary Secretary for Defence |

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/About_Parliament/Senate/Powers_practice_n_procedures/standingorders

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


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