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Temporary Chairs of Committees

Senators Bishop, Boyce, Cameron, Crossin, Edwards, Fawcett, Furner, Ludlam, Marshall, McKenzie, Moore, Pratt, Sinodinos and Stephens

Notifications prefixed by an * appear for the first time.
BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 June 2012

 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 29 October 2012:

The causes of electricity bill increases and options to moderate future increases, with particular reference to:

(a) identification of the key causes of electricity price increases over recent years and in future projections;
(b) whether the current electricity market objectives, and governance and regulation structures have been and will continue to be effective at moderating costs and serving their intended purposes;
(c) the accuracy of past electricity demand projections, the impact of declining wholesale electricity prices and the role of energy efficiency;
(d) barriers to reform created by the National Electricity Market institutions, including state-based regulators, the Australian Energy Market Operator, the Australian Energy Market Commission and the Australian Energy Regulator (AER), and whether the reach of the AER is unnecessarily restricted;
(e) the difference in cost drivers between private and government-owned transmission and distribution businesses and the significant decline in the productivity of these businesses;
(f) the impact of state and federal government measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support renewable energy and energy efficiency in light of market externalities, broader social and economic benefits and whether market objectives should be reconsidered in light of these benefits;
(g) whether or not network reliability standards are unnecessarily high, and whether there are benefits of moving to a more sophisticated probabilistic approach to reliability standards, including more appropriate metrics of value of unserved energy and value of customer reliability;
(h) the effects of the imposition of obligations on electricity distributors for minimum targeted levels of ‘demand management’ and consumer energy efficiency schemes;
(i) the benefits of decoupling the profits of electricity distributors from the volume of energy supplied;
(j) the materiality of ‘merit order’ based price reductions in the wholesale energy market from increasing levels of distributed generation;
(k) regulatory and other barriers relating to the connection processes for embedded generators;
(l) the potential to shift from an energy-only market to markets in both energy and capacity, to restrain price volatility, ensure resource adequacy, and foster the development of a broad, competitive mix of generation and demand-side resources;
(m) the potential for increased funding of, and capacity for, consumer advocacy to reduce bills through countering the lobbying of market participants and networks;
(n) the need for a government agency to coordinate and promote energy savings, demand management and distributed generation;
(o) barriers to reform of the energy markets and systems in Western Australia and the Northern Territory; and
(p) any related matters.

Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 14 August 2012.

Notice given 16 August 2012


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

Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and the Maritime Powers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Higher Education Support Amendment (Student Contribution Amounts and Other Measures) Bill 2012—(Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Senator Wong)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 15 August 2012).

2 Consumer Credit Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2012—
   (Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Feeney, 14 August 2012).

3 Tax Laws Amendment (Cross-Border Transfer Pricing) Bill (No. 1) 2012—
   (Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator Farrell)
4 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).

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

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

7 Corporations Legislation Amendment (Financial Reporting Panel) Bill 2012—
(Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (29 June 2012 am).

8 Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012—
(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)

9 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment
(Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development) Bill 2012—
(Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Wong, 18 June 2012).

10 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1)
2012—(Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Wong, 18 June 2012).

11 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).

12 Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2012
Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012—
(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Collins, 10 May 2012).

13 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).

14 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).
15 Tax Laws Amendment (Investment Manager Regime) Bill 2012—(Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Wong, 27 June 2012).

16 Navigation Bill 2012
Navigation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012
Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Bill 2012
Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012—(Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator Farrell)

17 Migration (Visa Evidence) Charge Bill 2012
Migration (Visa Evidence) Charge (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012—(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)

18 Australian Citizenship Amendment (Defence Families) Bill 2012—(Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator Farrell)

19 Legislative Instruments Amendment (Sunsetting Measures) Bill 2012—(Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Wong, 27 June 2012).

20 Statute Stocktake (Appropriations) Bill (No. 1) 2012—(Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Wong, 27 June 2012).

21 Customs Tariff Amendment (Schedule 4) Bill 2012—(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Collins, 10 May 2012).

22 Consideration of legislation—Tax Laws Amendment (Managed Investment Trust Withholding Tax) Bill 2012—Exemption from order of the Senate
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong)—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Tax Laws Amendment (Managed Investment Trust Withholding Tax) Bill 2012, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 27 June 2012).

23 Migration Legislation Amendment (Student Visas) Bill 2012—(Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations, Senator Collins)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 May 2012).

24 Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Online Games) Bill 2011—(Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator Feeney)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 November 2011).
*25 Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 3) 2012—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Kim Carr)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Kim Carr, 16 August 2012).

*26 Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Kim Carr)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Kim Carr, 16 August 2012).

*27 Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2012—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Kim Carr)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Kim Carr, 16 August 2012).

*28 Transport Safety Investigation Amendment Bill 2012—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Kim Carr)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Kim Carr, 16 August 2012).

29 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).

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

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

32 Budget statement and documents 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (adjourned, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator McLucas), 10 May 2012).

33 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

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ryan—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Rhiannon, in continuation, 16 August 2012).

*2 Australia’s Food Processing Sector—Select Committee—Report—Inquiry into Australia’s food processing sector
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Colbeck)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 16 August 2012).

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report: Donor conception practices in Australia—Government response
Consideration (14 August 2012).

Consideration (14 August 2012).

5 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report: The Torres Strait: Bridge and border—Government response
Consideration (14 August 2012).

6 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report: Australia’s biosecurity and quarantine arrangements—Government response
Consideration (14 August 2012).

7 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report: The Government’s administration of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme—Government response
Consideration (14 August 2012).

8 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—426th report: Ninth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation [Recommendations 2 and 3]—Government response
Consideration (14 August 2012).

Consideration (14 August 2012).
Economics References Committee—Report: Investing for good: The development of a capital market for the not-for-profit sector in Australia—Government response
Consideration (14 August 2012).

Consideration (14 August 2012).

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Administration of Indigenous Business Australia in relation to certain evidence given to the Senate Community Affairs Committee
Consideration (14 August 2012).

Consideration (14 August 2012).

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Report—The shortage of engineering and related employment skills
Consideration (14 August 2012).

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Corrigendum to report—Budget estimates 2012-13
Consideration (14 August 2012).

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report: Investment of Commonwealth and state funds in public passenger transport infrastructure and services—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludlam—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 27 June 2012).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Birmingham—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 27 June 2012).

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Interim report—The performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Polley)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Faulkner, in continuation, 27 June 2012).

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report—Prospective marriage visa program
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wright—That the Senate take note of the reports (Senator Kroger, in continuation, 26 June 2012).
Legislation Committees—Reports—Budget estimates 2012-13, dated June 2012
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Faulkner—That the Senate take note
of the report (Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 26 June 2012).

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Marriage
Equality Amendment Bill 2010
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—
That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Cash, in continuation, 25 June
2012).

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Back—That the Senate take note of
the report (Senator Back, in continuation, 18 June 2012).

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report: Australia’s
arrangement with Malaysia in relation to asylum seekers—Government
response
Consideration (18 June 2012).

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee—Final
report: Australia’s future oil supply and alternative transport fuels—
Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate take note of
the document (Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 18 June 2012).

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Stronger Super) Bill 2012 and the
Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2012
Consideration (18 June 2012).

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—
Interim report—Inquiry into all aspects of higher education and skills
training to support future demand in agriculture and agribusiness in
Australia
Consideration (18 June 2012).

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Interim report—
Inquiry into marriage visa classes
Consideration (18 June 2012).

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—The role of the
Therapeutic Goods Administration regarding medical devices, particularly
Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) breast implants
Consideration (18 June 2012).

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Interim report—
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010
Consideration (18 June 2012).

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Statement—
Appointment of the Parliamentary Budget Officer
Consideration (18 June 2012).
31 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Interim and final reports—Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012 [Provisions]
   Consideration (18 June 2012).

32 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Final report—Inquiry into the collapse of Trio Capital
   Consideration (18 June 2012).

33 Gambling Reform—Joint Select Committee—First report: The design and implementation of a mandatory pre-commitment system for electronic gaming machines—Government response
   Consideration (10 May 2012).

   Consideration (10 May 2012).

   Consideration (10 May 2012).

36 Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—Report: Inquiry into integrity testing—Government response
   Consideration (10 May 2012).

37 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report: International parental child abduction to and from Australia—Government response
   Consideration (10 May 2012).

   Consideration (10 May 2012).

   Consideration (10 May 2012).

   Consideration (10 May 2012).

42 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Interim and final reports—Operational issues in export grain networks Consideration (10 May 2012).

43 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Interim (2) and final reports—Australia’s biosecurity and quarantine arrangements Consideration (10 May 2012).


46 Australia’s Immigration Detention Network—Joint Select Committee—Final report Consideration (10 May 2012).


50 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 (22 March 2012).

52 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 Brown—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Ryan, in continuation, 22 March 2012).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Birmingham—That the Senate take note of the document (22 March 2012).

55 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).

56 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).

Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General’s reports
1 Auditor-General—Performance audit—Audit reports nos—
28 of 2011-12—Quality on line control for Centrelink payments—Department of Human Services
29 of 2011-12—Administration of the Australia Network tender process—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy; Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
30 of 2011-12—Fighting terrorism at its source—Australian Federal Police
31 of 2011-12—Establishment and use of procurement panels—Australian Securities and Investments Commission; Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy; Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the reports (Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 10 May 2012).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Administration of the Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program in New South Wales—Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
Consideration (18 June 2012).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Management of the National Solar Schools Program—Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency
Consideration (18 June 2012).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Interpretative Assistance for Self Managed Superannuation Funds—Australian Taxation Office
Consideration (18 June 2012).

5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2011-12—Performance audit—National Partnership Agreement on Literacy and Numeracy—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
Consideration (18 June 2012).

6 Australian National Audit Office—Independent Auditor—Performance audit—IT audit capability and resourcing, dated June 2012
Consideration (18 June 2012).

7 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 33 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Management of ePassports—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Consideration (18 June 2012).

8 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 34 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Upgrade of the M113 fleet of armoured vehicles—Department of Defence; Defence Materiel Organisation
Consideration (18 June 2012).

Consideration (18 June 2012).

10 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Development and approval of grant program guidelines—Department of Finance and Deregulation
Consideration (18 June 2012).

11 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2011-12—Performance audit—The Child Support Program’s management of feedback—Department of Human Services
Consideration (18 June 2012).
12 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 42 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Management of the Multicultural Servicing Strategy for the delivery of Centrelink services—Department of Human Services
Consideration (18 June 2012).

13 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2011-12—Performance audit—National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery—Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Consideration (19 June 2012).

14 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 44 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Administration of the Primary Care Infrastructure Grants program—Department of Health and Ageing
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Kroger, in continuation, 19 June 2012).

15 Auditor-General—Performance audit—Audit reports nos—
45 of 2011-12—Administration of the Health and Hospitals Fund—Department of Health and Ageing
46 of 2011-12—Administration of the Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy—Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the documents (Senator Williams, in continuation, 20 June 2012).

16 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 47 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Small Business Superannuation Clearing House—Department of the Treasury; Department of Human Services; Australian Taxation Office
Consideration (22 June 2012).

17 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 48 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Administration of Mental Health Initiatives to Support Younger Veterans—Department of Veterans’ Affairs
Consideration (22 June 2012).

18 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 49 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Security assessments of individuals—Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
Consideration (25 June 2012).

19 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 50 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Processing and risk assessing incoming international air passengers—Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Consideration (25 June 2012).

20 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 51 of 2011-12—Financial statement audit—Interim phase of the audits of the financial statements of major general government sector agencies for the year ending 30 June 2012
Consideration (26 June 2012).

21 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 52 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Gate reviews for defence capital acquisition projects—Department of Defence
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Fawcett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Fawcett, in continuation, 26 June 2012).
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22 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 53 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Records management in the Australian Public Service
Consideration (27 June 2012).

23 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 54 of 2011-12—Performance audit—The engagement of external debt collection agencies—Australian Taxation Office
Consideration (27 June 2012).

24 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 55 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Administration of the Digital Television Switchover Household Assistance Scheme—Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy; Department of Human Services
Consideration (29 June 2012 am).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 23 June 2011

306 Chair of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (Senator Marshall): To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes:
      (i) the opening statement made by the President of Fair Work Australia on 1 June 2010 during his appearance at an estimates hearing of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee, and
      (ii) in particular, the request made in that statement that the Senate reconsider its order of 28 October 2009 which requires that, on each occasion on which the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee meets to consider estimates in relation to Fair Work Australia, the President of Fair Work Australia appear before the committee to answer questions; and
   (b) modifies the order of 28 October 2009 by declaring that, while relaxing the requirement that the President of Fair Work Australia attend to answer questions on all occasions when the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee meets to consider estimates in relation to Fair Work Australia, the Senate expects that the President will appear should his or her presence be requested by the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee in the future.

Notice given 16 August 2012

*853 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz): To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes:
      (i) Mr Michael Williamson’s recent roles as President of the Australian Labor Party (ALP), member of the ALP Industrial Committee, Executive Member of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Vice
President of Unions NSW, Vice President of the ALP New South Wales Branch and Trustee of First State Super, and

(ii) findings by Mr Ian Temby, QC and Mr Dennis Robertson, FCA that, while Mr Williamson was General Secretary of the Health Services Union (HSU) East Branch, he, his family, his company and his close associates benefitted from $20 million in union members’ funds which was spent without proper financial control;

(b) condemns this use of union members’ funds at the HSU by Mr Williamson as found by Mr Temby and Mr Robertson; and

(c) calls for stronger penalties under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 than the present $6 600 monetary penalty and to include penalties under the Corporations Act 2001.

*854 Senator Brown: To move—That the order of the Senate of 15 August 2012 authorising the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters to hold public meetings, be varied by omitting “Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Procedure) Bill 2012” and substituting “Australian Electoral Commission analysis of the Fair Work Australia report on the Health Services Union”.

*855 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the position statement on the Murray Darling Basin (MDB) draft plan launched by South Australian environmental groups, including the Conservation Council of South Australia, The Wilderness Society, Trees for Life, National Trust of South Australia, National Parks and Wildlife, Nature Conservation Society of South Australia and Friends of the Earth Adelaide, on 27 July 2012;

(b) notes that these groups identify that 4 000 GL must be returned to the river in accordance with the best available science to provide for healthy MDB communities and economies; and

(c) calls on the Government to instruct the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to model at least 4 000 GL against the requirements of the Water Act 2007 and undertake feasibility studies on constraints to delivering 4 000 GL as requested by the South Australian environmental groups.

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.

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).

72 Economics—Budget 2012-13
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cormann—That the Senate notes the 2012-13 Federal Budget does nothing to strengthen the Australian economy in the face of storm clouds on the global horizon, as it:
(a) fails to cut spending;
(b) increases taxes;
(c) lifts the debt ceiling to $300 billion; and
(d) imposes the world’s largest carbon tax (10 May 2012).

73 Defence—Government response to the Review of Military Compensation Arrangements—Ministerial statement
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ronaldson—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 18 June 2012).

74 Constituent’s Request Program—Response from the Special Minister of State (Mr Gray) to a Senate resolution of 22 March 2012—Document
Adjourned debate on the motion of Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Williams, in continuation, 20 June 2012).

75 Economics—Carbon tax
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cormann—That the Senate condemns the Labor Government for imposing the world’s biggest carbon tax on the Australian economy at the worst possible time, when the Prime Minister (Ms Gillard) promised before the 2010 election that there would be no carbon tax under a government she leads and when it will:
(a) push up the cost of living;
(b) push up the cost of doing business;
(c) make Australia less competitive internationally;
(d) cost jobs;
(e) result in lower real wages and cause a cumulative reduction in Australia’s gross domestic product in the order of $1 trillion between now and 2050, according to the Government’s own Treasury modelling; and
(f) shift economic activity and emissions overseas, therefore doing nothing to help reduce global emissions (21 June 2012).

76 UK, Spain, Germany and the United States—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 14 April to 3 May 2012, dated August 2012
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Polley—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Polley, in continuation, 15 August 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 Heffernan—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 Cameron—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).

9 *Commonwealth Grants Commission*—Report on GST revenue sharing relativities—2012 update
   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).

20 December 2011
Consideration (20 March 2012).

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

15 Australian Law Reform Commission—Report no. 118—Classification –
Content regulation and convergent media: Summary report, dated February 2012
Consideration (20 March 2012).

16 Australian Meat and Livestock Industry Act 1997—Livestock mortalities
during exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011
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).

20 Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000—Report for 2011 on the operation of
the Act
Consideration (21 March 2012).

21 Northern Land Council—Report for 2010-11
Consideration (10 May 2012).

22 Productivity Commission—Report no. 57—Economic regulation of airport
services—
Report, dated 14 December 2011
Government response
Consideration (10 May 2012).
23 Department of Finance and Deregulation—Campaign advertising by Australian government departments and agencies—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011, dated March 2012
Consideration (10 May 2012).

24 Australian Communications and Media Authority—National relay service provider performance—Performance report for 2010-11
Consideration (10 May 2012).

25 Medical Training Review Panel—Report for 2010-11
Consideration (10 May 2012).

26 *Dairy Produce Act 1986*—Report for 2010-11 in relation to compliance with the statutory funding agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Dairy Australia Limited
Consideration (10 May 2012).

27 Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 2010-11
Consideration (18 June 2012).

Consideration (18 June 2012).

29 Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2012-13—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio—Corrigendum
Consideration (18 June 2012).

30 Department of the Treasury—Report for 2010-11—Corrigendum
Consideration (18 June 2012).

31 Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2012-13—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Health and Ageing portfolio—Corrections
Consideration (18 June 2012).

Consideration (18 June 2012).

33 Energy Use in the Australian Government’s Operations—Report for 2009-10
Consideration (18 June 2012).

34 Australian River Co. Limited—Report for 1 December 2010 to 30 November 2011
Consideration (19 June 2012).

35 *Interactive Gambling Act 2001*—Report for 2011 on the operation of the prohibition on interactive gambling services advertisements
Consideration (19 June 2012).
Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee—2011-12 regional telecommunications review—Regional communications: Empowering digital communities
Consideration (19 June 2012).

Surveillance Devices Act 2004—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s report on inspections of surveillance device records for the period—1 July to 31 December 2010—Australian Crime Commission and Australian Federal Police
1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011—Victoria Police Special Projects Unit
Consideration (19 June 2012).

Australian Human Rights Commission—Cherkupalli v Commonwealth of Australia (Report no. 49)
Consideration (19 June 2012).

Australian Human Rights Commission—Campbell v Black & White Cabs Pty Ltd and Tighe (Report no. 50)
Consideration (19 June 2012).

Australian Human Rights Commission—Brown v Commonwealth of Australia (Report no. 51)
Consideration (19 June 2012).

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2012
Consideration (19 June 2012).

Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992—Report for 2011 pursuant to section 34A of the Act
Consideration (19 June 2012).

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 January to 31 March 2012
Consideration (19 June 2012).

Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning the Location of a Republic of Singapore Air Force Helicopter Squadron at the Australian Army Aviation Centre Oakey, done at Singapore on 1 June 2012
Consideration (19 June 2012).

Bilateral treaties—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreements between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain on the Exchange of Information with Respect to Taxes done at Manama on 15 December 2011
the Government of Australia and the Government of the Principality of Andorra on the Exchange of Information with Respect to Taxes done at New York on 24 September 2011
Consideration (19 June 2012).
46 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—
Personal identifiers 707/12, 710/12, 713/12, 714/12, 717/12, 718/12, 721/12,
722/12, 724/12 to 728/12, 732/12, 734/12, 736/12 to 738/12, 742/12, 747/12 to
749/12, 751/12, 752/12, 755/12, 758/12, 760/12, 763/12, 764/12, 768/12 to
771/12, 773/12, 777/12, 781/12, 784/12, 786/12 and 829/12—Reports by the
Commonwealth Ombudsman
Consideration (20 June 2012).

47 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—
Personal identifiers 707/12, 710/12, 713/12, 714/12, 717/12, 718/12, 721/12,
722/12, 724/12 to 728/12, 732/12, 734/12, 736/12 to 738/12, 742/12, 747/12 to
749/12, 751/12, 752/12, 755/12, 758/12, 760/12, 763/12, 764/12, 768/12 to
771/12, 773/12, 777/12, 781/12, 784/12, 786/12 and 829/12—Government
response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 19 June 2012
Consideration (20 June 2012).

48 Migration Act 1958—Section 440A—Conduct of Refugee Review Tribunal
reviews not completed within 90 days—Report for the period 1 November
2011 to 29 February 2012
Consideration (20 June 2012).

49 Migration Act 1958—Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more
than 90 days—Report for the period 1 November 2011 to 29 February 2012
Consideration (20 June 2012).

50 Australian National University—Report for 2011
Consideration (20 June 2012).

51 Director of Military Prosecutions—Report for 2011
Consideration (21 June 2012).

52 Judge Advocate General—Report for 2011
Consideration (21 June 2012).

53 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telecommunications
reports for 2010-11—Report 1: Telecommunications competitive
safeguards—Report 2: Changes in the prices paid for telecommunications
services in Australia
Consideration (26 June 2012).

54 Broadcasting Services Act 1992—Review of Schedule 7 of the Act, contained in
appendix G of the Convergence Review final report
Consideration (26 June 2012).

55 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia’s health 2012—
Thirteenth biennial report
Consideration (26 June 2012).

56 Coroners Act 2009 (NSW)—Inquest into the death of Ms Dianne Brimble—
Recommendations of the New South Wales Coroner—Government response
Consideration (26 June 2012).
57 Productivity Commission—Report no. 58—Australia’s export credit arrangements, dated 31 May 2012
Consideration (26 June 2012).

58 National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)—NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee—Report on the operation of the Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002 for the period 1 September 2011 to 29 February 2012
Consideration (26 June 2012).

59 Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome, 13 June 1976)
Consideration (26 June 2012).

60 Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011
Consideration (29 June 2012 am).

61 Parliamentarians’ expenditure on entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011, dated June 2012
Consideration (29 June 2012 am).

62 Former parliamentarians’ expenditure on entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011, dated June 2012
Consideration (29 June 2012 am).

63 Parliamentarians’ overseas study travel reports—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011, dated June 2012
Consideration (29 June 2012 am).

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)—(Senator Siewert)
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)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (29 September 2010).

13 Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Pratt, in continuation, 28 October 2010).

14 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 29 September 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).

25 Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2010—
(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 September 2010).

26 National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2010—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 September 2010).

27 Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2010—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 September 2010).

28 Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services) Bill 2010
(No. 2)—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (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)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 November 2010).

43 Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2010).

45 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2010).

46 Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon and Milne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Gallacher, in continuation, 22 September 2011).

47 Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senators Heffernan, Siewert and Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 24 November 2010).
49 Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011 (No. 2)—(Senate bill)—(Senator Scullion)
   In committee (12 May 2011).

52 Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 2 March 2011).

53 Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 21 March 2011).

54 Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011—
   (Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 12 May 2011).

56 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Tobacco Industry Donations) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 June 2011).

58 Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—
   (Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 20 June 2011).

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-Young)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 5 July 2011).
64 **Bankruptcy Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 5 July 2011*).

65 **Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 10 May 2012*).

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*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 May 2012).

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

69 **Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011** [No. 2]—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 13 September 2011*).

70 **Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 September 2011).

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

73 **Public Accounts and Audit Committee Amendment (Ombudsman) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 November 2011).

74 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Australia’s Water Resources) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Waters*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Waters, in continuation, 1 November 2011*).

75 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (International Broadcasting Services) Bill 2011**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Ludlam*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 10 November 2011*).
Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting and Telecommunications Amendment) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senator Di Natale)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (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).

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).

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Monitoring of Whaling) Bill 2012—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 February 2012).

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).

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

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” (22 March 2012).

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

Broadcasting Services Amendment (Public Interest Test) Bill 2012—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 29 June 2012 am).

Fair Work Amendment (Small Business—Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 16 August 2012).
BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 22 August 2012

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Government Investment Funds Amendment (Ethical Investments) Bill 2011. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on health services and medical professionals in rural areas.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012—
   (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Ludwig)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (29 June 2012 am).

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 24 November 2011


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

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.

General Business—Order of the Day

78 Government Investment Funds Amendment (Ethical Investments) Bill 2011—(Senate bill)—(Senators Di Natale and Ludlam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Di Natale, in continuation, 24 November 2011).

On 23 August 2012

General Business—Private Senators’ Bills—Orders of the Day

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

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).
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

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

On 10 September 2012

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 May 2012

770 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move—that the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the Tripa forest in Sumatra, an area covered by a 2-year moratorium on new forest-clearing concessions, is being burnt by deliberately lit fires and cleared in order to make way for palm oil concessions,

(ii) the forest is home to people and wildlife and stores massive quantities of carbon, and is also home to the largest concentration of Sumatran orang-utans,

(iii) that leading experts believe the loss of the Tripa forest could lead to the local extinction of Sumatran orang-utans by the end of 2012, and international primate experts such as Ms Jane Goodall and Mr Richard Leakey have called for the protection of the Tripa forest,

(iv) that humanitarian and conservation organisations working within the region have reported that villagers are suffering from health problems associated with the burning and have been subjected to intimidation from both palm oil companies and Indonesian police,

(v) the chair of President Yudhoyono’s task force on forests and carbon has expressed concern that ‘opening up Tripa – an area with high conservation value and home to many animals endemic to Indonesia – is a grave mistake’,

(vi) while the Indonesian Government has launched a police investigation into the criminal activity in the area, palm oil companies continue to illegally clear protected forest, a process that has destroyed countless livelihoods,

(vii) Australia is a significant consumer of palm oil from South East Asia, particularly Indonesia, as Australia imports 130 000 tonnes of palm oil each year,

(viii) the Tripa forest crisis has received major international news coverage in publications such as Time Magazine, Voice of America, the Guardian, the Australian, the Sydney Morning Herald, and the Independent, and

(ix) many conservation groups in Indonesia regard Tripa as a test case that will determine the future of the $1 billion agreement on carbon and forests between Norway and Indonesia;

(b) welcomes the Indonesian Government’s investigations of law-breaking in Tripa forest in early May 2012; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to request the Indonesian Government to fully enforce the law that protects this important region and cease all clearing in the Tripa forest.
On 11 September 2012

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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—Orders of the Day

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

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on Management of the Murray-Darling Basin.

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

On 13 September 2012

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 18 September 2012

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2012

781 Senator Hanson-Young: To move—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the review of security assessments, and for related purposes. Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012.
On 19 September 2012

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on detention of minors.

On 21 September 2012

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

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

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

On 9 October 2012

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Military Court of Australia Bill 2012 and the Military Court of Australia (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012. (Referred pursuant to Sélection of Bills Committee report.)

On 10 October 2012

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on fresh pineapple imports.

On 31 October 2012

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011 and any proposed government amendments. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
*3 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012. *(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).*

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

90 Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012—*(Senate bill)*—*(Senators Madigan and Senator Xenophon)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate *(Senator Madigan, in continuation, 29 June 2012 am).*

**On 1 November 2012**

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.

2 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee
Report to be presented on the allowance payment system.

**On 27 November 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee
Report to be presented on the development of a draft code of conduct for senators.

**On 28 November 2012**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Final report to be presented on the performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services.

**On 31 December 2012**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on aid to Afghanistan.
On 28 February 2013

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee

Fourth report to be presented.

On 30 April 2013

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Cyber Safety—Joint Select Committee

Final report to be presented.

No later than 12 months after the commencement of the review (27 June 2013)

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; Schedule 5—Part 1 commencement date: 29 June 2011; review commencement date: 27 June 2012)

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 ( $1 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).
BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 19 June 2012; reporting date: 13 September 2012).

Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee, along with any proposed government amendments (referred 10 November 2011; reporting date varied 22 March 2012; preliminary report presented 15 August 2012; final reporting date: 31 October 2012).

Government Investment Funds Amendment (Ethical Investments) Bill 2011‡
Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 21 June 2012; reporting date: 22 August 2012).

Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 May 2012; reporting date: 21 September 2012).

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 21 June 2012; reporting date: 20 August 2012).

Military Court of Australia Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 29 June 2012 am; reporting date varied 14 August 2012; reporting date: 9 October 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).

Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 19 June 2012; reporting date varied 14 August 2012; reporting date: 11 September 2012).

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 16 August 2012; reporting date: 31 October 2012).
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (referred 19 June 2012; reporting date: 22 August 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 bills
Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010
Discharged from Notice Paper, 16 August 2011.

Migration Legislation Amendment (The Bali Process) Bill 2012
Second reading negatived, 28 June 2012.

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.

Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)
Discharged from Notice Paper, 10 May 2012.

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.
No. 102—20 August 2012

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 1112 to 1965 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

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

Notice given 31 October 2011

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.
No. 102—20 August 2012

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);

(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.
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

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*

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.

*Notice given 15 February 2012*

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.

*Notice given 5 March 2012*

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.
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.

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.

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;
(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.

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.
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;
(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 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;
(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 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;
(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 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.

1654 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.

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.

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.

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.

1662 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 22 March 2012

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

1760 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation
   (transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 2 April 2012)

1781 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 2 April 2012)

Notice given 23 April 2012

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.

Notice given 11 May 2012

1848 Senator Kroger: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation—

   (1) Is the Minister aware of the case Sunland Waterfront (BVI) and Others v. Prudentia Investments Pty Ltd and Others currently before the Supreme Court of Victoria.
(2) Is the Minister aware of the following newspaper articles, each of which suggests that there has been a series of misleading statements made to the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) in respect of various commercial and criminal proceedings in the United Arab Emirates (UAE):

(a) *The Australian Financial Review*, ‘Judge warns over Sunland’s ASX releases’, p. 45, 2 February 2012;
(c) *The Australian*, ‘ASIC, take note’, p. 28, 8 December 2011;
(d) *The Sun Herald*, ‘Witness admits pair held on false claims’, p. 29, 4 December 2011;
(e) *Sunday Herald Sun*, ‘Admission in bribery case’, p. 33, 4 December 2011;
(f) *The Australian Financial Review*, ‘Sunland executive admits bribery investigation’, p. 56, 30 November 2011; and

(3) Has the Minister made a referral to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) requesting that it investigate these suggestions of misleading statements made to the ASX.

(4) Has ASIC investigated these suggestions that serious misleading statements have been made to the ASX.

(5) If there has been no investigation and the Minister has not made a referral to ASIC, will the Minister do so.

(6) If ASIC does find that misleading statements were made to the ASX, how will relevant authorities in the UAE be alerted to either findings of fact or relevant source materials.

Notice given 18 May 2012

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1858-1859)—

(1) On what date did the Minister or anyone in the Minister’s office last meet with Ms Diana Asmar.

(2) At what location did the meeting take place.

(3) When was the last time the Minister or anyone in the Minister’s office had telephone contact with Ms Asmar.

(4) Who initiated the telephone contact.

1858 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

1859 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1861 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*:

(1) Is the Act operating as intended.

(2) Have any problems with the Act been detected; if so, when were they first identified.
(3) Has the Minister considered any amendments to the Act; if so: (a) on what exact date/s was consideration given; and (b) what was the Minister’s decision.

(4) Have former Ministers Evans, Crean or Gillard considered any amendments to the Act.

(5) Has the Government received any advice from the department or Fair Work Australia that there are problems with the Act; if so, on what date/s was the advice received.

Notice given 29 May 2012

1864 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—With reference to Airservices Australia (ASA), and given that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mr Greg Russell recently resigned and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Mr Andrew Clarke is now acting CEO:

(1) (a) As CFO, was Mr Clark responsible for signing off on the credit card expenditure of Mr Russell; if not: (i) why not; and (ii) who was; if so: did Mr Clark ever raise the appropriateness of the CFO or a CEO subordinate signing off on the credit card of a CEO; (b) what is the credit card policy of ASA; and (c) did Mr Clark ever question Mr Russell over expense items on the credit card; if not, why not; if so, what items were in question and what explanation was given.

(2) What is the role of the ASA Board in overseeing the CEO in the area of credit card use; and does the Board approve travel expenses for the CEO; if so, when are these expenses approved and how.

(3) Was any independent assessment of the article in The Sunday Telegraph dated 1 April 2012, titled ‘Paid to live the high life – how this man spent $243 702 of your money’ regarding Mr Russell and the claims within that article undertaken; if so, by whom; if not, why not.

(4) Have the: (a) Australian Federal Police; (b) Australian Public Service Commissioner; or (c) Merit Protection Commissioner had any involvement in the case surrounding Mr Russell.

(5) What investigations has ASA instigated, or will it instigate, into the alleged credit card expenditure of the recent CEO; if none, why.

(6) Has the Minister been briefed regarding the credit card expenditure of the recently departed CEO, Mr Russell.

(7) Can the Minister confirm if Mr Russell resigned or was dismissed, and what was the Minister’s role in the resignation or dismissal of Mr Russell.

(8) Was the Minister briefed by ASA, its CEO, CFO or Board, or by the department regarding the matters surrounding the expenditure of Mr Russell.

(9) What are the general payout terms and conditions of ASA executive employment contract resignations.

(10) Did Mr Russell receive a payout; if so: (a) did that payout comply with the terms and conditions in the employment contract; (b) in what way did it comply; and (c) who authorised Mr Russell’s payout.

(11) Can Mr Clarke, the acting CEO, explain why the ASA cost base has increased by almost $200 million (34.3 per cent) since the 2006-07 financial year.
(12) To date, what is the: (a) cost commitment; and (b) amount spent, on the Cognos project, and what are the costs of each phase of the project.

(13) In relation to the ATC project in Melbourne: (a) when was the project completed; or (b)(i) if the project is still ongoing, when does the acting CEO expect that it will be completed, and (ii) can an explanation be provided as to why the project has not been completed, given that in December 2006 the then CFO, Mr Russell, stated that ASA’s plan was to appoint a contractor by late 2007 and then to give approximately 6 months in design followed by a 16 month construction period.

**Notice given 31 May 2012**

1868 Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—What is the amount of contingent liabilities for tax in dispute with the Australian Taxation Office for each of the following financial years: (a) 2005-06; (b) 2006-07; (c) 2007-08; (d) 2008-09; and (e) 2009-10.

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**Notice given 7 June 2012**

1873 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research—In regard to isotope production at the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation’s (ANSTO) Open Pool Australian Lightwater (OPAL) reactor:

1. Does ANSTO routinely supply all of Australia’s Molybdenum-99 (Mo-99) requirements.
3. Why has the cost of Mo-99 based generators for Australian patients increased since OPAL was commissioned.
4. Does ANSTO import Iodine-123 (I-123), Thallium-201 (TI-201) and Gallium-67 (Ga-67); if so, is this because the National Medical Cyclotron was decommissioned in 2009.
5. Will any of the collaborations entered into by ANSTO be capable of producing I-123, TI-201 and Ga-67.
6. How much does ANSTO charge for a dose of I-123, used for scanning patients with thyroid cancer, and how much of this is covered by the Medicare rebate.
7. Does ANSTO’s sale price include a profit margin on the imported price.
8. Could the cost impost lead to patients having a less effective diagnosis.
9. Does the OPAL reactor produce Lutetium-177 (Lu-177).
10. Why is the ANSTO import of Lu-177 more expensive than the international suppliers’ direct charge.
11. How much does ANSTO charge for Iodine-133 (I-133), used in the treatment of patients with overactive thyroids and the most lethal forms of thyroid cancer.
12. Is the maximum Medicare rebate for I-133 $417, and the cost of the material to the administering hospital between $688 and $870.
13. Is there a Medicare rebate for I-133 MIBG, used in the treatment of children with incurable neuroblastoma and some adults with similarly incurable tumours, produced by ANSTO at a cost to the administering hospital of between $4 862 and $7 893.
(14) Can the Minister confirm that patients with metastatic skeletal cancer that is refractory to all other treatments who are treated with Samarium-153 (Sm) Lexidronam produced at ANSTO are charged a minimum of $3,255, with a Medicare rebate of $2,323.

Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research—

(1) Did the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) cease fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) production through the National Medical Cyclotron in 2003 and reinstitute supply only in 2010 by Positron Emission Tomography (PET) in conjunction with PETNET Solutions.

(2) Did this withdrawal of ANSTO from the market coincide with the increased clinical demand for FDG under the PET data collection program of the Department of Health and Aging.

(3) Did private companies supply the FDG market in the absence of ANSTO production.

(4) Did patients miss out on best management of their illness due to limited supplies of FDG.

(5) Did ANSTO seek advice from the Department of Health and Aging on the roll-out of Medical Benefits Scheme funding for PET.

(6) Was Professor Andrew Scott on the ANSTO Board when approval for PET was given.

(7) Was Professor Scott closely involved with the Department of Health and Aging with respect to PET funding and data collection initiatives.

(8) Has the failure of ANSTO to understand the FDG market size:
   (a) led to overinvestment in the capacity of the PETNET Solutions facility, including the investment of $17.5 million in public funds, despite little prospect of commercial return; and
   (b) unfairly undermined the business of commercial operators who receive no government funding.

(10) What was the reason for ANSTO increasing its cost base to take on the PETNET Solutions branding.

(11) Given that the PETNET Solutions facility was designed to supply more than FDG, what else has it supplied to date.

Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research—In regard to exploratory partnership discussions between the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) and various entities:

(1) On what occasions have discussions taken place between ANSTO and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, regarding the establishment of an ANSTO-sponsored Collaborative Clinical Radiopharmacy Research Facility at the intended Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Melbourne, and what documentation of the discussions, if any, exists.

(2) Have ANSTO funds been allocated to the proposed partnership with the University of Queensland’s (UQ) Education Investment Fund bid for a Centre for Advanced Imaging (CAI).
(3) Does the proposed CAI also have funding as a node in the National Imaging Facility (NIF).

(4) Is there any risk that the recently announced commercial venture between CAI and Axiom Molecular will infringe on competitive neutrality provisions.

(5) Do the contractual arrangements make it clear that competitive neutrality must be respected in any commercial spin-offs.

(6) What particular expertise did the ANSTO Board identify at CAI that warranted the use of ANSTO funds to support the collaboration.

(7) Has UQ previously owned or had access to a cyclotron.

(8) Who are the lead researchers at CAI in charge of the PET [Positron Emission Tomography] tracer discovery and commercialisation program.

(9) Did the agreement with the Austin Health based Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, regarding joint competitive research, involve funding from ANSTO; if so: (a) when were the funds provided; (b) does the contract provide for a loan or a grant; and (c) are there any competitive neutrality considerations.

(10) Is the intent of the arrangement to supply Copper-64 (Cu-64), Iodine-124 (I-124), Zirconium-89 (Zr-89), and Yttrium-86 (Y-86) for research and clinical development, and what has been supplied to date.

(11) Did collaboration with the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) in Western Australia for cyclotron targetry involve ANSTO funding; if so, how much and under what provisions.

(12) Given that the Minister has noted that the arrangement would involve Cu-64, Zr-89 and radionuclide development research, how many doses have been dispatched for research or clinical use to date.

(13) Is there a reason why SCGH and the Ludwig Institute are both working on Cu-64 and Zr-89, when isotope half-lives allow for distribution throughout Australia.

(14) Is ANSTO aware that: (a) Cyclopharm in Sydney has had the capacity to produce Cu-64 for several years; and (b) the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre has been producing Y-86, Cu-64 and I-124 with its research cyclotron.

(15) Were the Cooperative Research Centre for Biomedical Imaging Development (CRC BID) or the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre consulted by the ANSTO Board before the decision to allocate funds to the Ludwig Institute was made.

(16) Why did the ANSTO Board decide not to pursue the proposal for a CRC BID, ANSTO and Cyclotek co-funded project to make Cu-64, I-124, Zr-89, and Y-86 available using commercial hardware supplied through CRC BID partner GE Healthcare, projected to cost less than $350 000 per contributor.

(17) Did any ANSTO Board member with a potential conflict absent themself in discussions concerning the allocation of funds to the Ludwig Institute; if so, was the act recorded in the minutes.
Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1877-1878)—With reference to the statement made by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Senator Kim Carr) during question time on Wednesday, 8 February 2012 (Senate Hansard, p. 367):

1. Can a definition of ‘poverty wages’ be provided.
2. Does the Minister stand by the statement.

1877 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 14 June 2012)

1878 Minister for Human Services (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 14 June 2012)

Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the evening of 3 April 2012, and the assertion that the Prime Minister was not able to be contacted:

1. Where was the Prime Minister.
2. Why was the Prime Minister unreachable.
3. Was an Acting Prime Minister appointed.
4. Did the Prime Minister have contact with her office from 5 pm on this date.

Notice given 14 June 2012

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1882-1883)—What percentage of carbon reduction is achieved per dollar of revenue collected under the Carbon Tax.

1882 Minister representing the Treasurer (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency on 19 June 2012)

1883 Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State (transferred to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 20 June 2012)—With reference to the staff ballot for the Department of Finance and Deregulation Enterprise Agreement 2011-2014 and each of the following companies: (a) Australian Election Company; (b) WebCentral Pty Ltd; and (c) electionnz.com Ltd:

1. What type of employee data was provided to each company.
2. Where can the privacy policy of each company be found.
3. Did the department ensure privacy provisions were a component in the contractual agreement with each company; if so, can details of the privacy provisions be provided; if not, why not.
4. What steps were taken by each company to ensure the security of private information.
5. What was the total cost of the ballot.
1885 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to question on notice no. 1518, which asked: What have been the precise dates of the Prime Minister’s: (a) weekly; and (b) ad hoc, meetings with the [former] Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Brown, since the signing of the ‘Labor-Greens agreement’, and given that Senate procedure requires answers to be directly relevant to the question, can the requested information be provided.

Notice given 19 June 2012

1890 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the answer to Senate question on notice no. 1791, does the Treasury modelling rely on the same assumptions used to forecast the creation of half a million new jobs, as announced by the Government in the 2011-12 Federal Budget.

1893 Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—

(1) Will the Minister confirm that the Government has established a sub-committee of the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board, to seek and coordinate corporate sponsorship for the Anzac Centenary commemorations.

(2) Who are the members of the sub-committee and how often has it met.

(3) What fundraising target has the Government or the Advisory Board established for the sub-committee.

(4) Does the sub-committee have a series of projects it is requested to fund; if so, what are they.

(5) Has a request been made for the sub-committee to raise funds to offset the cost of commemoration activities in Australia or overseas; if so, for which activities and to what value.

Notice given 22 June 2012

1894 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—How many Certificates of No Impediment have been issued to same-sex couples seeking to marry overseas, detailed per month since their introduction.

1895 Senator Cameron: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer (transferred to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 9 July 2012)—Given the statement made by the Shadow Treasurer, Mr Hockey, on 6 February 2012, during the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Q&A program in relation to public service job cuts, that ‘12 000 will be made redundant within the first two years as a starting point’, can estimates be provided for each year of the forward estimates period of the impact such cuts would have on revenue collection, if they were:

(a) proportionately applied to revenue collection and compliance activities; and

(b) to be increased to 20 000 redundancies, as foreshadowed by Mr Hockey in an interview on the ABC 7.30 program, on 8 May 2012.

Notice given 25 June 2012

1898 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) Given that, in a speech made to the Association of International Life Offices, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi asked countries to prevent their companies from partnering with the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise due to the lack
of transparency and accountability, will the Government take steps to stop Australian companies investing in Burma’s oil and gas industry.

(2) Will the Government apply internationally recognised standards such as the International Monetary Fund’s Code of Good Practices on Fiscal Transparency in its trade with Burma, and require Australian companies to be subject to the code including the publication of accounts.

1899 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Will the Minister intervene in the modern awards review by Fair Work Australia and seek a new award for ‘Green Jobs’ or ‘Green Collar Workers’; if not: (a) why not; and (b) which award will apply to these workers.

1900 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Can a list be provided detailing on how many occasions costs have been awarded by Fair Work Australia, including for each: (a) the reason why costs were awarded; and (b) whether they were awarded to the: (i) applicant or defendant; and (ii) employer or employee.

1901 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Can a list be provided detailing all payments and grants made to unions or employee organisations, listed per year since 1 January 2008.

1904 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Given that the Minister’s office rewrote the terms of reference for the review of the Fair Work Act 2009, removing references to flexibility and the impact on ‘red tape’, why did the Government: (a) rewrite the terms of reference; and (b) ignore the Department of Finance and Deregulation’s recommendation to include ‘productivity’.

1906 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Government’s Key Performance Indicator regarding the Fair Work Act 2009 level of industrial action: Does the Minister still consider a doubling in the working days lost over the past year, from 117 500 to 257 600, as ‘steady’.

1908 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

(1) Why did the Minister refuse to meet with the Secretary of the Health Services Union.

(2) Are there any other union executives with whom the Minister has refused to meet.

1909 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

(1) Why did the Minister decide to intervene in the Health Services Union.

(2) When was advice first sought to do so.

(3) Which stakeholders did the Minister liaise with prior to making the decision.

1912 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the unanswered questions on notice nos 1558, 1761, 1809 and 1814:

(1) Why does each question on notice remain unanswered.
(2) Why does the Minister take longer than 30 days to respond to questions on notice.

1913 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—with reference to the grounding of the Qantas fleet in October 2011, was the Minister privy to the teleconference of ministers that determined the Government’s action; if so, who else was on the teleconference.

1915 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—with reference to the appointment of Mr Bernie Riordan to Fair Work Australia (FWA):

(1) With whom did the Minister or the Minister’s office discuss the issue of the civil case outstanding against Mr Riordan.

(2) When was the Minister made aware that the case had settled.

(3) Was there any delay on the announcement of the appointments to FWA as a result of the outstanding case.

1917 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Given that there have been a number of media reports of ambit claims, with union executives in the university sector seeking a 27 per cent pay increase; in addition, there have been claims for hangars, paid shower time and lockers, are such claims a reflection that the Fair Work Act 2009 is not operating as intended.

1918 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—with reference to the decision of Senior Deputy President (SDP) Richards of Fair Work Australia, in the case CFMEU v. Brookfield Multiplex Australasia, in which SDP Richards found it was not permissible to include a contractors clause in an enterprise agreement, does the Government agree with the decision.

1919 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—with reference to the Fair Work Australia case involving JJ Richards & Sons: (a) does the Government intend on making amendments to the Fair Work Act 2009 to reflect what was promised during the lead up to the 2007 Federal Election; or (b) does the Government agree with the decision of the Federal Court of Australia, and subsequently support the precedent that union bosses can take strike action without the majority support of workers and without having commenced good faith negotiations.

1920 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—In regard to Individual Flexibility Agreements (IFAs), does the Minister stand by the former Minister’s comments that the 28-day-rule is an ‘impediment to the use of IFAs’.

Notice given 26 June 2012

1927 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—with reference to the Australia Post franchise in Coorparoo, Brisbane:

(1) Did the Coorparoo franchise close in 2011; if so: (a) what were the circumstances surrounding the closure; (b) did Australia Post relocate and re-establish the franchised PostShop; and (c) if there is a new, relocated site, how far is it from the original location.
(2) During two meetings, did the franchise management team in Queensland advise that Australia Post had decided to close the franchise due to the unavailability of suitable premises.

(3) At the second meeting, did the state franchise coordinator say that the decision to close the post office had been made by management in Melbourne, and that they had determined that the franchise model was no longer appropriate for the Coorparoo area.

(4) Can copies of any minutes or correspondence relating to the above meetings be provided.

(5) Was the franchisee advised that Australia Post had determined to operate a fixed term Licensed Post Office in the area.

(6) Can a detailed explanation be provided of what transpired in relation to postal services in Coorparoo.

(7) In what business format is the Coorparoo post office currently operating and, if this differs from the previous format, what was the reasoning behind the change.

(8) Was any definitive analysis undertaken by Australia Post of issues such as pedestrian traffic flow, accessibility, and any other pertinent matters relevant to the site, in relation to the current Coorparoo site prior to the relocation; if so, can the analysis be provided.

(9) Was this information shared with the franchisee; if so, when and what specific information was provided.

(10) Did Australia Post consult with the Coorparoo community in regard to this closure and subsequent relocation; if so, with whom and when did the consultation occur.

(11) Did the franchisee make numerous requests for documentation, which may have assisted them in making a decision about relocations, and was Australia Post in a position to supply such documents.

(12) Does Australia Post usually expect agreements to be entered into without availing the other party or parties an opportunity to view the contract.

(13) On what basis did Australia Post include in the Termination Notice for the particular franchise a clause whereby acceptance of the exit payment indemnified Australia Post from any further legal action, which may be open to this franchisee; and is this: (a) usual practice; and (b) mandated across all franchises in similar positions.

(14) Can a copy of the Termination Notice be provided.

(15) With reference to the document titled ‘A PostShop Franchise: Your Key to Business Success’, in particular p. 14 under the heading Franchise Advisory Council, which sets out the intentions of Australia Post, and given that this was supplied to the Coorparoo franchisee in the early stages of their expressions of interest in this model: (a) in what forum was the Coorparoo franchisee able to raise issues surrounding the closure of the Coorparoo franchise; and (b) given that the establishment of such a Council was indicated during the sale process, why has the Council not been established.

(16) Have any explanations and apologies been provided to the individuals who may have been induced, in part or in whole, to enter the franchise agreement based on this representation.
(17) Did any senior managers of Australia Post receive any correspondence from franchisees in Queensland raising concerns over the Coorparoo franchise situation and the action that was taken.

(18) Did Australia Post receive any ministerial direction regarding its franchise businesses; if so, what was the direction and when was it received.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1792 (Senate Hansard, 20 June 2012, proof p. 103), is this to be interpreted to mean that all the investments and jobs referred to have been created as a result of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax; if not, can an answer relevant to the question be provided.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1865 (Senate Hansard, 20 June 2012, proof p. 127), in relation to the National Broadband Network (NBN):

(1) Is this to be interpreted to mean that no information has been collected by the NBN on the documents lodged with local governments.

(2) Has the NBN lodged plans with local governments.

(3) Can the full details requested in question on notice no. 1865 be provided.

Notice given 27 June 2012

Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to procurement procedures undertaken by the department to implement the following initiatives:

- appointing independent probity advisors for all significant, complex procurements,
- establishing a Centre of Excellence to support a more robust and consistent commercial approach to Non-Equipment Procurement (NEP),
- establishing the position of Non-Equipment Chief Procurement Officer (NECPO) on 1 July 2010, to provide high-level advice and assistance to all groups and services, and to endorse all NEP spending proposals valued over $1 million as a pre-requisite to proposal approval,
- scoping a whole-of-portfolio sourcing approach for various categories of NEP,
- establishing a working group of NEP stakeholders to coordinate and resolve issues arising from the implementation of the new arrangements,
- launching a new NEP website on 17 August 2010, providing a single access point for policy and process guidance,
- establishing a single, simple procurement business centre on 1 February 2011, into which all simple procurements will be transitioned over the next 2 years,
- the application of a gate review process for major acquisition projects across the department, focusing on important procurement process and probity issues relevant to a particular ‘gate’,
- the engagement of expert procurement teams with lead responsibility for major acquisition projects,
- the agreement and implementation of a NEP category management model for specific types of NEP,
• the introduction of implementation status reporting requirements for all major NEPs,
• improved stakeholder advice and assistance services, including publication of the Defence annual procurement plan on AusTender to provide greater transparency of planned NEPs, and an advisory role for the NECPO in the drafting of tender documentation, publishing on AusTender and evaluating tenders, and
• implementing strategies for the recruitment and retention of suitably skilled procurement professionals.

(1) Which of the above initiatives have been fully implemented and on what dates.

(2) Have any of the above initiatives not yet been fully implemented; if so, which initiatives and why.

1936 Senator Johnston: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
With reference to the incident at Darwin airport on Tuesday, 28 February 2012 involving the Adagold Aviation Pty Ltd contracted Middle East Area of Operation (MEAO) aircraft, operated by the carrier Hi Fly:

(1) Can a full and detailed description be provided of the ‘heavy landing’ that occurred during this incident.

(2) Given that the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure provided a very different answer to the one that was provided at the 2011-12 additional estimates hearing of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, stating that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) made no inspections of the MEAO contracted aircraft, (question on notice no. 1727, Senate Hansard, 8 May 2012, p. 2862), if CASA did not inspect the two Hi Fly aircraft, why was it said that they did.

(3) Who inspected the aircraft involved in the ‘heavy landing’ incident and what damage was found to have occurred.

(4) For how long was this aircraft out of service.

(5) Given that it was also said that bad weather conditions contributed to the incident, yet weather reports for 28 February 2012 record that it was a fair and clear day with light winds, why was it claimed that bad weather contributed to the ‘heavy landing’.

(6) Can a copy of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau report of the incident be provided.

1937 Senator Ryan: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

(1) Is the CrimTrac Board of Management aware of Mr Murray Rankin’s appointment as Chairman of Connexxion Business Solutions; if so: when was the Board informed, and did Mr Rankin himself inform the Board of the appointment; if not, were any board members personally aware of the appointment.

(2) On what basis did the Board make the decision to award contracts for management advisory services and temporary personnel services at a cost indicated in the multiple AusTender Contract Notices, totalling approximately $785 551, for the period September 2009 to November 2011.

(3) Is Connexxion Business Solutions currently providing services to CrimTrac; if so, what is the total cost of all services provided, for the period 1 July 2010 to 26 June 2012.
(4) Did the Board consider any alternative service providers prior to awarding contracts to Connexxion Business Solutions; if so, which businesses; if not, why not.

(5) Is the Board considering further contracts between CrimTrac and Connexxion Business Solutions.

(6) Was the CrimTrac Chief Executive Officer (CEO) aware of the appointment of Mr Rankin as Chairman when the contracts referred to above were awarded; if so, when was the current CEO informed, and did Mr Rankin himself inform the CEO of the appointment.

(7) Is the Board or the CEO of CrimTrac aware of any: (a) business nexus between Connexxion Business Solutions and Projects Assured; (b) contracts in which Connexxion Business Solutions was contracted for services provided by Projects Assured; and (c) subcontractors contracted by Connexxion Business Solutions to conduct work for CrimTrac; if so, can the details relating to each instance be provided.

(8) Do any CrimTrac Board members, including the CEO, have a nexus with, or hold an appointment to the Board of, any other company that has dealings with CrimTrac, which may give rise to a conflict of interest.

(9) Can a list be provided detailing the number of contracts CrimTrac has entered into with Connexxion Business Solutions that were not advertised on AusTender, including: (a) the total cost of each contract; and (b) other specific relevant information, such as services provided.

(10) Can details be provided of all contracts entered into between CrimTrac and Connexxion Business Solutions to date.

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Kokoda Track:

(1) When did the Papua New Guinean Government request the term ‘Track’ be used when referring to the Kokoda Trail.

(2) Was the request an initiative of the Papua New Guinean Government or the Australian Government.

(3) Who is the head of the PNG National Taskforce.

(4) Was the Australian War Memorial consulted in the decision to change the official name; if so, what was the response.

(5) Was the Returned and Services League of Australia or any other ex-service organisation consulted prior to the decision being made; if so, what was the response.

(6) What was the annual remuneration package, including salary and allowances, for the Chief Executive Officer of the Papua New Guinea Kokoda Track Authority (PNG KTA), Mr Rod Hillman, for the period 2009 to 2012.

(7) What was the annual remuneration package for all other Australian personnel attached to the PNG KTA, for the period 2008 to 2012.

(8) In relation to the Special Envoy on Kokoda appointed by the former Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd: (a) who was appointed to this position; (d) did the individual receive any payment; if so, what are the details of the remuneration package; and (c) what have been the outcomes of the appointment.
Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Kokoda Trail, has any market research been conducted to determine: (a) why people want to trek across the Trail, including whether they were motivated by history, the physical challenge, the local culture or the environment; (b) what was thought of the experience; (c) suggestions to improve the experience, such as whether people would prefer the Trail in its natural or in an improved condition; and (d) interest in visiting other destinations in Papua New Guinea as a result of the experience.

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Kokoda Trail and trek operators:

1. How many trek permits to walk the Kokoda Trail have been issued since 2008.

2. Can a list be provided detailing the number of trek operators’ forums held between 2009 and 2012, including for each forum: (a) how many operators attended; (b) the cost incurred to hold the forum; (c) how many Papua New Guinea Kokoda Track Authority (PNG KTA) personnel attended; and (d) the cost per PNG KTA personnel to attend.

3. Was any draft legislation prepared to support the Code of Conduct, developed by PNG KTA in 2009, for Kokoda trek operators.

4. What action has been taken to implement legislation to support the Code of Conduct.

5. What management protocols have been promulgated to ensure trek operators abide by the Code of Conduct.

6. How many trek operators have been licensed by the PNG KTA, detailed per year between 2009 and 2012.

7. Is it a requirement for all Kokoda trek operators to have a current public liability insurance policy as a condition of obtaining a trek operator’s licence; if not, why not.

8. How many licensed trek operators hold valid public liability insurance.

9. Have any Australians trekked with a licensed operator who does not have public liability insurance; if so, how many.

10. Was an expert consultant engaged to develop a Trekker Activity and Operator Safety map ‘to assist trekkers in preparation for and throughout their trek; if so: (a) what amount was paid to the consultant for the project; and (b) how many mapping expeditions did the consultant complete in order to verify the accuracy of the map.

11. Has the accuracy of the map been validated.

12. How is the map distributed to trekkers and how many have been distributed.

13. What was the total cost of the mapping project.

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Kokoda Initiative Annual Report 2010-2011, in particular the goal of ‘A safe and well-managed Kokoda Track, which honours its wartime historical significance and protects and promotes its special values’: 
What action has been initiated to develop a Wartime Heritage Interpretation Plan, to honour the wartime historical significance of the Kokoda campaign.

What reports have been compiled in relation to preserving and commemorating the military history of the Kokoda campaign.

What are the ‘special values’ associated with the Kokoda Trail.

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Kokoda Initiative Annual Report 2010-2011, in particular the goal to achieve ‘Enhanced quality of life for landowners and communities through improved delivery of basic services, income generation and community development activities’:

Did the Papua New Guinea Kokoda Track Authority (PNG KTA) consult with the Papua New Guinean Department of Community Development, Religion and Sports in relation to community development projects along the Kokoda Trail between 2009 and 2012; if so, with what outcomes.

What activities have been initiated in regard to ‘income generation’ in local villages along the Kokoda Trail, and how much income has been generated as a result of these activities.

What community development projects have been initiated along the Kokoda Trail.

Has the Papua New Guinean Department of Community Development, Religion and Sports been involved in the initiatives.

What amount of money has been spent on each initiative.

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Kokoda Track, consultants and non-government organisations (NGOs):

How much did the partnership between the Kokoda Track Authority (KTA) and Conservation Volunteers Australia cost, and what were the outcomes of the partnership.

Which Australian consultants have been engaged by the Australian Government, between 2009 and 2012, to assist the Papua New Guinea Kokoda Track Authority (PNG KTA), and what was the total cost incurred to engage each consultant.

What was the: (a) budget; and (b) actual cost and outcome, per consultant engaged by the Australian Government to work on projects along the Kokoda Trail, between 2009 and 2012.

Was the owner of EcoSustainAbility, Mr Guy Chester, engaged as a consultant or awarded any contracts during the period in which Mr Rod Hillman was Chief Executive Officer of PNG TPA; if so, can details be provided of the: (a) costs; and (b) outcomes, for each contract or engagement.

Can a list be provided of the NGOs that have received funds for projects along the Kokoda Trail, between 2009 and 2012, including details of the: (a) tender process; (b) funds allocated; and (c) outcomes, of each project undertaken per NGO.
(6) Can a list be provided detailing how many Conservation Volunteers Australia workers have been involved in ‘track maintenance’ along the Kokoda Trail between 2009 and 2012, including the total amount spent on: (a) international and domestic flights (including charter flights) and accommodation; and (b) any other costs associated with the engagement of these workers.

(7) Were unemployed Koiari and Orokaiva people given the opportunity for paid work in relation to track maintenance prior to Australian volunteers being contracted.

(8) What are the Key Performance Objectives in regard to track maintenance, as carried out by Australian volunteers between 2009 and 2012.

1947 Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Kokoda Track and the Sustainable Livelihoods Project:

(1) What is the Sustainable Livelihoods Project.

(2) Was the project an initiative of the Australian Government or the Papua New Guinean Government.

(3) Who was awarded the tender to conduct the project.

(4) What are the Key Performance Indicators for the project.

(5) What is the cost of the project to date.

(6) What are the specific outcomes of the project,

(7) Is the project considered to be a sustainable project for villages along the Kokoda Trail.

(8) How many village workshops were conducted between 2009 and 2012, for: (a) Orokaiva people from the Northern Province; and (b) Koiari people from the Central Province.

(9) Who was engaged as a facilitator for these workshops.

(10) Was the facilitator fluent in Tok Pisin and familiar with Melanesian culture.

(11) What were the outcomes and total costs of conducting these workshops.

1948 Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Kokoda Track:

(1) What projects have been initiated by Papua New Guinea Kokoda Track Authority (PNG KTA) between 2009 and 2012.

(2) What is the ‘Krappers for Kokoda’ project and was it authorised by PNG KTA.

(3) What funds have been provided by the PNG KTA in support of the ‘Krappers for Kokoda’ project.

(4) What are the outcomes of the ‘Krappers for Kokoda’ project.

1949 Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the Kokoda Track:

(1) What was the cost of upgrading the Sogeri to Owers Corner road to all-weather capability.

(2) What budget has been allocated to maintain the road between 2012 and 2013.
(3) What is the budget for the upgrade of the Kokoda airstrip.
(4) How much has been spent on the upgrade of the airstrip between 2009 and 2012.
(5) Are there any plans to upgrade the airstrip to support a Dash-8 aircraft.
(6) What was the cost of operating the Papua New Guinea Kokoda Track Authority office at Boroko between 2009 to 2012.
(7) (a) How many Papua New Guinean personnel have visited Australia between 2009 to 2012; and (b) what was the purpose, cost and outcome of each visit.

1950 Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—with reference to the Kokoda Track:

(1) What research was conducted to determine the need for massage services along the Kokoda Trail.
(2) (a) Who conducted the research; and (b) what were the results.
(3) Was the project put out to tender; if so, what process was undertaken.
(4) (a) Who is funding the project; and (b) what is the cost of the project.
(5) (a) How much is the provider being paid for the project; and (b) what are the Key Performance Indicators for the project.
(6) Has the provider been engaged on any other projects along the Kokoda Trail; if so, for each project: (a) what was the cost; (b) how much was the provider paid; and (c) what are the Key Performance Indicators.

Notice given 9 July 2012

1956 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

(1) Do people smugglers offering conveyance to Australia market their services in source countries and countries other than Indonesia; if so, can a list be provided of: (a) those countries; and (b) the locales within those countries where such marketing operations take place, together with an indication of the scale of those operations.
(2) Does the department have a number or estimate for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years of the number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals [IMAs] arriving via Indonesia who: (a) make contact or contract with people smuggling operations prior to arriving in Indonesia; and (b) have a 30 day visa from Indonesia.

1959 Senator Bushby: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—with reference to the Government’s Low Income Superannuation Contribution initiative which commences on 1 July 2012 with initial payments being made in the 2013-14 financial year (as reflected in the 2010-11 Budget papers): Can the department clarify why an expense is recorded under the 2012-13 financial year in the Portfolio Budget Statements 2012-13 – Budget related paper no. 1.19 – Treasury portfolio (Table 2.22: Program 1.21 expenses, page 214), while the budget records an expense in 2013-14.
Notice given 11 July 2012

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

(1) For each month since January 2008, how many individuals have entered Australia on a valid visa and subsequently overstayed their visa to remain in Australia, and of those, how many: (a) still remain in Australia without a valid visa; and (b) have been granted a visa to remain in Australia since their arrival.

(2) What category or type of visa has been issued to the individuals referred to in paragraph (1)(b).

(3) Is the department aware of the location of the individuals who have entered Australia on a valid visa and subsequently overstayed their visa to remain in Australia; if not, how many of those individuals reside at a location known to the department.

(4) For each month since January 2008, how many individuals have been located in Australia without a valid visa.

(5) Of the individuals mentioned in paragraph (1)(b), how many individuals have been deported and to which specific countries were they deported.

(6) (a) What has been the cost of deporting those individuals in paragraph (5); and (b) how much of this cost have been repaid by those individuals.

(7) (a) For each month since January 2008, how many individuals have been located in Australia who remain in Australia without a valid visa; and (b) what has been the dollar value to the department of the specific resources utilised in locating these individuals.

Notice given 12 July 2012

Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the appointment of an administrator to the Health Services Union:

(1) Prior to corresponding with the New South Wales Attorney-General on 1 May 2012, with whom did the Attorney-General consult.

(2) Did the Attorney-General receive any advice from the department.

(3) Did the Attorney-General receive any correspondence from the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

(4) Did the Attorney-General’s office receive any correspondence, email or otherwise, from the office of the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations or the office of the Prime Minister; if so, in each case, can details be provided of the date, time, type (i.e. email), sender and recipients.

(5) On whose advice did the Attorney-General write to the New South Wales Attorney-General.

(6) Was that advice provided to the Attorney-General orally or in writing and, in each case, can details be provided, including how the correspondence was received, the date and the people involved.

(7) Was the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations provided with a copy of the correspondence to the New South Wales Attorney-General; if so, how was this copy provided.
(8) Was a draft of the letter circulated within the Minister’s office.

(9) Who prepared a draft of the correspondence to the New South Wales Attorney-General (i.e. the Attorney-General personally, her office, department, or the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations).

(10) Was a draft of the correspondence to the New South Wales Attorney-General provided to any person outside the Attorney-General’s office prior to sending; if so, to whom, on what date and how was it distributed.

Notice given 16 July 2012

1965 Senator Birmingham: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities on 20 July 2012)—With reference to the May 2010 Consultation Regulation Impact Statement on reducing emissions from non-road spark ignition engines and equipment:

(1) What action regarding the regulation of emissions from non-road spark ignition engines and equipment has occurred since the regulation impact statement (RIS) consultation period closed in July 2010.

(2) Was there to have been a ‘decision RIS’; if so, has this been completed and what has happened since; if not, why not.

(3) Based on a cost benefit analysis of options to manage emissions from selected non-road engines which was completed by McLennan Magasanik Associates in August 2008, is it reasonable to conclude that the delay: (a) to date has cost the health budget approximately $394 million; if not, can an estimate be provided; and (b) is costing the economy $67 million a year in fuel costs and producing more than 170 000 tonnes in carbon emissions every year.

(4) Is it correct that industry peak bodies, representing manufacturers of outdoor power equipment such as lawn mowers and marine outboard engines, have approached the Minister’s office on a number of occasions since 2009 seeking early implementation of small engine emissions standards that would bring Australia into line with standards already in place for up to 13 years in the United States of America, Europe, Japan, Canada, China and India.

Notice given 25 July 2012

1968 Senator Siewert: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing—

(1) What is the current number of supported residents, broken down on a regional basis for each state and territory.

(2) What is the current number of concessional residents, broken down on a regional basis for each state and territory.

(3) What is the number of residential care facilities that have more than 50 per cent of residents who are either concessional or supported residents, and what are the numbers for each state and territory.

(4) What is the number of standard single room facilities in each state and territory.
(5) (a) How many residential care facilities have been identified as incorrectly making claims against the Aged Care Funding Instrument [ACFI] in the past 2 years; and (b) what funding savings have been achieved by addressing these specific claiming practices.

(6) What is the current proportion of residents who pay a bond of less than $100,000, and the proportion who pay between $100,000 and $150,000.

(7) What value of bond is required to make a service financially viable in the more market-based system being implemented through the reform package.

(8) What changes in the configuration of services are anticipated as a result of the reform package, e.g. more consolidation, more merges, reduced number of providers, and increased diversity of providers.

Notice given 31 July 2012

1969 Senator Birmingham: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—For each of the following financial years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, can details be provided of the overall budget for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, including a breakdown of funding provided, or expected to be provided, by federal and individual state jurisdictions.

1970 Senator Birmingham: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—By year since 2002, can a list be provided of the number of Australia Post retail outlets, including the estimated total annual number of customer visits.

1971 Senator Birmingham: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In regard to training participants undertaking programs at Digital Hubs, such as those identified in the answer to question no. 197 taken on notice during the Budget estimates hearings of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee in May 2012 [Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio – Program 1.2]:

(1) Can a breakdown be provided of the number of training participants per month per Digital Hub since their establishment.

(2) What is the length, nature and content of this training.

1972 Senator Birmingham: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Further to the take up rates by rollout area provided in the answer to question no. 220 taken on notice during the Budget estimates hearings of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee in May 2012 [Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio – Program 1.3]:

Can a breakdown be provided by all rollout areas in Australia of: (a) the number of potentially eligible households; (b) the number of households taking up the Household Assistance Scheme; and (c) the resultant take up rate as a percentage.

1973 Senator Birmingham: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In regard to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the Special Broadcasting Service, can details be provided, for each individual organisation, of advertising/promotion spending in the 2011-12 financial year for all programs, including a breakdown by program being promoted and also by News Limited publications, Fairfax Media Limited publications and any other publications.
Senator Birmingham: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—For each of the metropolitan broadcasting licence areas: (a) can a breakdown be provided on how many premises are expected not to receive an adequate digital television signal following digital switchover; and (b) how many of these premises will be eligible for assistance under the Satellite Subsidy Scheme.

Senator Birmingham: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—In relation to the Household Assistance Package:

(1) What market research, creative testing, advertising design and implementation informed the development and execution of its advertising campaign.

(2) Can a list be provided detailing the cost, contractor, timeline and other relevant factors for all relevant consultancies, including consultancy briefs, consultancy contract values, reports provided as a result, media buy details and other related campaign factors.

Notice given 1 August 2012

Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

(1) How many individual taxpayers were affected by the incorrect printing of barcodes on business activity statement (BAS) forms.

(2) Have any other forms been printed incorrectly since November 2007; if so, what forms and how many taxpayers were affected.

(3) What is the total cost to the Government of the incorrect printing of barcodes on BAS forms.

(4) Has any estimate been made of the cost to taxpayers; if so, what is this estimate.

(5) (a) What action was taken to fix the problems that arose as a result of the incorrect printing of barcodes; and (b) what alternative solutions were considered.

(6) When were tax agents first notified of the problem with barcodes on BAS forms.

(7) When was Australia Post notified of the problem with barcodes on BAS forms.

(8) When was this notification communicated formally to all Australia Post outlets.

(9) How many BAS forms were processed before Australia Post was notified.

(10) What has been done regarding taxpayers who may have used, through no fault of their own, incorrect lodgement details.

(11) What internal process does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) have in place to ensure problems like this do not arise again.

(12) Have ATO processes been reviewed in the wake of the barcode problem.

(13) Will any taxpayer be penalised for late or incorrect lodgement of their BAS.
1977 Senator Humphries: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health—

(1) Is the Minister aware of newspaper reports, and a report from the Australian Capital Territory Auditor-General that records that up to 11 700 emergency department presentations in the Australian Capital Territory may have been manipulated between 2009 and 2012, so that the length of time patients spent in hospital and the timeliness of their treatment were altered.

(2) Has the Minister received any information that suggests false data may have been provided by the Australian Capital Territory Government; if so, what action has been taken.

(3) Have any reward payments from any Council of Australian Governments agreements, or any other reward payments been made to the Australian Capital Territory based on data found to be false; if so: (a) how much and when were the payments made; and (b) what action has been taken.

(4) Will the Minister ask her department to conduct a review of funding provided to the Australian Capital Territory’s hospital system as a result of data found to be false; if not, why not.

(5) Has the Minister had any discussions with the Australian Capital Territory’s Minister for Health in relation to this matter; if so, can details of those discussions be provided.

1978 Senator Milne: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities—With reference to the May 2010 Consultation Regulation Impact Statement on reducing emissions from non-road spark ignition engines and equipment:

(1) What action regarding the regulation of emissions from non-road spark ignition engines and equipment has occurred since the regulation impact statement (RIS) consultation period closed in July 2010.

(2) Was there to have been a ‘decision RIS’; if so, has this been completed and what has happened since; if not, why not.

(3) Based on a cost benefit analysis of options to manage emissions from selected non-road engines which was completed by McLennan Magasanik Associates in August 2008, is it reasonable to conclude that the delay: (a) to date has cost the health budget more than $400 million; if not, can an estimate be provided; and (b) is costing the economy $67 million a year in fuel costs and producing more than 170 000 tonnes in carbon emissions every year.

(4) Is it correct that industry peak bodies, representing manufacturers of outdoor power equipment such as lawn mowers and marine outboard engines, have approached the Minister’s office on a number of occasions since 2009 seeking early implementation of small engine emissions standards that would bring Australia into line with standards already in place for up to 13 years in the United States of America, Europe, Japan, Canada, China and India.

Notice given 2 August 2012

1980 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

(1) How many Australian Taxation Office (ATO) staff were on workers compensation as at: (a) 31 December 2011; (b) 31 March 2012; and (c) 30 June 2012.
(2) How many people are employed by the ATO.

(3) Do ATO staff have monthly processing targets; if so: (a) how are these targets determined; and (b) how are they monitored.

(4) If monthly processing targets are required what percentage of ATO workers: (a) achieve their targets; (b) over-achieve their targets; and (c) under-achieve their targets.

1981 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to question no. 194 taken on notice during the Budget estimates hearings of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee in May 2012 and the statement from the Minister that the reason for taking the question on notice was that ‘I just do not have it off the top of my head’, and given that the question did not deal with the deliberations of Cabinet: in relation to the Finkelstein inquiry, how many names were considered for appointment.

1982 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the answer to question no. 19 from the Budget estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee in May 2012, and given that the question did not seek the content of the legal advice:

(1) Was legal advice provided to Cabinet prior to the 7 June announcement.

(2) Has the Government received a claim for compensation as a result of its decision to impose a full ban on live export cattle to Indonesia.

(3) (a) Why was the draft advice never finalised; and (b) was this because Cabinet made a decision prior to any potential finalisation of the advice.

Notice given 3 August 2012

1983 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to Budget estimates hearings of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee in May 2012:

(1) In regard to the answer to question no. EW0042_13 taken on notice during the hearings, and given that Senator Abetz is aware that the department is unable to comment on the Minister’s views on the policies of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) or the Australian Greens, does the Minister agree that the ACTU has adopted a number of Australian Greens’ policies.

(2) In regard to the answer to question no. EW0005_13 taken on notice during the hearings, what amount was paid to Mr Phillip Adams AO for his duties during the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme Conference 2011.

(3) In regard to the answer to question no. EW0045_13 taken on notice during the hearings, and specifically in relation to paragraph 3, did the Minister discuss the amendments with any stakeholders prior to the amendments being passed; if so, which stakeholders.

1984 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in April 2010, in which COAG agreed that the Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party would report to COAG on the impact of the First Home Owners Scheme by the end of 2010 [Attachment B, COAG Communiqué 19 and 20 April 2010]:

(1) Has the Working Party reported to COAG on the impact of the First Home Owners Scheme.

(2) What is the current status of the report and when will it be released publicly.

(3) Will a response from COAG be provided on the report and when would this be expected.

(4) Given that the COAG website currently states ‘In April 2010, COAG endorsed a housing supply and affordability reform agenda to build on current initiatives and provide new reform options to decrease the time it takes to bring housing to the market, and to reform government policies that artificially stimulate demand or act as barriers to supply’, can specific examples of reform of government policies that artificially stimulate demand, to date be provided.

1985 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Housing Reform Agenda and Timeline [Attachment B, COAG Communiqué April 2010] where it was agreed that the Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party would report to COAG on 12 key aspects of housing demand and supply:

(1) What is the status to date, for each of the following reports requested on the housing supply pipeline, and when will each be released publicly:

(a) the potential to reform land aggregation, zoning and planning processes and governance, including assessing and leveraging the work of housing and planning ministers and the Business Regulation and Competition Working Group (due mid 2010);

(b) nationally consistent principles for housing development infrastructure charges (due mid 2010);

(c) the merits of measures to ensure greater consistency across jurisdictions, including local governments’ planning approval processes, in the application of building regulations (due mid 2010);

(d) the impacts of titling systems, such as residential strata title arrangements, on the housing supply market (due end 2010);

(e) the efficiency and effectiveness of housing supply/land release targets (due end 2010);

(f) whether strategic planning requirements for cities should be extended to other high growth/large population regions across the country (due mid 2011); and

(g) extending the land audit work to examine ‘under-utilised’ land and to examine private holdings of large parcels of land (due mid 2010).

(2) What is the status to date for each of the following reports requested on government policies that may act as barriers to supply or that stimulate demand and when will each be released publicly:

(a) the impact of the First Home Owners Scheme (due end 2010);

(b) Commonwealth policies that impact the housing market (due end 2010);

(c) the impact of both Commonwealth and state energy efficiency regulations and environmental acts, including the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, on house prices (due end 2010);
(d) the impact of both supply and demand side affordable housing initiatives, such as inclusionary zoning, dwelling mix and distribution of lot sizes, on the housing market (due mid 2011); and
(e) relevant Commonwealth and state taxation settings, with timeline to be dependent on the Commonwealth Government’s response to Australia’s Future Tax System.

(3) Will a formal response from COAG be provided to these reports; if so, when will this occur.

Notice given 6 August 2012

1986 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Budget estimates hearings of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee in May 2012 and the answers to questions nos EW0045_13 and EW0042_13 taken on notice during the hearings:

(1) Did the Minister or the Minister’s office approve each answer.
(2) Did the Minister or the Minister’s office make any amendments to either of the answers as drafted.
(3) When was each answer first provided to the Minister’s office.
(4) When did the Minister approve each answer.
(5) Can a copy of the signed briefs be provided; if not, why not.

1987 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Australian Financial Review article, ‘Push to free up greenfields work deals’ (25 June 2012):

(1) Given the article references recommendations within the Fair Work Act 2009 Review Panel report, did the Minister, the Minister’s office or the department provide details, background information or excerpts from the report: (a) if so: (i) who was the source of the information, (ii) who authorised the provision of this information, and (iii) why was the information provided; and (b) if not, is the Minister concerned that parts of the report found its way into the media.
(2) As at 25 June 2012: (a) what was the status of the report; and (b) was the report classified; if so, what was the report’s classification.

1988 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the review of the Fair Work Act 2009:

(1) Was the report that was publicly released, released in the same form as provided to the Minister’s office; if not, why not.
(2) On what date and time was the final report: (a) first provided to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR); and (b) cleared by the OBPR.
(3) On what date and time was the final report first provided to the Minister or the Minister’s office.
(4) Was a draft report circulated to any person outside the Review Panel or secretariat; if so: (a) to whom and, in each case, the date and time it was provided to each person; and (b) the reason each person received the report.
1989 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—For each of the following financial years, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12:

(1) When was the due date for submissions to the Commonwealth Grants Commission in relation to goods and services tax (GST).

(2) When did the Tasmanian Government provide its submission.

(3) Can a list be provided detailing each occasion, including the date, location and who was present, when the Commonwealth Grants Commission, in relation to GST, met with: (a) the Premier of Tasmania; (b) Tasmanian Government ministers; and (c) Tasmanian Government public servants.

1990 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Bill 2012:

(1) Was the General Manager of Fair Work Australia consulted at any time during the development of the legislation; if so: can details be provided, including dates, times and who consulted with the General Manager, i.e. the department, the Minister and/or the Minister’s office.

(2) Was the General Manager of Fair Work Australia aware of the Government’s intention to amend the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 prior to the Minister’s announcement; if so, can details be provided.

(3) Has the bill address the concerns that the General Manager of Fair Work Australia expressed in a press release dated 7 May 2012; if so, how have these concerns been abated; if not, why not.

1991 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

(1) For the 2010-11 financial year, how many cases were brought to Fair Work Australia and, in each case, what was its classification i.e. unfair dismissal, adverse action etc.

(2) For each category, how many cases were: (a) finalised by a decision; (b) settled; (c) withdrawn; and (d) are ongoing.

1992 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

(1) Does Australia Post verify each Licensed Post Office’s (LPOs) claim for payment for street carded articles; if so, how.

(2) What is the rate of remuneration for the street carded articles for LPOs as opposed to the corporate offices.

(3) Does Australia Post make approaches to large volume customers of mail/express post and parcel services and offer discounts or incentives to deal direct with Australia Post; if so, how does this impact on LPOs.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1993-1994)—

(1) Is it the case, according to the Government’s Competitive Neutrality Policy Statement, released in June 1996, that ‘within 90 days of receipt of a report the Treasurer, in consultation with the relevant portfolio Minister, will make a determination on whether competitive neutrality will be applied by the business entity or other remedial action to be taken’.
(2) Was the Productivity Commission’s report *PETNET Australia: Australian Government Competitive Neutrality Complaints Office: Investigation no. 15* sent to the Assistant Treasurer on 20 March 2012 and publicly released on 4 April 2012.

(3) Has a determination been issued on the report; if so: when and what was the determination; if not, why not.

1993 Minister representing the Treasurer

1994 Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 13 August 2012*)

**Senator Wright:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1995-1996)—

(1) How many payments, involving reparation of any kind for child sexual abuse, have been made since 1996 involving Medicare and/or the Health Insurance Commission.

(2) What is the total amount of these payments.

(3) Was any other entity involved in the payments or agreements leading to payments; if so, who and what proportion of the payments did such entities pay.

(4) Did any of the payments involve secrecy agreements; if so, were any such agreements ever a condition of the payments.

(5) Did any payments involve waivers of the right to make any future claims.

1995 Minister representing the Minister for Health

1996 Minister for Human Services

**Senator Wright:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1997-1998)—

(1) Given that the Australian Government has previously stated it ‘will further support, at home and abroad, global efforts to improve governance and financial transparency in the resources sector’ and as part of this support, the Government in 2011 announced it would undertake a pilot of the Global Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, can an update be provided on the pilot.

(2) Given that the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case known as *Kiobel v Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.*, is considering whether a law of the United States of America (US) – the Alien Tort Statute – applies to corporate human rights abuses that have taken place in countries other than the US, will the Australian Government intervene by filing an *amicus curiae* brief with the Supreme Court of the United States; if so, what will be the Government’s position.

(3) Has the Australian Government consulted with Australian businesses about this case and/or its position on this case.

(4) Have Australian companies, individuals or other entities asked the Australian Government to intervene in this case.

(5) Has the Australian Government consulted with any other stakeholders or outside groups, such as human rights organisations or those whose human rights have been affected by corporate operations, about intervening in this case or Australia’s position on this case.

1997 Minister representing the Attorney-General

1998 Minister for Foreign Affairs
1999 Senator Wright: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

(1) Has the Australian Government made inquiries of the German, Costa Rican and Japanese Governments as to the whereabouts and circumstances of Captain Paul Watson, founder of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society; if so, can details of those inquiries be provided.

(2) Has the Australian Government made inquiries of Interpol as to its response to a request made by Costa Rica that Interpol issue a notice for Captain Watson’s arrest; if so, can details of those inquiries be provided.

(3) Is the Australian Government aware of the grounds on which Captain Watson was held under house arrest in Germany for an offence that allegedly occurred in the Guatemalan high seas and involved a Costa Rican vessel; is so, can a detailed explanation be provided.

(4) If Captain Watson was to seek assistance and refuge in Australia: (a) would he be free to enter; and (b) would he be able to stay safely within the country or would he potentially be the subject of extradition proceedings and/or related mutual assistance agreements.

(5) Does Australia have an extradition agreement with Costa Rica or Japan.

2000 Senator Wright: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development—

(1) Has the Indigenous Opportunities Policy achieved an increase in the number of Indigenous Australians trained and employed through the Government contracting process; if so:

(a) can statistical data and evidence that clearly shows growth in Indigenous training and employment since the inception of the Indigenous Opportunities Policy in 2003 be provided; and

(b) how is any such increase in Indigenous training and employment a direct result of the policy.

(2) Has the Indigenous Opportunity Policy resulted in an increase in the level of involvement of Indigenous businesses in the delivery of goods and services under Australian Government contracts; if so:

(a) what number of Indigenous businesses are currently involved in the delivery of goods and services under Australian Government contracts; and

(b) what number of Indigenous businesses were involved in the delivery of goods and services under Australian Government contracts in 2003, and also over the past 5 years.

(3) Given the department has stated that agencies to which the Indigenous Opportunities Policy applies ‘will need to strengthen their procurement policies and processes to accord with the … policy’, of how has this transpired and can an explanation be provided, by way of example, how this policy is operating so as to improve employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

(4) Can examples be provided of how the exemption from compliance with the mandatory procurement requirement for small or medium enterprises (those with at least 50 per cent Indigenous ownership), is operating and whether it is enabling Government agencies to contract directly with those Indigenous enterprises.
(5) Has a review of the operation of the Indigenous Opportunities Policy and/or the exemption for Indigenous enterprises been undertaken; if not, when will such a review be undertaken.

Notice given 7 August 2012

2001 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

(1) How many extraordinary incidents at the Pontville Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) required the attendance of Tasmanian police and, in each case, what was the nature of the incident.

(2) How many Tasmanian statutory offences that occurred while the Pontville IDC was operational required investigation by Tasmanian police.

(3) How many coronial incidents at the Pontville IDC were Tasmanian police required to respond to and investigate.

Notice given 9 August 2012

2002 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) Will the Government honour the verbal undertakings that facilitated United Nations (UN) member states agreement by consensus to the ‘Cocos’ association with Australia’, the outcome of the UN supervised act of self-determination.

(2) What standing in international law does the Government accord to verbal undertakings made by ambassadors and permanent representatives at the UN when those undertakings produce results sought in Australia’s national interest.

2003 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

(1) Is the department considering the Defence Force Posture Review suggestion that the Cocos Islands airfield be upgraded to support the new P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft likely to be acquired by the Royal Australian Air Force.

(2) Are talks underway at an official level regarding military use by the United States of America (US) of the Cocos Islands; is so: (a) what are the dates and location of such talks; and (b) at what level are the attendees.

(3) Does the scope of discussion with the US include the stationing and training of US personnel, drones, surveillance planes and ships through the Cocos Islands.

(4) When spokespersons for the Minister indicate that the Cocos Islands is a longer-term option for closer Australian-US engagement, what time frame is considered longer-term.

(5) Did Australia’s Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) in 1984 give verbal undertakings to UN member states that the Cocos Islands would not be used for military purposes; if so; what were the nature of these undertakings.

2004 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the answer to question no. 176 taken on notice during the Budget estimates hearings of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee in May 2012 and, in particular, the last paragraph which stated that the draft response was forwarded to the Minister’s
office in mid April 2012: what was the exact date that the draft response was forwarded to the Minister’s office.

2005 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Further to the answer to question on notice no. 1923 and given that the Treasurer promised in the 2011-12 Budget that the Government would create half a million jobs, how many jobs have been created to date.

2006 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

(1) In relation to industrial disputation during the 2011-12 financial year: (a) what was the annual cost to the economy; and (b) what was the impact on Australia’s productivity.

(2) Does the Treasurer acknowledge that there has been an increase in industrial action; if so, has the Treasurer expressed concerns to either the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations or the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations about this increase or the impact of industrial disputation on the economy.

2007 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the decision [2010] FWA 4030 CPSU, the Community and Public Sector Union v Commonwealth of Australia (Australian Customs Service) (C2009/10664), was this decision made in relation to a dispute referred to Fair Work Australia (FWA) under a dispute resolution procedure in a workplace agreement made under the ‘Work Choices’ version of the Workplace Relations Act (the WR Act); if so:

(a) does the Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009 provide for the continued operation of the WR Act in relation to such disputes, including the dispute in the decision above, and including the privacy restrictions in section 712 of the WR Act; and

(b) why were the privacy restrictions in section 712 of the WR Act not applied to the decision as it is posted on the FWA website.

Notice given 10 August 2012

2008 Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

(1) What is the status of monies owed to the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) by a company in administration after the company has been sold by the administrator.

(2) Does AQIS declare any monies it is owed by a company in administration to the administrator.

(3) Is the Minister aware of accusations that AQIS did not declare such debts in the case of two abattoirs in Western Australia; one located in Gingin and one in Narrogin.

(4) Is it correct that the abattoir in Narrogin is being asked to pay $150 000 to AQIS for costs incurred under previous owners; if not, how much is AQIS demanding the Narrogin abattoir pay.

(5) Is it correct that the abattoir in Gingin is being asked to pay $120 000 to AQIS for costs incurred under previous owners; if not, how much is AQIS demanding the Gingin abattoir pay.

(6) Does the Minister support the approach of AQIS in relation to the collection of monies owed by a company in administration from the new owner after that company has been sold.
(7) Has the Minister considered waiving the debt, given the circumstances and the significant pressure the cattle industry in Western Australia is under following the ban of live exports to Indonesia in 2011.

(8) Will the Minister instruct AQIS to formally declare itself as a creditor where a company owing money to AQIS is placed into administration.

Notice given 13 August 2012

2009 Senator McKenzie: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

(1) For what reasons were the following applications for $25,000 in clean up and recovery grants from the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement rejected:
   (a) the Joel Joel community, following the January 2011 floods, given it was the third flood in less than 12 months for the community that caused an estimated $3.7 million in damage, including 400 km of fencing destroyed and the loss of 1,500 sheep;
   (b) the Wangaratta community, following flooding that has had a significant impact on the local community; and
   (c) the Campaspe Shire community, following flooding that has had a significant impact on the local community.

(2) Were these communities provided feedback on why the applications were rejected; if so, when and how.

(3) Why has the Government not honoured the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement, established under the Council of Australian Governments to address these types of incidents.

(4) (a) What constitutes criteria for the activation of Category C under the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement for the nine Victorian local government areas still awaiting a response from the Minister following the 2011 flooding events; and (b) when will each of these communities be advised of the decision on their applications.

2010 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the: (a) Carbon Price Claims Hotline; and (b) online complaints form announced by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, how many complaints have there been from: (i) consumers, (ii) small businesses, and (iii) other sources.

2011 Senator Humphries: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the rollout for the National Broadband Network (NBN) in the Australian Capital Territory:

(1) Is the rollout on schedule; if not: (a) how long are the delays, and (b) what are the reasons for the delays, detailed separately for each suburb.

(2) How many: (a) private residences; and (b) registered businesses, have an active NBN connection.

(3) What is the average data speed to date.

(4) What NBN packages are available for: (a) private residences; and (b) small businesses, detailed separately including the: (i) data allowance, (ii) data speed, and (iii) costs.

(5) How many: (a) individuals; and (b) small businesses, have signed up to NBN training.

(6) Is any part or suburb of the Australian Capital Territory not scheduled for the NBN rollout; if so, which parts or suburbs.
(7) What was the total forecast funding for the NBN in the Australian Capital Territory in the: (a) December 2010; and (b) August 2012, corporate plans.

(8) How much has the Australian Capital Territory NBN rollout cost to date.

(9) Is any additional funding allocation anticipated.

Notice given 14 August 2012

2012 Senator Whish-Wilson: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government—With reference to the $300 000 research grant provided to Smart Viticulture under the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement $20 million Economic Diversification Package:

(1) Was the Tasmanian wine industry, including its peak body Wine Industry Tasmania, consulted directly in relation to: (a) Tasmanian wine industry research, or other priorities and funding opportunities under the Economic Diversification Package; and (b) their views on the Smart Viticulture research project, study of vineyard sites and climate.

(2) What was the exact process that led to the granting of $300 000 funding to Smart Viticulture under the Economic Diversification Package.

(3) Was this specific study to be undertaken by Smart Viticulture as a part of the Economic Diversification Package put out to tender; if not, why not.

Senator Milne: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2013-2014)—With reference to the ‘China in 2012, On the Eve of Great Changes’ forum held in Sydney from 28 June to 30 June 2012, and the refusal to grant visas to four prominent expatriate Chinese scholars (Ren, Wan Ding from Paris, France; Wang, Jun Tao from New York, United States of America; Yang, Jian Li from Boston, United States of America; and Li, Song from Tokyo, Japan) in time to attend:

(1) For each individual, why was a visa not granted by the Australian Government.

(2) Are any of the individuals unable to enter Australia; if so, why.

(3) Are any of the individuals currently listed on any record of the Australian Government; if so, which record.

2013 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

2014 Minister for Foreign Affairs (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship on 16 August 2012)

2015 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research—Given that the Australian National University Student Union has used funds acquired under the student Services and Amenities Fee to purchase jelly beans and cupcakes for a free giveaway, as well as a jumping castle for students to use:

(1) Is the Government implementation of a student Services and Amenities Fee being employed as intended.

(2) Did the Government envisage the spending of funds on such items.

(3) Does the Government consider this an appropriate use of funds acquired in accordance with the student Services and Amenities Fee.

(4) What avenues are available to students who feel that their funds are being misspent.
2016 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the illegal picket line at the Coles Distribution Centre in Melbourne, managed by Toll, that was subject to a Federal Court injunction:

(1) Did the Minister or Minister’s office speak to any of the union bosses involved in the picket line in relation to the unprotected action; if so: (a) which union bosses; (b) when; and (c) what was the content of the conversations.

(2) Has the Minister expressed any: (a) concerns and/or; (b) support, publically or directly to union bosses, in regard to the unprotected action; if so, when.

(3) Did the Minister support the unprotected action.

2017 Senator Cash: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the answer provided to question no. AE 12/0021, taken on notice during the 2011-12 Additional estimates hearing of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, held on 13 February 2012:

(1) Why are departmental financial systems unable to extract the cost of litigation solely involving asylum seekers and detainees.

(2) What costs are able to be extracted by departmental financial systems.

(3) In regard to the $9.536 million spent on external litigation services during the 2011-12 financial year, to 31 December 2011: (a) can a breakdown be provided detailing exactly what this expenditure relates to, other than judicial review of migration and citizenship decisions; and (b) how many external providers provided litigation services to the department in relation to this figure.

(4) How is the department invoiced for external litigation services.

(5) Who is able to provide external litigation services to the department.

(6) In regard to external litigation services during the 2011-12 financial year, for the periods up to 31 December 2011 and 30 June 2012, under the department’s model litigant obligations: (a) for how many cases did the department receive advice that it should not pursue litigation due to the case being assessed as not having a reasonable prospect of success; and (b) did the department pursue any cases for which it received such advice; if so, how many and why.

(7) Can an updated figure be provided detailing the cost of defending and/or prosecuting legal actions by asylum seekers and detainees over the 2011-12 financial year.

(8) Is $9.536 million the total cost of defending and/or prosecuting legal actions by asylum seekers and detainees for the 2011-12 financial year; if not, what is the actual figure.

(9) How many claims brought by asylum seekers did the Government defend in the 2011-12 financial year, and the 2012-13 financial year to date.

2018 Senator Cash: To ask the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—(transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation on 16 August 2012)—What specific action has the Minister taken to ensure that financial entities in Australia have not been involved in the manipulation of the London Interbank Offered Rate, including the dates on which the action was taken.
2019 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
(1) Is the Government considering becoming a signatory to the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights; if not, why not.
(2) Given that the *Burma Annual Program Performance Report 2011* indicates that 21 scholarships were granted to Burmese students, why did only 10 scholarship holders commence studying in Australian universities in 2011.
(3) How many students will commence studying in Australia in the 2012-13 financial year.
(4) What is the total allocation for this program for the 2012-13 financial year.

2020 Senator Birmingham: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—
Since 24 June 2010, has the Prime Minister’s office engaged any individuals, consultants or other business, to provide any form of speechwriting assistance and/or communication advice; if so:
(1) For each month from June 2010 to August 2012, can details be provided of:
   (a) the cost; (b) the names of each individual, consultant or business engaged; and (c) the amounts paid on each occasion.
(2) Can details be provided of the particular speeches, communications or other projects for which such engagements were made.
(3) On what basis were these individuals, consultants or businesses:
   (a) selected; and (b) engaged.

Notice given 16 August 2012

*2021 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Can the Minister confirm whether the department, its subordinate agencies or service branches: (a) has previously used; (b) currently uses; or (c) is considering using, the TrapWire surveillance system.

*2022 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—Can the Minister confirm whether the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service or the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service: (a) have previously used; (b) currently use; or (c) are considering using, the TrapWire surveillance system.

*2023 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—Can the Minister confirm whether the Australian Federal Police or the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation: (a) have previously used; (b) currently use; or (c) are considering using, the TrapWire surveillance system.
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
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations ..................... Friday, 22 July 2011
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ........................................ Friday, 29 July 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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.

2012-13 Budget estimates
The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the
2012-13 Budget estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications .................................. Friday, 20 July 2012
- Finance and Public Administration .................................. Friday, 6 July 2012
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs .................................. Friday, 6 July 2012
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport .................. Friday, 20 July 2012

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs ..................................................... Friday, 27 July 2012
- Economics ................................................................. Friday, 27 July 2012
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations .... Friday, 27 July 2012
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ................................. Friday, 27 July 2012

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.
Temporary orders and changes to standing orders

1 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 the end of the first sitting week in 2013.

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) Petitions
           (ii) Notices of motion
           (iii) Postponement and rearrangement of business
           (iv) Formal motions – discovery of formal business
           (v) Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4)
           (vi) Government business
           (vii) At 2 pm, questions
           (viii) Motions to take note of answers
           (ix) Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance
                or urgency
(x) Not later than 4.30 pm, general business
(xi) Not later than 6 pm, consideration of government documents under general business
(xii) Not later than 7 pm, consideration of committee reports and government responses under standing order 62(1)
(xiii) At 8 pm, adjournment proposed
(xiv) At 8.40 pm, adjournment.

(2A) If a division is called for on Monday before 12.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned till after that time.

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

(Agreed to 22 November 2010 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s fourth report of 2010; continuation of temporary order agreed to 12 May and 24 November 2011 and 27 June 2012 upon adoption of recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2012.)

2 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 Friday, 22 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 and 19 June 2012.)
3 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 the end of the first sitting week in 2013:

(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.


4 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.)

5 Routine of business—Amendment of standing order 57(1)(d)—Temporary order
That the following amendment of standing order 57(1)(d) operate as a temporary order from the first sitting week in August 2012 till the end of the first sitting week in 2013:

After subparagraph 57(1)(d)(vi), insert:

(via) At 12.45 pm, non-controversial government business only.

(Agreed to 27 June 2012.)
6 Questions on notice—Amendment to standing order 74(3)
That standing order 74(3) be amended as follows, with effect from the first sitting day in 2013:

(3) The reply to a question on notice shall be given by delivering it to the Clerk, a copy shall be supplied to the senator who asked the question, and the publication of the reply is then authorised, and the question and reply shall be printed in Hansard.

(Agreed to 27 June 2012.)

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.)

Committees

8 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.)

9 Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate, from 11 am, as follows:
   (a) on Thursday, 16 August 2012; and
   (b) on Thursday, 13 September 2012.
(Agreed to 15 August 2012.)

10 Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Community Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 21 August 2012, from 12.30 pm.
(Agreed to 15 August 2012.)

11 Community Affairs References Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Community Affairs References Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 21 August 2012, from 12.30 pm.
(Agreed to 15 August 2012.)

12 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 22 August 2012, from 9.30 am to 11 am, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Procedure) Bill 2012.
(Agreed to 15 August 2012.)
13 Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate, from 5.30 pm, as follows:
(a) on Wednesday, 27 June 2012; and
(b) on Wednesday, 22 August 2012.
(Agreed to 26 June 2012.)

*14 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 21 August 2012, from 4.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012.
(Agreed to 16 August 2012.)

15 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.)

16 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.)

17 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.)

18 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate as follows:
(a) on Wednesday, 15 August 2012, from 11 am to 11.45 am, followed by a private briefing till 1 pm; and
(b) on Wednesday, 22 August 2012, from 11 am to 11.30 am, followed by private briefings till 1 pm.
(Agreed to 21 June 2012.)
Estimates

19 2011-12 additional estimates—2012-13 Budget estimates—Hearings

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

2011-12 additional estimates:
   Monday, 13 February and Tuesday, 14 February (Group A)
   Wednesday, 15 February and Thursday, 16 February (Group B).

2012-13 Budget estimates:
   Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May, and, if required, Friday, 25 May (Group A)
   Monday, 28 May to Thursday, 31 May, and, if required, Friday, 1 June (Group B)
   Monday, 15 October and Tuesday, 16 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
   Wednesday, 17 October and Thursday, 18 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.

(3) That committees meet in the following groups:

Group A:
   Environment and Communications
   Finance and Public Administration
   Legal and Constitutional Affairs
   Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Group B:
   Community Affairs
   Economics
   Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
   Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(4) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
   (a) Tuesday, 20 March 2012 in respect of the 2011-12 additional estimates; and
   (b) Tuesday, 26 June 2012 in respect of the 2012-13 Budget estimates.
   (Agreed to 2 November 2011; amended 8 February 2012 as a consequence of the order relating to the allocation of departments.)

20 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.)
21 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

*22 Senate consideration—Variation

That the following general business orders of the day be considered on Thursday, 23 August 2012 under the temporary order relating to the consideration of private senators’ bills:
   No. 86 Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2].
   No. 51 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011.

(Agreed to 14 August 2012.)

Orders and resolutions of continuing effect

23 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.

(Agreeed to 23 June 2010.)

24 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.)

25 Storage of Senate documents

That the order of the Senate of 6 October 2005 be amended as follows:
The Senate authorises the storage outside Parliament House by the National Archives of Australia of documents laid before the Senate, provided that the storage of those documents is under the control of the Department of the Senate and microfilm or digital copies of them are available within Parliament House.

(Agreed to 27 June 2012.)

Orders for production of documents

26 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.)

27 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

(ii) the revenue from and overall fiscal impact of the MRRT/expanded PRRT arrangement announced on 2 July 2010, including all changes to assumptions used for the 2010-11 Budget.

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

28 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.)

29 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.)
Taxation—Mining tax—Revenue estimates—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Government has refused to provide information requested by the Senate about key assumptions it has used to estimate revenue from its original as well as its revised mining tax proposals,

(ii) specifically, the Government has refused to provide information about changes to commodity price, production volume and exchange rate assumptions and any other variables relevant to its mining tax revenue estimates,

(iii) in its response to the relevant order of the Senate, the Government justified its refusal to provide the information on the basis that, ‘commodity price forecasts underpinning the terms of trade forecasts are based in part on information provided by companies that is commercial in confidence. Disclosure of these individual commodity price forecasts may therefore prejudice negotiations between private companies’,

(iv) the information sought by the Senate is published by the Western Australian State Government in its budget papers as a matter of course, and

(v) information published by the Western Australian Government includes its commodity price assumptions developed after relevant information about commodity price expectations is obtained from relevant mining companies, which includes at least some of the companies involved in the mining tax negotiations with the Federal Government;

(b) based on the Government’s response does not accept that there are any legitimate public interest grounds for the Government to refuse to provide the requested information;

(c) orders that there be laid on the table by noon on Thursday, 28 October 2010:

(i) all the Government assumptions used to estimate the revenue from the Resource Super Profits Tax as contained in the 2010-11 budget, including, but not limited to, the assumptions on commodity prices, production volumes and exchange rates, and

(ii) all the Government assumptions used to estimate the revenue from and overall fiscal impact of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax/expanded Petroleum Resource Rent Tax arrangement announced on 2 July 2010, including all changes to assumptions used for the 2010-11 budget;

(d) notes the agreements between the Government and other parties and independents to refer disputes about public interest disclosures to the Information Commissioner, who will arbitrate on the release of documents; and

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

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

31 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.)
32 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.)

33 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.)

34 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.)
35 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.)

36 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.)

37 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 ‘blackced 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.)

38 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.)

39 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.)

40 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.)

41 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.)
42 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.)
43 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.)

44 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.)

45 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.)

46 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.)

47 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 10 November 2011.)

48 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.)

49 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.)

50 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.)

51 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.)

52 Law and Justice—Murray Darling Basin Draft Plan—Legal advice—Order for production of documents

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.

(Motion of Senator Hanson-Young agreed to 19 June 2012; document presented 18 July 2012 and tabled 14 August 2012.)

53 Finance—Financial Ombudsman Service—Terms of reference—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer, by noon on Thursday, 28 June 2012, all documents, including all correspondence and emails between the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Financial Ombudsman Service, in relation to the changes in the terms of reference of the Financial Ombudsman Service which came into force on 1 January 2012.

(Motion of Senators Cormann and Johnston agreed to 25 June 2012.)

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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)
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   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)
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   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)
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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.
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—committee no longer in existence)
- Australia’s Food Processing Sector (report tabled 16 August 2012—committee no longer in existence)
- Fuel and Energy (final report presented 30 August 2010 and tabled 28 September 2010—committee no longer in existence)
- Reform of the Australian Federation (report presented 30 June 2011 and tabled 4 July 2011—committee no longer in existence)
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities (final report presented 24 September 2010 and tabled 28 September 2010—committee no longer in existence)
- Scrutiny of New Taxes (final report tabled 1 November 2011—committee no longer in existence)

Joint Committees
- Select
  - Australia’s Clean Energy Future Legislation (report presented 7 October 2011 and tabled 11 October 2011—committee no longer in existence)
  - Australia’s Immigration Detention Network (report presented 30 March 2012 and tabled 10 May 2012—committee no longer in existence)
  - Christmas Island tragedy of 15 December 2010 (report presented 29 June 2011 and tabled 4 July 2011—committee no longer in existence)
Cyber Safety
Gambling Reform
Parliamentary Budget Office (report tabled 23 March 2011—committee no longer in existence)

- **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*)

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**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, Singh, 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)
53rd report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2012-13 (tabled 10 May 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; resolution of appointment varied 27 June 2012; report tabled 16 August 2012)
Members
Senator Colbeck (Chair), Senator Madigan (Deputy Chair), Senators Edwards, Ryan, Stephens, Sterle, Urquhart and Xenophon
Participating members
Report presented
* Inquiry into Australia’s food processing sector (tabled 16 August 2012)

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 and tabled 10 May 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, 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); tabled 10 May 2012)

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 Parry and Thorp and Mr Coulton, Mr Hayes, Mr Murphy, Mr Roy and Ms Vamvakinou

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 Brown, Furner, McKenzie and Smith

Participating members


Current inquiry

Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012 (referred 10 May 2012; reporting date: 21 September 2012)

Reports presented

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

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

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

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

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

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


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)
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 [Provisions], Stronger Futures in
the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011
(tabled 14 March 2012)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2012), dated March 2012 (tabled 15 March 2012)
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support and Other
Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 [Provisions] and
Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (Consequential Amendments) Bill
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);
tabled 10 May 2012)
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (2012 Budget and Other Measures)
Budget estimates 2012-13, dated June 2012 (tabled 26 June 2012) and corrigendum
(presented to the Deputy President on 11 July 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7);
tabled 14 August 2012)
Administration of Indigenous Business Australia in relation to certain evidence given
to the Senate Community Affairs Committee (presented to the Deputy President on
3 August 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 August 2012)

Community Affairs References Committee
Members
Senator Siewert (Chair), Senator Moore (Deputy Chair) and Senators Boyce, Brown,
McKenzie and Smith
Participating members


Current inquiries

Health services and medical professionals in rural areas (referred 13 October 2011; reporting date: 22 August 2012)

Palliative care in Australia (referred 23 November 2011; reporting date: 12 September 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)
The role of the Therapeutic Goods Administration regarding medical devices, particularly Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) breast implants (presented to the Deputy President on 31 May 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2012)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

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

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)
Inquiry into the collapse of Trio Capital—Final report (presented to the President on 16 May 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2012)
Inquiry into the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Stronger Super) Bill 2012 and the Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2012 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Stephens, on 13 June 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2012)
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (tabled 18 June 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 inquiry
* Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012 (referred 16 August 2012; reporting date: 31 October 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)

Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012 (tabled 9 May 2012)


Clean Energy Finance Corporation Bill 2012 (tabled 25 June 2012)

Budget estimates 2012-13, dated June 2012 (tabled 26 June 2012)


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**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; Schedule 5—Part 1 commencement date: 29 June 2011; review commencement date: 27 June 2012; reporting date: 27 June 2013)

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 Boyce, on 30 June 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 July 2011) and third interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Adams, on 29 July 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 August 2011)
The asset insurance arrangements of Australian state governments—Final report
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

Current inquiry

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)


Budget estimates 2012-13, dated June 2012 (tabled 26 June 2012)

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**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 inquiry
Allowance payment system (referred 26 June 2012; reporting date: 1 November 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)
Inquiry into all aspects of higher education and skills training to support future demand in agriculture and agribusiness in Australia—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 8 June 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2012)
Higher education and skills training to support agriculture and agribusiness in Australia (tabled 21 June 2012)
The shortage of engineering and related employment skills (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 12 July 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 August 2012)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 30 September 2010)

Members
Mr Melham (Chair), Mr Somlyay (Deputy Chair), and Senators Birmingham, Brown, Polley, Rhiannon and Ryan and Mrs BK Bishop, Mr Griffin and Ms Rishworth

Current inquiry
AEC analysis of the FWA report on the HSU (adopted 23 May 2012)

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)
Report of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Indonesia and Tonga: 24 September to 1 October 2011 (tabled 18 June 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), and Senators Bilyk, Birmingham, McKenzie, Singh and Waters
Participating members
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); tabled 10 May 2012)
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); tabled 10 May 2012)
Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011 (tabled 10 May 2012)
Budget estimates 2012-13, dated June 2012 (tabled 26 June 2012)
Environment and Communications References Committee
(formerly Environment, Communications and the Arts; name amended 29 September 2010 and 8 February 2012)

Members
Senator Cameron (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Birmingham, 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

Participating members

Current inquiries
Performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services (referred 23 June 2011; interim report presented 27 June 2012; final reporting date: 28 November 2012)
Government Investment Funds Amendment (Ethical Investments) Bill 2011 (referred 21 June 2012; reporting date: 22 August 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)
Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2] (tabled 10 May 2012)
National Health Reform Amendment (Administrator and National Health Funding Body) Bill 2012 [Provisions] (tabled 10 May 2012)
Budget estimates 2012-13, dated June 2012 (tabled 26 June 2012)
The performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services—Interim report (tabled 27 June 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 3 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)
Slavery, slavery like conditions and people trafficking (adopted 15 August 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)
Advisory report on the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 (tabled 29 June 2012 am)

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
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)

Budget estimates 2012-13, dated June 2012 (tabled 26 June 2012)


Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

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

Substitute member

Aid to Afghanistan—Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator 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: 23 August 2012)

Australia and the countries of the Indian Ocean rim (referred 24 November 2011; reporting date: 1 November 2012)

Aid to Afghanistan (referred 29 June 2012 am; reporting date: 31 December 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 Pratt, Thistlethwaite, 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

Committee document presented
Statement on the work of the committee (tabled 20 June 2012)
Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Mr Byrne (Chair), Mr Ruddock (Deputy Chair), Senators Bishop, Brandis, Faulkner, Johnston and Stephens and Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mr Rudd and Mr Wilkie

Current inquiry
Review of administration and expenditure no. 10 (2010-11) – Australian intelligence community (statutory responsibility)

Reports presented
Annual report of committee activities 2009-10 (tabled 23 June 2011)
Review of the listing of AQAP and the re-listing of six terrorist organisations (tabled 23 August 2011)
Annual report of committee activities 2010-11 (tabled 22 November 2011)
Review of administration and expenditure: No. 9 – Australian intelligence agencies (tabled 19 June 2012)
Review of the re-listing of Hizballah’s external security organisation (tabled 14 August 2012)

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 and Polley and Ms Grierson, Mr Keenan, Mr Matheson and Ms Vanvakinou

Current inquiry
Gathering and use of criminal intelligence (adopted 30 May 2012)

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)
Inquiry into Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements (tabled 10 May 2012)
Examination of the annual report of the Australian Crime Commission 2010-11 (tabled 10 May 2012)
Examination of the annual report of the Australian Federal Police 2010-11 (tabled 10 May 2012)
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
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012 [Provisions]—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Wright

Participating members

Current inquiries
Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012 [Provisions] (referred 19 June 2012; reporting date: 11 September 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)


Combating the Financing of People Smuggling and Other Measures Bill 2011 [Provisions] (tabled 21 March 2011)

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

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011), dated March 2011 (tabled 23 March 2011)
Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010, together with the amendments on sheet no. 7031 circulated by the Australian Greens (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hurley, on 4 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2011)

Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011 (tabled 10 May 2011) and correction (tabled 11 May 2011)

Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010 (tabled 12 May 2011)

Child Support (Registration and Collection) Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fisher, on 19 May 2011, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011)


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)

Personal Property Securities Amendment (Registration Commencement) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (tabled 21 November 2011)

Northern Land Council’s evidence to the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 (tabled 25 November 2011)


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); tabled 10 May 2012)
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); tabled 10 May 2012)
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); tabled 10 May 2012)
Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012 and Social Security Amendment (Supporting Australian Victims of Terrorism Overseas) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (tabled 10 May 2012)
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010—Interim report (presented to the Deputy President on 31 May 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2012)
Budget estimates 2012-13, dated June 2012 (tabled 26 June 2012)
Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Complaints) Bill 2012 [Provisions] and Judicial Misbehaviour and Incapacity (Parliamentary Commissions) Bill 2012 [Provisions]—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Furner, on 13 July 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 August 2012) and final report (presented to the President on 2 August 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 August 2012)
Customs Amendment (Smuggled Tobacco) Bill 2012 [Provisions] (tabled 14 August 2012)

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
Detention of minors (referred 10 May 2012; reporting date: 19 September 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)

Unauthorized disclosure of proceedings relating to the committee’s inquiry into Australia’s arrangement with Malaysia on asylum seekers (tabled 25 November 2011)

Inquiry into marriage visa classes—Interim report (presented to the Deputy President on 7 June 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2012)

Prospective marriage visa program (tabled 26 June 2012)

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 Vamvakou (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)

Report presented

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, Cameron, Gallacher, Ludlam, Macdonald and Thorp 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, Brown, 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)
Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network—Third report (tabled 25 June 2012)

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 inquiries
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 Gallacher (Deputy Chair), and Senators Brandis, Faulkner, Ludlam, Payne, Stephens 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, Kroger, 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)

First report of 2012—Consideration of private senators’ bills; Routine of business; Consideration of non-controversial legislation; Raising matters of privilege; Changes to the printed Notice Paper and related matters (tabled 26 June 2012)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Oakeshott (Chair), Mrs D’Ath (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bishop, Kroger, Pratt, Smith and Thistlethwaite and Mr Adams, Mr Briggs, Ms Brodtmann, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Frydenberg, Ms O’Neill, Ms Smyth and Mr Somlyay

Current inquiry

Review of Auditor-General’s reports (statutory responsibility—ongoing)

Reports presented


Report 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)
Appointment of the Parliamentary Budget Officer (statement) (presented to the Deputy President on 30 May 2012; pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2012)


Report 430—Review of Auditor-General’s reports nos 47 (2010-11) to 9 (2011-12) and reports nos 10 to 23 (2011-12) (tabled 18 June 2012)

Committee documents presented

Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2011-12 (tabled 11 May 2011)

Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2012-13 (tabled 10 May 2012)

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)
Referrals made November 2011 to March 2012: Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence at Rasmussen, Townsville; Proposed improvement to fuel storage and supply on Christmas Island, Indian Ocean Territories; Proposed fit-out of Commonwealth Parliamentary offices at 1 Bligh Street, Sydney, NSW (Third report of 2012) (tabled 26 June 2012)

Publications—Standing Committee

Members
Senator 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)
16th report (tabled 10 May 2012)
17th report (tabled 29 June 2012 am)
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, Moore, Pratt 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 Thorp

Participating members
Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce,
Brandis, Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Crossin, Di Natale,
Edwards, Eggleston, Faulkner, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Furner,
Hanson-Young, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Madigan,
Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McKenzie,Milne, Moore, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt,
Rhiannon, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Singh, Smith, Stephens, Thistlethwaite,
Urquhart, Waters, Whish-Wilson, Williams, Wright and Xenophon

Reports presented by the Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Airports Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (presented to the President on 24 August
2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 September 2010)
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2010), dated November 2010 (tabled 17 November 2010)
Airports Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 18 November 2010)
Additional estimates 2010-11, dated March 2011 (tabled 22 March 2011)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011), dated March 2011 (tabled 23 March 2011)
Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill
2011—Interim report (presented to the President on 25 May 2011, pursuant to
standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2011)
Budget estimates 2011-12, dated June 2011 (tabled 23 June 2011)
Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill
2011—Final report (tabled 23 June 2011)
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2011), dated August 2011 (tabled 24 August 2011)
Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011 (tabled 2 November 2011)

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)
Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012 [Provisions]—Interim
report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Furner, on 18 May
2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2012) and final report
(presented to the Deputy President on 30 May 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7);
tabled 18 June 2012)
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012
[Provisions] (tabled 18 June 2012)
Budget estimates 2012-13, dated June 2012 (tabled 26 June 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 Thorp

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: 12 September 2012)
Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test (referred 6 July 2011; reporting date: 12 September 2012)
Fresh pineapple imports (referred 20 June 2012; reporting date: 10 October 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

Australia’s 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); tabled 10 May 2012) and final report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 10 April 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2012)

Operational issues in export grain networks—Interim report (presented to the President on 12 April 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2012) and final report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Pratt, on 16 April 2012, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 May 2012)

**Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

**Members**

Senator Macdonald (Chairman), Senator Brown (Deputy Chairman), Senators Bishop, Edwards, Siewert and Thorp

**Alert Digests presented**

No. 8 of 2010 (tabled 27 October 2010)
No. 9 of 2010 (tabled 17 November 2010)
No. 10 of 2010 (tabled 24 November 2010)
No. 1 of 2011 (tabled 9 February 2011)
No. 2 of 2011 (tabled 2 March 2011)
No. 3 of 2011 (tabled 23 March 2011)
No. 4 of 2011 (tabled 11 May 2011)
No. 5 of 2011 (tabled 15 June 2011)
No. 6 of 2011 (tabled 22 June 2011)
No. 7 of 2011 (tabled 6 July 2011)
No. 8 of 2011 (tabled 17 August 2011)
No. 9 of 2011 (tabled 24 August 2011)
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No. 7 of 2012 (tabled 27 June 2012)
No. 8 of 2012 (tabled 15 August 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)
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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)
Fifth report of 2012 (tabled 10 May 2012)

Inquiry into the future role and direction of the Senate Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Final report (tabled 10 May 2012)
Sixth report of 2012 (tabled 20 June 2012)
Seventh report of 2012 (tabled 27 June 2012)
Eighth report of 2012 (tabled 15 August 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 Brown, Bushby, 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)
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Report no. 7 of 2012 (presented 21 June 2012)
Report no. 8 of 2012 (presented 29 June 2012 am)
* Report no. 9 of 2012 (presented 16 August 2012)

Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee

Members
Senator Bernardi (Chair), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Humphries, Johnston, Kroger, Stephens and Waters

Current inquiry
Development of a draft code of conduct for senators (referred 2 March 2011; reporting date: 27 November 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)
Register of senators’ interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 1 December 2011 and 26 June 2012 (tabled 29 June 2012 am)

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, Smith, Thistlethwaite and Thorp and Mr Briggs, Mr LDT Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Ms Grierson, Mr Jenkins, Ms Livermore, Ms Parke and Dr Stone

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)
Report 124—Treaties tabled on 22 November 2011 and 7 February 2012 (tabled 10 May 2012)
Report 125—Treaties tabled on 7 and 28 February 2012 (tabled 21 June 2012)
* Report 127—Treaties tabled on 20 March and 8 May 2012 (tabled 16 August 2012)
* Report 128—Inquiry into the Treaties Ratification Bill 2012 (tabled 16 August 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 (Penny)  
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  
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship  
Minister for Industry and Innovation  
Minister for Small Business |

**Parliamentary Secretaries**

| Senator the Honourable Jan McLucas  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister  
Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers | Senator the Honourable Donald Farrell (Don)  
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
efluxion 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.

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