Current Parliamentary Inquiries

*as at 5 December 2011*

**House Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs**
- Inquiry into language learning in Indigenous communities
  Report due in first half of 2012

**House Standing Committee on Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry**
- Inquiry into the *Competition and Consumer Amendment (Horticultural Code of Conduct) Bill 2011* and the *Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011*
  Submissions due by 16 December 2011
- Inquiry into the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Mining, Petroleum and Water Resources) Bill 2011*
  Government submissions invited
- Inquiry into the *Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011*
  Report was due on 2 November 2011

**House Standing Committee on Climate Change, Environment and the Arts**
- Inquiry into the *Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Amendment Bill 2011*
  Began 24 November 2011
- Inquiry into Australia's biodiversity in a changing climate
  Submissions closed in July 2011

**House Standing Committee on Economics**
- Review of the *Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2011*
  Submissions due by 13 January 2012
- Review of the *Tax Laws Amendment (2011 No. 9 Measures) Bill 2011*
  Submissions due by 9 December 2011

**House Standing Committee on Education and Employment**
- Inquiry into mental health and workforce participation
  Open for submissions

**House Standing Committee on Health and Ageing**
- Inquiry into Registration Processes and Support for Overseas Trained Doctors
  Submissions due by 4 February 2012

House Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications
- Inquiry into the Telecommunications Amendment (Enhancing Community Consultation) Bill 2011
  Submissions closed in November 2011
- Inquiry into the Road Safety Remuneration Bill 2011 and the Road Safety Remuneration
  (Consequential Amendments and Related Provisions) Bill 2011
  Referred in November 2011
- Inquiry into Smart Infrastructure
  Open for submissions

House Standing Committee on Regional Australia
- Inquiry into the use of ‘fly-in, fly-out’ (FIFO) workforce practices in regional Australia
  Submissions closed in October 2011

House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs
- Inquiry into residential strata title insurance
  Submissions due by 16 January 2012
- Inquiry into the operation of the insurance industry during disaster events
  Submissions closed in August 2011
- Inquiry into Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
  Submissions due by 9 December 2011
- Inquiry into the Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011
  Referred in November 2011
- Inquiry into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers and Offences) Bill 2011
  Referred in November 2011
- Inquiry into the Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011
  Referred in November 2011

Senate Community Affairs Committees
- Inquiry into the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 and one related bill
  Submissions due by 12 January 2012; Report due on 29 February 2012
- Inquiry into the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 and two related bills
  Submissions due by 12 January 2012; Report due on 29 February 2012
- Inquiry into the Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices
  Submissions closed in October 2011; Report due on 29 February 2012
Inquiry into the factors affecting the supply of health services and medical professionals in rural areas
Submissions due by 16 December 2011; report due on 30 April 2012

Inquiry into Palliative Care in Australia
Submissions due by 2 March 2012; report due on 12 September 2012

Senate Economics Committees
- Inquiry into the Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011
  Submissions closed in October 2011; Report due on 7 December 2011
- Inquiry into the Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2011 and the Corporations Amendment (Further Future of Financial Advice Measures) Bill 2011
  Submissions due by 27 January 2012; Report due on 14 March 2012
- Inquiry into the Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 and related bills
  Submissions due by 23 December 2011; Report due on 14 March 2012

Senate Standing Committees on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- Inquiry into the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2011
  Submissions due by 20 January 2012; Report due on 29 February 2012
- Inquiry into the Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011; the Education Services for Overseas Students (Tuition Protection Service) Bill 2011
  Submissions due by 2 December 2011; Report due on 27 February 2012
- Inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2011
  Submissions due by 11 January 2012; Report due on 11 February 2012
- Inquiry into Higher education and skills training to support future demand in agriculture and agribusiness in Australia
  Submissions closed in November 2011; Report due on 1 March 2012
- Inquiry into the shortage of engineering and related employment skills
  Submissions due by 3 February 2012; Report due on 30 June 2012
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications

- Inquiry into the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Emergency Listings) Bill 2011*
  Submissions due by 15 December 2011; Report due on 7 February 2012
- Inquiry into the *Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Bill 2011*, the *Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Service Reform) Bill 2011* and the *Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Bill 2011*
  Submissions closed in December 2011; Report due on 27 February 2012

Senate Standing Committees on Finance and Public Administration

- Inquiry into the performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS)
  Submissions closed in August 2011; Report due on 28 June 2012
- Inquiry into the operation of the Lobbying Code of Conduct and the Lobbyist Register
  Submissions due by 27 January 2011; Report due on 1 March 2012

Senate Standing Committees on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

- Inquiry into the *Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011*
  Submissions due by 31 January 2012; Report due on 12 April 2012
- Inquiry into procurement procedures for Defence capital projects
  Submissions closed in April 2011; Report due on 30 April 2011
- Inquiry into the Indian Ocean region and Australia's foreign, trade and defence policy
  Submissions due by 5 April 2012; Report due on 1 November 2012

Senate Standing Committees on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

- Inquiry into the *Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011*
  Submissions due by 31 January 2012; Report due on 22 March 2012
- Inquiry into the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Online Games) Bill 2011*
  Submissions due by 13 January 2012; Report due on 14 March 2012
- Inquiry into the *Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011*
  Submissions due by 31 January 2012; Report due on 22 March 2012
- Inquiry into Marriage visa classes
  Submissions due by 2 March 2012; Report due on 3 May 2012
Senate Standing Committee of Privileges
- Inquiry into guidance for officers giving evidence and providing information

Senate Standing Committees on Rural Affairs and Transport
- Inquiry into the Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011 and the Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011
  Submissions closed in October 2011; Report due on 29 February 2012
- Inquiry into the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Australia’s Water Resources) Bill 2011
  Submissions due by 23 December 2011; Report due on 27 February 2012
- Inquiry into the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011
  Submissions currently open; Report due on 8 February 2012
- Inquiry into biosecurity and quarantine arrangements
  Submissions closed in November 2010; Report due on 21 March 2012
- Examination of the Foreign Investment Review Board National Interest Test
  Submissions closed in September 2011; Report due on 14 March 2012
- Inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin
  Submissions closed in March 2011; Report due on 30 November 2011
- Inquiry into operational issues in export grain networks
  Submissions closed in May 2011; Report due on 22 March 2012

Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills
- Inquiry into the future direction and role of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee
  Report due on 30 November 2011

Senate Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests
- Inquiry into code of conduct
  Report due on 10 May 2012

Senate Select Committee on Australia’s Food Processing Sector
- Inquiry into Australia's food processing sector
  Submissions currently open; Report due 30 June 2012

Joint Select Committee on Australia’s Immigration Detention Network
- Inquiry into Australia’s Immigration Detention Network
  Submissions closed in August 2011; Report due in March 2012
Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform
- Inquiry into interactive and online gambling and gambling advertising
  Submissions closed in June 2011
- Inquiry into the Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011
  Submissions closed in July 2011

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services
- Inquiry into the collapse of Trio Capital and any other related matters
  Submissions closed in August 2011; Report due on 9 May 2012
- Inquiry into the Corporations Amendment (Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2011 and the Corporations Amendment (Further Future of Financial Advice Measures) Bill 2011
  Submissions due by 22 December 2011; Report due on 29 February 2012
- Inquiry into the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (MySuper Core Provisions) Bill 2011
  Submissions due by 20 January 2012; Report due on 21 March 2012

Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety
- Inquiry into Cybersafety for Senior Australians
  Submissions due by 17 February 2012

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
- Inquiry into the funding of political parties and election campaigns
  Submissions closed June 2011; Report was due on 1 December 2011

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
- Inquiry into Australia's Human Rights Dialogues with China and Vietnam
  Submissions closed August 2011
- Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea
  Submissions closed July 2011
  Submissions closed March 2011
- Inquiry into Australia’s Overseas Representation
  Submissions closed November 2011
Submissions close 2 February 2012

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

- Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 10 (2010 - 2011) - Australian Intelligence Agencies
  Submissions closed February 2011
- Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 9 (2009 - 2010) - Australian Intelligence Agencies
  Submissions closed February 2011

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement

- Inquiry into Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements
  Submissions closed August 2011

Joint Standing Committee on Migration

- Inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia
  Submissions closed April 2011

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

- Inquiry into Proposed Construction of a new Australian Embassy complex including Chancery and Head of Mission residence in Bangkok, Thailand
  Submissions closed October 2011
- Inquiry into Proposed HMAS Albatross Redevelopment, Nowra, NSW
  Submissions closed November 2011
- Inquiry into Proposed Royal Australian Air Force Base East Sale Redevelopment, Sale, Victoria
  Submissions closed November 2011
- Inquiry into LAND 17 Phase 1A Infrastructure Project
  Submissions closed November 2011
- Inquiry into Construction of Projects Two and Three of the Christmas Island New Housing Program
  Submissions due by 16 December 2011
- Inquiry into Proposed Development and Construction of Housing for Defence at Rasmussen, Townsville
  Submissions due by 3 February 2012
- Proposed Development and Construction of Housing for Defence at Ermington, Sydney
  Submissions due by 3 February 2012
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

- Inquiry into Treaty tabled on 24 November 2011
  Submissions due by 27 January 2012

- Inquiry into Treaties tabled on 22 November 2011
  Submissions due by 27 January 2012

- Inquiry into Treaty tabled on 21 November 2011
  Submissions due by 27 January 2012

- Inquiry into Treaties tabled on 2 November 2011
  Submissions due by 16 December 2011

- Inquiry into Treaty tabled on 13 October 2011
  Submissions closed November 2011