

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
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia/languages/index.htm>

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
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/arff/horticultural/index.htm>
- Inquiry into the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Mining, Petroleum and Water Resources) Bill 2011*
Government submissions invited
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/arff/water/index.htm>
- Inquiry into the *Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011*
Report was due on 2 November 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/arff/wildrivers/index.htm>

House Standing Committee on Climate Change, Environment and the Arts

- Inquiry into the *Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Amendment Bill 2011*
Began 24 November 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ccea/atepa/index.htm>
- Inquiry into Australia's biodiversity in a changing climate
Submissions closed in July 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ccea/ccbio/index.htm>

House Standing Committee on Economics

- Review of the *Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2011*
Submissions due by 13 January 2012
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/economics/InsuranceBill2011/index.htm>
- Review of the *Tax Laws Amendment (2011 No. 9 Measures) Bill 2011*
Submissions due by 9 December 2011
[http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/economics/Tax%20Laws%20Amendment%20\(2011/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/economics/Tax%20Laws%20Amendment%20(2011/index.htm)

House Standing Committee on Education and Employment

- Inquiry into mental health and workforce participation
Open for submissions
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ee/mentalhealth/index.htm>

House Standing Committee on Health and Ageing

- Inquiry into Registration Processes and Support for Overseas Trained Doctors
Submissions due by 4 February 2012

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/haa/overseasdoctors/index.htm>

House Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications

- Inquiry into the *Telecommunications Amendment (Enhancing Community Consultation) Bill 2011*
Submissions closed in November 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ic/Telecommunications/index.htm>
- Inquiry into the *Road Safety Remuneration Bill 2011* and the *Road Safety Remuneration (Consequential Amendments and Related Provisions) Bill 2011*
Referred in November 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ic/24Nov/index.htm>
- Inquiry into Smart Infrastructure
Open for submissions
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ic/smartinfrastructure/index.htm>

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
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ra/fifodido/index.htm>

House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

- Inquiry into residential strata title insurance
Submissions due by 16 January 2012
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/spla/strata/index.htm>
- Inquiry into the operation of the insurance industry during disaster events
Submissions closed in August 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/spla/insurance/index.htm>
- Inquiry into Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
Submissions due by 9 December 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/spla/fasd/index.htm>
- Inquiry into the *Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011*
Referred in November 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/spla/Bill%20Access%20to%20Justice/index.htm>
- Inquiry into the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers and Offences) Bill 2011*
Referred in November 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/spla/Bill%20Crime%20Legislation/index.htm>
- Inquiry into the *Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011*
Referred in November 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/spla/Bill%20WildRivers/index.htm>

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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/pers_cont_elect_health_rec_11/info.htm
- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/strong_future_nt_11/index.htm
- Inquiry into the Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices
Submissions closed in October 2011; Report due on 29 February 2012

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/comm_contrib_former_forced_adoption/index.htm

- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/rur_hlth/index.htm
- Inquiry into Palliative Care in Australia
Submissions due by 2 March 2012; report due on 12 September 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/palliative_care/index.htm

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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/economics_ctte/consumer_credit_enhancements_bill_2011/index.htm
- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/economics_ctte/Corps_Amendment_Future_of_Financial_Advice_2011/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011* and related bills
Submissions due by 23 December 2011; Report due on 14 March 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/economics_ctte/MRRT_Bill_2011/index.htm

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
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/2011_building_construction/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011*; the *Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Bill 2011*; and the *Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Tuition Protection Service) Bill 2011*
Submissions due by 2 December 2011; Report due on 27 February 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/esos_2011/index.htm
- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/textiles_fair_work/index.htm
- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/agribuisness/index.htm
- Inquiry into the shortage of engineering and related employment skills
Submissions due by 3 February 2012; Report due on 30 June 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/engineering/index.htm

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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ec_ctte/epbc_emergency_listings/index.htm
- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ec_ctte/tusma/index.htm

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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/fapa_ctte/dept_parliamentary_services/index.htm
- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/fapa_ctte/lobbying_code_2011/index.htm

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
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/trade_controls/index.htm
- Inquiry into procurement procedures for Defence capital projects
Submissions closed in April 2011; Report due on 30 April 2011
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/procurement/index.htm
- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/indianocean/index.htm

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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon_ctte/access_to_justice_federaljurisdiction/index.htm
- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon_ctte/classification_amendment_bill_2011/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011*
Submissions due by 31 January 2012; Report due on 22 March 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon_ctte/fairness_for_minors/index.htm
- Inquiry into Marriage visa classes
Submissions due by 2 March 2012; Report due on 3 May 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon_ctte/marriage_visa_classes/index.htm

Senate Standing Committee of Privileges

- Inquiry into guidance for officers giving evidence and providing information
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/priv_ctte/inquiries.htm

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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat_ctte/aircraft_crew_2011/index.htm
- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat_ctte/epbcwater_2011/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011*
Submissions currently open; Report due on 8 February 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat_ctte/logging_2011/index.htm
- Inquiry into biosecurity and quarantine arrangements
Submissions closed in November 2010; Report due on 21 March 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat_ctte/quarantine_2010/index.htm
- Examination of the Foreign Investment Review Board National Interest Test
Submissions closed in September 2011; Report due on 14 March 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat_ctte/firb_2011/index.htm
- Inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin
Submissions closed in March 2011; Report due on 30 November 2011
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat_ctte/mdb/index.htm
- Inquiry into operational issues in export grain networks
Submissions closed in May 2011; Report due on 22 March 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rat_ctte/grains_2011/index.htm

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
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/scrutiny/future_direction_2011/index.htm

Senate Standing Committee of Senators' Interests

- Inquiry into code of conduct
Report due on 10 May 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/interests_ctte/inquiries/code_conduct/tor.htm

Senate Select Committee on Australia's Food Processing Sector

- Inquiry into Australia's food processing sector
Submissions currently open; Report due 30 June 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/foodprocessing_ctte/foodprocessing/index.htm

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

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/immigration_detention_ctte/immigration_detention/index.htm

Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform

- Inquiry into interactive and online gambling and gambling advertising
Submissions closed in June 2011
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/gamblingreform_ctte/interactive_online_gambling_advertising/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011*
Submissions closed in July 2011
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/gamblingreform_ctte/interactive_broadcasting_amendment/index.htm

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
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations_ctte/trio/index.htm
- 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
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations_ctte/future_fin_advice/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Superannuation Legislation Amendment (MySuper Core Provisions) Bill 2011*
Submissions due by 20 January 2012; Report due on 21 March 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations_ctte/MySuper/index.htm

Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety

- Inquiry into Cybersafety for Senior Australians
Submissions due by 17 February 2012
http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscc/senior_australians/index.htm

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
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/political%20funding/index.htm>

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

- Inquiry into Australia's Human Rights Dialogues with China and Vietnam
Submissions closed August 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/HRdialoguechinavietnam/index.htm>
- Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea
Submissions closed July 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/japanandkoreatrade/index.htm>
- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2009 – 2010
Submissions closed March 2011
http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/defenceannualreport_2009_2010/index.htm
- Inquiry into Australia's Overseas Representation
Submissions closed November 2011

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/Overseas%20Representation/index.htm>

- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2010-2011

Submissions close 2 February 2012

http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/defenceannualreport_2010_2011/index.htm

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

- Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 10 (2010 - 2011) - Australian Intelligence Agencies

Submissions closed February 2011

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjicis/adminexp10/index.htm>

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

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjicis/adminexp9/index.htm>

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement

- Inquiry into Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements

Submissions closed August 2011

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/le_ctte/unexplained_wealth/index.htm

Joint Standing Committee on Migration

- Inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia

Submissions closed April 2011

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/multiculturalism/index.htm>

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

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/thailand2011/index.htm>

- Inquiry into Proposed HMAS Albatross Redevelopment, Nowra, NSW

Submissions closed November 2011

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/hmasalbatross2011/index.htm>

- Inquiry into Proposed Royal Australian Air Force Base East Sale Redevelopment, Sale, Victoria
- Submissions closed November 2011

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/rafeastsale2011/index.htm>

- Inquiry into LAND 17 Phase 1A Infrastructure Project

Submissions closed November 2011

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/LAND17/index.htm>

- Inquiry into Construction of Projects Two and Three of the Christmas Island New Housing Program

Submissions due by 16 December 2011

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/twothreechristmasisland/index.htm>

- Inquiry into Proposed Development and Construction of Housing for Defence at Rasmussen, Townsville

Submissions due by 3 February 2012

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/rasmussen/index.htm>

- Proposed Development and Construction of Housing for Defence at Ermington, Sydney
- Submissions due by 3 February 2012

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/ermington2011/index.htm>

Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

- Inquiry into Treaty tabled on 24 November 2011
Submissions due by 27 January 2012
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/24november2011/index.htm>
- Inquiry into Treaties tabled on 22 November 2011
Submissions due by 27 January 2012
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/22november2011/index.htm>
- Inquiry into Treaty tabled on 21 November 2011
Submissions due by 27 January 2012
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/21november2011/index.htm>
- Inquiry into Treaties tabled on 2 November 2011
Submissions due by 16 December 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/2november2011/index.htm>
- Inquiry into Treaty tabled on 13 October 2011
Submissions closed November 2011
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/13october2011/index.htm>